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## Residents concerned about essential city services in local survey

Pleasant Hill residents want to protect local funds from state takeaways, restore maintenance to neighborhood streets and roads, and provide an accessible and safe library, according to a recent public opinion research survey. The survey, conducted in April 2016 by the opinion research firm Godbe Research, also shows that residents are interested in providing additional funding to ensure local control of local funds for local needs.

Based on interviews with over 400 randomly selected residents, the independent survey found that over 69% of respondents would be interested in providing additional funding for essential city services that is controlled locally and can't be taken by the State.

Topping the list of concerns were:

- Fixing potholes and repairing neighborhood streets (77% in favor)
- Maintaining neighborhood police patrols (74%)
- Maintaining storm drains (71%)



Damaged storm drain in Poets Corner area.



Neighborhood street with significant deterioration.

- Repairing and maintaining sidewalks (70%); and
- Providing a library that meets current health, safety, fire and seismic standards (67%)

### Deferred maintenance needs

The City has a backlog of more than \$14 million dollars in street maintenance and over \$9 million in needed storm drain upgrades that cannot be addressed with current funding levels. If these infrastructure needs are not addressed, it will just cost millions more for major reconstruction and repair in the future. By maintaining public safety services and improving street maintenance, Pleasant Hill will remain attractive to businesses, visitors and homebuyers.

### Pleasant Hill Library

The Pleasant Hill Library, the most heavily used library in the County, is more than 50 years old and does not currently meet earthquake standards for libraries built today. The library has a leaky roof, a parking lot full of potholes,

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### Commission openings

Join the City team.  
Volunteer now (p. 2).

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You've done good.  
Now keep it up (p. 5).

### White Pony Express

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### Blues & Brews!

Coming next month...with more beer tasting (p. 11).

### Lakeside concerts!

They are back! See page 13 for complete schedule of bands.

### National Night Out

Don't miss this opportunity to meet your neighbors and local police officers (p. 16).

### City of Pleasant Hill seeks applicants for commissions

Participation on commissions or advisory boards that influence and shape the community can be very rewarding—and provide you with an opportunity to meet other residents as well! Here are current opportunities to volunteer:

#### ► Building Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals' primary goal is to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official related to the application and interpretation of the California Building Code. The Board consists of three members who are qualified by experience and training pertaining to building construction and who are not employees of the City. Those qualified include, but are not limited to, licensed contractors, engineers, and architects. A member need not be a resident of the City, but residency or work in the City is preferred. Meetings are held as needed. Three vacancies—terms are through June, 2020.

#### ► 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. Applicants are not required to be Pleasant Hill residents. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00pm at City Hall. One vacancy—an unfulfilled term through April, 2019.

#### ► Concord/Pleasant Hill Health Care District Grant Committee

The Concord/Pleasant Hill Health Care District Grant Committee was established to review grant applications and to make recommendations to the District's Board of Directors (the Concord City Council) for granting of tax revenue dollars annually received by the District. The representative must be a resident of Pleasant Hill with an understanding of the needs of the community. A background in interpreting business plans and financial statements is desirable. The Grant Committee meets as needed in Concord. One vacancy—a two-year term through June, 2018.

**Deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, July 14, 2016.**

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

↑ JOIN OUR TEAM! ↑

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an inadequate HVAC system and multiple other issues that make it obsolete by today's standards.

#### Resident satisfaction with City services

The public is very pleased with the City overall, with nearly 85% of survey respondents stating they were satisfied with the job Pleasant Hill is doing to provide services. The results also show those residents are interested in maintaining and enhancing local investment in local services, particularly in regards to safety and streets.

The City wishes to engage residents on what essential city services should be maintained and resident views about locally controlled options.

**Residents can provide their feedback through an online survey at [www.pleasanthillca.org/survey/](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/survey/)!**

If you would like more information, please contact Martin Nelis at [mnelis@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mnelis@pleasanthillca.org) or by phone at (925) 671-5229.

### Backyard Composting Workshop offered at City Hall Tuesday, August 16

The City of Pleasant Hill is hosting a FREE backyard composting workshop 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 workshop will be held **Tuesday, August 16** at 7pm to 8pm. 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).**



### Boyd Road/Elinora Drive Sidewalk Installation Project

The City of Pleasant Hill has secured \$575,000 in grant monies to install Safe Route to School and sidewalk gap closure improvements along two locations: north side of Boyd Road (between Liahona Court and Horten Court) and on the east side of Elinora Drive (between Gregory Lane and Gladys Drive). The project is expected to be awarded by City Council in late June with additional local funds funding the shortfall. The project scope consists of the following key components.

#### Location 1: North side of Boyd Road (from Liahona Court to Horten Court)

- Installation of new ADA compliant pedestrian enhancements (e.g. concrete sidewalk and curb ramps) along the north side of Boyd Road between (Liahona Court and Horten Court)

- Drainage improvements along the north side of Boyd Road within the project limits, including pervious concrete, new curb and gutter and drywells
- Landscape restoration throughout the project limits

#### Location 2: East side of Elinora Road (between Gregory Lane and Gladys Drive)

- Installation of new ADA compliant pedestrian enhancements (e.g., concrete sidewalk and curb ramps) along the east side of Elinora Road
- 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



#### Construction schedule

The various project elements have been designed specifically to provide sidewalk gap closure for safe access to pedestrians in the area. It will also greatly enhance access to the Sequoia Elementary and Middle Schools (location 1), and to Strandwood Elementary School and the Senior and Teen Centers (location 2). Construction is expected to begin by August 2016 and be completed in the fall of 2016. Traffic delays are expected at these locations during construction. ♣

### Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) Grayson Creek Trunk Line Project

The CCCSD has hired Mountain Cascade, Inc. (MCI) to install a new sewer main within the City of Pleasant Hill. The work generally consists of the installation of approximately 10,200 feet of 8-inch to 24-inch diameter sewer pipelines by open-cut and trenchless methods, and approximately 330 feet of 36-inch diameter steel casing at three pipeline undercrossings.

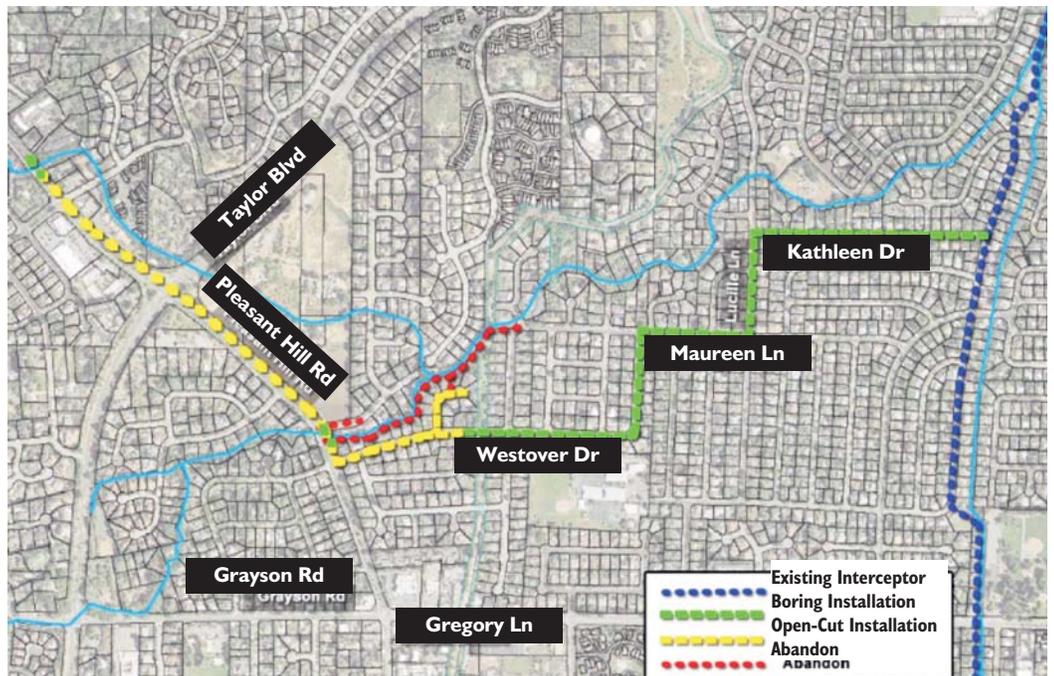
The project is located on several streets within the City—Pleasant Hill Road, Westover Drive, Westover Court, Lucille Lane, Maureen Lane and Kathleen Drive (see map). Work will include trenching, shoring, manhole modification and installation, pipe abandonment, and paving. MCI is expected to begin construction in June 2016 and be completed in the summer of 2017.

Major traffic impacts and detours are expected during this construction period. Please follow alternate designated routes and

avoid when possible the area to minimize inconvenience.

This is a CCCSD project and not a City of Pleasant Hill project. Inquiries therefore should be directed to the Central Sanitary

Community Affairs Representative, Chris Carpenter, at (925) 229-7316, or visit [www.centrialsan.org/construction](http://www.centrialsan.org/construction) for project updates and traffic alerts. ♣



Pleasant Hill–Grayson Creek Trunk Sewer District Project 8412

# Farmers' Market open on Saturdays!

## Summer's sizzlin' at the Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market!



The summer season is here in all its glory, with the fruit and vegetables to show for it! Everything from stone fruit, eggplant, and berries, to peppers, tomatoes, corn and summer squash is now available at our farmers' market!

Stonefruit like peaches, nectarines, plums, pluots, apricots, and apriums are weighing heavy on farmers' market tables. There are many unique varieties at the market that aren't found in any supermarket produce section. Castlebrite apricots, Honey Diva nectarines, and Catalina plums are just a few of the many examples.

Long-awaited Brentwood sweet corn is here. White, yellow, or bi-color, corn is the star veggie for summer picnics and barbecues. Grilled, steamed, or made into summer salads, the flavor can't be beat.

For those who appreciate a tomato in its simplest, most delicious form, heirloom tomatoes will certainly please the palate. From Green Zebras and Brandywines, to Cherokee Purples and Chocolate Stripes, their rich flavor will keep you coming back for more.

**In California, we are lucky to have the best produce; find the freshest available at your local farmers' market!**

**Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market!  
10am to 2pm, through November 12,  
Gregory Lane and Trelany Way.**



### Senior Van Service volunteers needed

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer in the community?

The City of Pleasant Hill Senior Van Service is looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Senior Van Service Coordinator
- Senior Van Service Drivers

Hours are flexible (Monday through Friday) and training is provided.

For more information, please call (510) 671-5288 or email Danielle Habr at [dhabr@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:dhabr@pleasanthillca.org). ♣

### Transit Ticket Program returns in fall

The 2016 SchoolPool Transit Ticket Program returns this fall with free County Connection passes for Pleasant Hill students in grades 6-12. Apply at [www.schoolpool.org](http://www.schoolpool.org) between July 12 and September 9, 2016. Offer is available for up to three students per household. Funding for SchoolPool is provided by TRANSPAC, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on behalf of the City of Pleasant Hill. ♣



### Drought proof your home

Homeowners, businesses, and local Cities did a fantastic job of conserving water during the drought!

Because of those efforts and a wet winter, Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and East Bay Municipal Water District (EBMUD) have significantly relaxed their drought programs established last year. For information on each of their programs visit:

- CCWD: [www.ccwater.com](http://www.ccwater.com)
- EBMUD: [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com)

Even though we may be out of the immediate drought now, climatologists tell us that unpredictable weather and more frequent droughts are likely in our future. Drought proofing your home or business is good planning and is good for your wallet. Below are a few tips that customers can take to make their homes and business more water efficient.

#### 1. Free water use survey

If you are bringing back your landscape this year, CCWD can help you set up your irrigation schedule to water efficiently, saving you water while keeping your landscape looking great. And it's absolutely free! During the Water Conservation Survey, a CCWD technician will inspect your landscape and irrigation system, program your irrigation timer, and teach you ways to save.

To schedule a water conservation survey, call 925-688-8320 or visit [www.ccwater.com/conserv](http://www.ccwater.com/conserv)



#### 2. Check for leaks

The best way to see if you have a leak is to check your water meter. Turn off all water fixtures such as washers, dishwasher, ice maker, etc. Then read your water meter and write down the reading. Wait one hour and read it again. If the meter dial or numbers changed, then there might be a leak. Visit CCWD's "How to Read Your Water Meter" webpage for instructions on how to read your meter.

#### 3. Indoor Fixtures

**Toilet:** If your toilet was installed prior to 1994, consider replacing it with a new Water-Sense certified, high-efficiency model. They use half the water and have a powerful flush. Get a rebate from the State of California at [www.SaveOurWaterRebates.com](http://www.SaveOurWaterRebates.com).

**Clothes Washer:** Clothes washers have become very water and energy efficient. When purchasing, look for one that is "Energy Star Most Efficient" (ESME) rated. This means it is very energy and water efficient. Also, you can get a rebate of up to \$150. For rebate information visit CCWD's Washer Rebate.

**Showerhead:** Older showerheads can use more than 2.5 gallons per minute. Consider replacing with a model that uses only 1.75 gallons per minute. CCWD customers can pick one up for free at the CCWD Office at 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord.

#### 4. Watering schedule

For many homeowners more than half of their water use is in the landscape. Yet, most people overwater their lawn and landscape areas. Most of the time it is due to watering too many days per week. Also, sometimes it is due to watering too long, resulting in the water running onto adjacent pavement. CCWD has a Lawn and Landscape Watering Schedule that is designed specifically for our local climate. Visit our website at [www.ccwater.com/conserv](http://www.ccwater.com/conserv) to get a copy of the schedule and for more water saving ideas.

#### 5. Lose the lawn, get a garden

If you let your lawn die last summer, consider replacing it with a water-wise

landscape. Lawns are the biggest water user at most homes. A typical front lawn will use more than 28,000 gallons in a year—enough water for 1,400 showers! Replace your existing lawn with water-wise landscaping and save up to 14,000 gallons per year. Right now you can double your rebate and get up to \$2,000 by applying for the CCWD Lawn to Garden Rebate and the State of California Turf Replacement Rebate.

**For information on the rebate programs visit:**  
[www.ccwater.com/LawToGarden.com](http://www.ccwater.com/LawToGarden.com)  
and [www.SaveOurWaterRebates.com](http://www.SaveOurWaterRebates.com).

### Raise funds for cancer support by shredding your personal documents!

Safeguard your personal information while recycling for our planet! Bring old tax returns, bills, business records, bank statements and other documents containing personal information to our event for shredding on site/day of! (No x-rays or films)

Make a charitable donation to the Cancer Support Community and help people in our community fight cancer. Shredding cost is \$20 for the first box, \$5 each additional box

- July 16, 2016 at 1:00-3:00pm
- Hosted by Diablo Valley Oncology and Cancer Support Community, 400 Taylor Blvd, PH

**For questions, call 925-677-5041 x272.**



## Educational events in Pleasant Hill

### July nonprofit seminar on social media strategies

As part of the Sanford Institute of Philanthropy (SIP) recently launched at JFK University, the summer seminar open to the public is planned for Thursday, July 21 from 8:30am to 12:30pm on the Pleasant Hill campus at 100 Ellinwood Way.

The topic focus area for this seminar is Social Media Strategies—A Systematic and Integrated Approach for Nonprofits. Attendees will learn to effective methods for engaging current and potential donors at this half-day seminar, designed for executive directors, board members, development and marketing professionals who would like to sharpen their social media skills and strategies.

The SIP seminar will feature strategists in this field including Susan Chritton, Brand Strategist and author of Personal



Branding for Dummies; Fransisco Martinez, National University Senior Director and educator with expertise in Social Media strategies; and Vaneese Johnson, renowned Coach and Consultant on Social Media and Revenue Enhancement.

To learn more or register, go to the link on the University website at [www.jkfu.edu](http://www.jkfu.edu) or contact Solomon Belette at [sbelette@jkfu.edu](mailto:sbelette@jkfu.edu) or call (925) 969-3143. This is a half-day SIP seminar; breakfast will be served and all learning materials are provided.

The SIP mission is to educate and engage philanthropic leaders to foster and maximize their success in local communities. Cause leadership and sustainability are critical components of strong nonprofit organizations, and JFK University is reaching out to meet the specific needs for East Bay charities, foundations, and fundraising organizations.

### JFKU Entrepreneurial Institute moves accelerator to PH campus

For the past five years, the Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership (IEL) at John F. Kennedy University has been developing the capacity of entrepreneurs to grow



their businesses. Participants start IEL programs with an abundance of passion—and they leave with confidence, skills, and perspectives that give them a far greater chance of turning their ideas into a sustainable enterprise.

The IEL staff and programs have now moved from Todos Santos Plaza in Concord to the JFKU University campus in Pleasant Hill to better serve business owners and start up entrepreneurs. IEL success is transformative, infectious, and fuels people to pursue their dream of expanding, innovating, and growing their own business.

All IEL programs and certificate classes are supported by the University as a direct result of the dream first launched by the founder, Dr. Raul Deju. The goal is to ensure that entrepreneurs from all walks of life are given the opportunity to pursue their entrepreneurial journey with relevant education and one-on-one mentorship.

The new IEL offices are located in the south wing of campus on the third floor. Contact Dina at [dfinta@jkfu.edu](mailto:dfinta@jkfu.edu) or call (925) 969-3456 for more information. ♣

### Education Commission career fair at College Park

The Pleasant Hill Education Commission hosted its first annual Vocational College & Career Fair on May 16. Approximately 24 presenters attended the fair, giving students a peek into alternative careers, opportunities and summer jobs.

The emphasis was on what to do after high school if a 4-year college plan wasn't in the immediate future for a student. Due to the high costs of colleges and universities, many families and students are having a difficult time deciding on what path to take toward higher learning or careers.

- Some students may begin their future at a junior college and then transfer to a 4-year college or university.
- Other students may consider a career in the medical or dental field, where they can work while taking classes to obtain their certification.

- A number of students may enroll at a local beauty college, or consider going into apprenticeship programs,
- Others may find that taking a “gap year” allows them to work or travel. There are a number of programs, careers and internships available that are not necessarily tied to a rigorous 4-year college experience.

Some of the presenters included Unitek, the Holistic Institute, Ex'Pression College, DVC, Denon and Doyle Entertainment, Paul Mitchell School, and City Channel Pleasant Hill, to name just a few. There were a number of local restaurants and businesses recruiting for summer job placements, as well as representation by members of our armed services. Attendees included Col-

lege Park High School students, parents, teachers, and members of PH City Council, as well as the MDUSD Board. The Vocational Fair was open to all high schools in the Mount Diablo Unified School District.

The Pleasant Hill Education Commission meets on the 4th Wednesdays of each month in the large community room at City Hall at 7pm, and meetings are open to the public. ♣



## Preschool Explorer Day Summer Camp

Afternoon adventures awaits your 4-7 year old! Summer recreation themes include camping, under the sea, circus and lots of water play. Visit [pleasanthillrec.com/camps.html](http://pleasanthillrec.com/camps.html) for registration and more information on all our preschool, youth and teen camps



## Adult Cornhole Bag Toss— 2nd annual summer tournament

- Saturday, July 23, 2016, 2:00-10:00pm
- Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane

**Pre-register fees** (by July 18): 2-Person Team, \$20 / Individuals, \$10. **Event day register fees** (by July 19): 2-Person Team, \$30 / Individuals, \$15

Registration forms available at [phrecsports.com](http://phrecsports.com) or District Office in Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane.

## Adult Summer Drop-In Sports

- **Basketball:** Sundays, 8:00-10:00pm. Monday and Friday, 6:00-8:00pm, Pleasant Hill Ed Center Gym
- **Badminton:** Sundays, 10:00am -12:00pm, PH Ed Center Gym
- **Cornhole:** Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm, Winslow Center

## Pleasant Hill's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues & Brews Festival

- Pre-Party on Friday, July 15, 6:00-9:00pm
- Festival & Brew Tasting on Saturday, July 16, 12:00–6:00pm
- Location: Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane

Like Blues? Like Craft Brews? You'll love the 7th Annual Pleasant Hill Blues & Brews Festival! Enjoy free live blues music and participate in the fine art of craft brew tasting (must purchase ticket, 21+ yrs).

NEW! Home craft brewing contest at Friday Pre-Party. Must pre-register. For more information and brew tasting tickets, visit [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com).

## Keep cool this summer at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park

- Poolside fun for the whole family!
- Summer hours: June 13–August 21;  
Mon–Thu, 1:15–4:15pm, Fri–Sun, 1:00–5:00pm

Family swim passes and 15-visit punch cards available. PH Aquatic Park includes: 25-yard pool with two diving boards; 20-yard shallow water training pool; Sprayground; Changing rooms with showers and restrooms; Two picnic areas with BBQ pit/two tables. Call (925) 682-0896 for picnic reservations.



## Senior Center events and activities

### ■ Pancake Breakfast— All ages welcome!

- First Sunday of the month (except for July 4), 9:30-10:30am
- PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Bring family and friends to our monthly breakfasts and enjoy pancakes or French toast, eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. All ages welcome! August 27, 8:30am-10:30am. 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

**July 14: “Republic Services”** presented by Anne Baker. Ms. Baker will discuss ways Republic Services can help seniors save money on garbage bills and everything about recycling.

**August 11: “The Myths of Dental Hygiene As We Age”** presented by Dr. Aaron Grafton, DDS.

FREE! Space is limited so please call (925) 798-8788 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by Carlton Senior Living. For more info, call Dana Krider, Care Manager, at 798-8788.

### ■ Taste of the Vine: Thirsty Friday

- Friday, July 29, 4:00–6:00pm
- PH Senior Center, Chateau Room

Beat the summer heat with an icy Margarita or a glass of wine with your friends (non-alcoholic available)!

Appetizers will be served. Tickets: Presale \$10 or day of \$15. \*Sponsored by Chateaus of Pleasant Hill.



### ■ Preserve Your Independence —Protect your assets

- Tuesday, July 26, 2:00pm
- Chateau Room, Senior Center

Stop elder financial abuse. This presentation will provide important details on recognizing financial scams and what you can do about it. Presented by Kristen Howe of the Law Office of Kristen Howe.

FREE but please RSVP at front desk or (925) 798-8788. ♣

## PH Library activities and events...

- **Summertime Magic with Mike Della Penna**  
Tuesday, July 7, 3:30–4:30pm  
Award-winning magician and second-grade teacher Mike Della Penna brings laughter, wonder and real warmth to his performances for children.
- **Free Jazz by the Charged Particles**  
Monday, July 17, 6:30-7:30pm  
Charged Particles are back for more! They were such a huge hit last year here at Pleasant Hill Library, we asked them for a return performance.
- **Green Golly and her Golden Flute**  
Monday, August 1, 6:30-7:30pm  
Julliard trained flutist and educator Barbara Siesel is Green Golly. Tower-trapped Green Golly (unlike Rapunzel) is so inspired by life she can't help but make music.
- **Maker Monday**  
Monday, July 11, 6:30-8:00pm  
**Summer Snowman Building**  
Make your own snow that won't melt in the summer heat and play around with Oobleck, a non-Newtonian fluid!  
Monday, August 8, 6:30-8:00pm  
**Sailboat Rigatta**  
Come make your own sailboat and race it against your friends.
- **Tinker Tuesday**  
Tuesday, July 12, 3:00-4:30pm  
Tuesday, August 9, 3:00-4:30pm  
If you miss the evening make and take events, drop in the day after.
- **ACT Practice Test**  
Thursday, July 21, 11:00am–3:30pm  
Take a full-length version of the ACT to practice for the actual exam. Free! Space is limited register here <http://goo.gl/vt68f0>.
- **SAT Practice Test**  
Thursday, August 11, 11:00am–3:30pm  
Register here <http://goo.gl/Jr4Akf>
- **Summer of STEAM – Summer Reading Festival**  
June 1–July 30  
Beginning in June, kick off the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math this summer with the STEAM Reading Challenge! Come into the library or visit the website for more information. Engage, Inspire, Succeed! Complete Summer Reading by July 30 to be eligible for raffles.

- **Indie Innovators**  
Fridays, 10:15am–12:15pm (ending Aug 26)  
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 (ending Aug 26)  
A place for families to explore, discover, and create together. Explore STEM concepts while complete 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**  
July 11 and August 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**, May 13 and June 10, 1:00-2:30pm. **Evening Book Club**. Tuesday, July 19 and August 16, 6:30–7:30 pm
- **Eco Studio**  
Third, fourth, and fifth Wednesdays of the month, 3-5pm, check [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org) for specific dates.  
Learn to machine sew your own fabulous up-cycled fabric creations!
- **English Conversation Practice for Adults**  
Every Wednesday, 1:30–2:30pm  
Drop in to practice speaking and listening to English in a casual ESL conversation group.
- **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. ♣

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



### 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, 11:15-11:45am,  
plus Friday afternoons,  
1:15-1:45pm

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 [phl@ccclib.org](mailto:phl@ccclib.org) for an application.

Pleasant Hill Library Meeting Room and Small Study Room available during library open hours. Details on how to reserve these rooms at [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org).

## FOPHL supports library programs with book sales

Please join in this year's outdoor used book sales. This is the principal fund raising effort from Friends of the Library to support library programs and collections. Bargain prices, gently used books displayed by category make for great finds and great reads.

All are outdoor events, weather permitting! 2016 sale dates to remember:

- **Parking Lot Giant Book Sales.** Look through thousands of books—find great bargains. August 20 and October 15 from 10:00am to 3:30pm (early bird entry for Friends' members is 9:30am). Sale will be held in the CCC Office of Education parking lot, which is next to the library. Plus, drop off your E-waste for free.
- **FLASH Pop-Up Sales.** Held on the patio in front of the Pleasant Hill Library. July 16, September 17, November 12 from 9:30am to 1:30pm.



## Volunteers always needed

Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library always need volunteers for many activities including weekday sorting of donated books as well as at the Saturday Book Sales

### What makes a volunteer?

**HEART!** It's someone who loves books, loves going to the library, knows how important it is for kids to love reading at a young age, loves to give back to the community, appreciates having a purpose, enjoys working with others, remembers fondly their own childhood days at the library.

Libraries change lives! Volunteer to be a part of it by contacting <https://phlibraryfriends.org/join-us/>.

Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library honors its many volunteers. Here are individuals who have donated more than 100 hours of their time: Jason Correia, Bob Goldner, Marc Kupper, Kay Schramm and Evelyn Williams. These volunteers, along with many, many others, are appreciated by their Friends! ♣



## Still time to take the Summer Bike Challenge

511 Contra Costa's second annual Summer Bike Challenge is in full swing this month and continues through the end August. Free and open to everyone, simply cross off squares by biking to parks, schools, Downtown, City Hall, the library, Farmers' Market, and a neighboring city to complete the Challenge.

Bike to select locations on the following dates for FREE STUFF!

- **July 7, 1:15-4:00pm:**  
Free Rec Swim at the Pleasant Hill Park Pool
- **July 13, 9:00-11:00am:**  
Free Jamba Juice at Crescent Plaza
- **August 6, 10:00am-2:00pm:** Free Carrot Cash & free valet bike parking while you shop at the Farmers Market
- **August 8, 1:00-3:00pm:** Free Cold Stone gift cards at City Hall



Plus, complete at least 12 Challenge Squares to enter the iPad Mini Grand Prize drawing by September 3, 2016. Pick up your Challenge Card in person at the Pleasant Hill Library; Teen, Senior, and Community Centers; Pleasant Hill Pool; City Hall; Coco Swirl; the YMCA; or online at [www.511ContraCosta.org/SBC](http://www.511ContraCosta.org/SBC). ♣



### White Pony Express calls for more volunteers

White Pony Express (WPE), a nonprofit group dedicated to ending hunger and poverty in Contra Costa County, is calling for volunteers to help keep up with its rapid growth.

WPE recently moved its operations to a warehouse in Pleasant Hill from which it delivers fresh, top-quality food and high quality clothing, toys, and children's books free to those in need.

#### How WPE rescues food

Seven days a week, WPE Food Rescue volunteers take trucks to supermarkets, restaurants, and farmers markets where they pick up surplus food—high quality, nourishing food—that would ordinarily be thrown away. After sorting it, they deliver it to Contra Costa nonprofit groups that

feed the hungry. All of this is done free of charge.

In two and a half years, WPE has delivered more than 3,000,000 pounds of meat, dairy, eggs, produce, deli, and baked goods that would otherwise have gone to waste. This has produced about 2,500,000 meals the hungry would have gone without.

#### WPE Stages innovative "Mobile Boutiques"

WPE's Free General Store has staged 35 unique "Mobile Boutiques" and taken more than 245,000 items to underserved parts of the county. Residents in need can "shop" for new or like-new clothing, shoes, toys, games, and books and then take them home—all free of charge.

#### Founded solely to serve others

Carol Weyland Conner, PhD, spiritual director of Sufism Reoriented, founded WPE in September 2013 when she was troubled that in a county of such abundance, scores of thousands were going hungry, while at the same time food retailers were throwing out huge quantities of healthy, fresh food. Dr. Conner developed WPE's Food Rescue and the Free General Store, both of which are free community



service programs, to enable those who have more than they need to easily give to those with less, so that all can share in the happiness and abundance of life. She wanted service

for WPE to spring from the heart, so today WPE is staffed entirely by volunteers who want to help, purely in the spirit of service.

#### More volunteers needed

In less than three years, White Pony Express has gone from zero to serving 60,000 county residents who are in need. "This has only been possible because of the selfless service of 400 volunteers who find great satisfaction and joy in being so helpful to others," says Gary Conner, Executive Coordinator. "Going forward, our ability to help our neighbors is limited only by the number of people who join with us. We welcome more volunteers! We have many roles available with flexible schedules. Just give us a call!"

**Interested volunteers should contact Mandy Nakaya at 925-818-6361 or email her at [mandy@whiteponyexpress.org](mailto:mandy@whiteponyexpress.org). For more on WPE, go to [www.whiteponyexpress.org](http://www.whiteponyexpress.org).**



### Rotary supports the community!

At this year's Relay For Life event on May 21 and 22, members of the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club turned out enthusiastically to support the cause. The Rotary

team raised \$4,866 of the \$75,361 for the total event.

And at their June 9 meeting, the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill honored three deserving College Park High School seniors who had earlier been presented the club's 2016 scholarships. Each of the college-bound students received \$2,000 apiece.

Jim Nunes, far right in photo, of the Rotary Club helped present the awards along with Club President Jen Grossi.

Christy Lopez, below left, will be attending John Hopkins University. Her major is Public Health. Anthony Medvedev, center, will be a Pre-Med major at Penn State University. And Natalie Gonzalez will most likely be attending Berkeley College of Music. ♣



What's happening in the community...festivals, open house music...



**JULY 15-16**

PRESENTED BY PLEASANT HILL REC & PLEASANT HILL CHAMBER

**Free Live Music + Craft Beer Tasting - Pleasant Hill Park**

<p><i>Friday Night Pre-Party: 6-9pm</i></p> <p>MUSIC WITH <b>THE BIG JANGLE</b></p> <p>NEW HOME BREW TASTING &amp; CONTEST</p> <p>\$20 IN ADVANCE/\$30 AT THE DOOR</p>	<p><i>Saturday: Music + Craft Beer: 12-6pm</i></p> <p>FOOD, VENDORS &amp; LIVE MUSIC FEATURING <b>GREGG WRIGHT</b></p> <p>FRANKIE G. AND THE CONVICTION</p> <p>CAROMPAS ROOM   GG AMOS</p> <p>THE INDECISION BAND</p>
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**Saturday: Breweries Attending**

SIERRA NEVADA | LAGUNITAS  
 MENDOCINO BREWING CO | ROCKSTEADY  
 EIGHT BRIDGES | ALE INDUSTRIES  
 TW PITCHERS' BREWING | EJ PHAIR  
 EPIDEMIC | SUDWERK | SPEAKEASY  
 CALICRAFT | HERETIC | LOST COAST  
 & MANY MORE!

**BEER TASTING TICKET INFO**

<p><i>Vip Access</i></p> <p>12-5PM</p> <p><b>\$55</b></p> <p>ADVANCED PURCHASE ONLY! LIMITED QUANTITY</p>	<p><i>General Admission</i></p> <p>1-5PM</p> <p><b>\$40 ADVANCE</b></p> <p><b>\$50 DOOR</b></p>
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For more info and tickets visit: [www.Bluesandbrewsfestival.com](http://www.Bluesandbrewsfestival.com)



FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PLEASANT HILL TEEN CENTER.



**Join Central San for their 70th anniversary open house!**

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District will be commemorating their 70th Anniversary by hosting an Open House for their customers!

- Saturday, July 16, 2016, 10am-2pm
- Central San's headquarters and treatment plant location, 5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez.

The free, family-friendly event will include live music, free food, giveaways, games, exhibits, big truck displays, tours of the treatment plant, and much more!

For more information, please go online to [CentralSan.org/70](http://CentralSan.org/70).



**Summer Concert Series**

First Thursday June - September  
6:30pm-8:30pm

**FREE + LIVE + MUSIC**

Get ready to "rock" with the popular Downtown Plaza Concert series on the first Thursday of July, August, and September.

The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce will be operating a wine and beer booth during each concert. Concerts begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:30.

Come early and grab dinner at one of the many Downtown restaurants before the concert. Pleasant Hill is the place to be for summer music. See you there!

The Northern California Unit of the Herb Society of America presents:

**HERB DAY at Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center**



**Sunday, July 10, 10am-4pm**  
**315 Cortsen Rd., Pleasant Hill**

Celebrating the herb of the year...  
**Pepper—Capsicum!**  
 A fun-filled, FREE community event for the whole family!

**Activities, tours, speakers...**

For more info, go to [www.norcalifornia-herbsociety.org](http://www.norcalifornia-herbsociety.org) or email [ncuhsa@gmail.com](mailto:ncuhsa@gmail.com).

## Finding Health & Harmony

Register today for sustainability workshops!  
[www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops](http://www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops)

**July 12 Beyond the Shower Bucket**  
The drought still exists! Learn how to maximize your water conservation efforts. 6:30-8:30 PM

**Aug 9 Nature's Body Products**  
Do-It-Yourself Spa Night!  
Learn to make natural beauty products at home. 6:30-8:30 PM



**Location**  
Rodgers Ranch  
Heritage Center  
315 Cortsen Road  
Pleasant Hill  
Cost - \$20/workshop



## American Iron Car Show!

**Sunday, August 14, 10:00am-3:00pm**  
**Crescent Drive in Downtown Pleasant Hill**

PHRec celebrates the 15th annual show featuring pre-80s American cars! Take a walk down memory lane and enjoy the gorgeous vehicles of yester-year. Free to public.

Participating car owners must pre-register and provide entry fee (\$28). Space limited. Please call (925) 682-0896 for more details. Registration forms online. ♣



## Derby Day

**Friday, July 15,**  
**Race starts at 2:00pm**

Test your engineering skills and design a cardboard boat to race across the pool. Pre-registration required by July 13. For rules and information, call (925) 682-0896.



## "Bark For Life" in Pleasant Hill

Woof's happening? People—and their dogs—who want to help fight cancer can have some fun while fundraising for the American Cancer Society.

This annual opportunity is the Pleasant Hill "Bark For Life"—to be held on Saturday, August 13 from 9 to 11am at the Pleasant Hill City Hall gazebo park. Bark For Life is an extension of the Pleasant Hill Relay For Life, which was held in May and raised \$75,000. Donations are still being accepted through August 31.

"Bark" honors the care-giving qualities of our canine companions and acknowledges that some of them also suffer from cancer. To participate, groups of family, friends (and their dogs) are invited to form teams and raise funds in advance. Activities at the "Bark" include contests for agility, "most licks," "musical sit" and "looks most like owner." Dogs will also receive goodie bags. ♣



Register at <http://relayforlife.org/barkpleasanthillca> or just come to the event. Entry fee is \$15 per dog. For questions, call Ken at (925) 944-4898 or send an e-mail to Dan at [Dhowland@oasisveterinaryhospital.com](mailto:Dhowland@oasisveterinaryhospital.com)

... and concerts!

# Free! sunset by the lake summer concerts

On the lawn by the lake at **Pleasant Hill City Hall** Gregory Ln & Cleaveland Rd

**LIVE MUSIC & FUN!  
FOOD & BEVERAGE sales!**

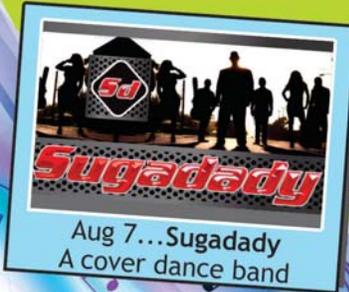
**6-8  
pm**



Jul 10...The Bell Brothers  
Hot country rock & roll



Jul 24...James Clark  
Elvis impersonator



Aug 7...Sugadady  
A cover dance band



Aug 21...East Bay Mudd  
Classic fun & soul



Sep 4...Queens & Thieves  
High energy dance band

**Restaurants tentatively  
scheduled to sell food:**

Jul 10	Slice of ItaLeigh
Jul 24	Steel Smokin BBQ
Aug 7	Steel Smokin BBQ
Aug 21	Meson Azteco
Sep 4	Steel Smokin BBQ

Visit [www.pleasanthillconcerts.com](http://www.pleasanthillconcerts.com) for all concert information.  
Sponsored and organized by Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission



## Our rockin' community! Events for July and August 2016

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jul 7	Summertime Magic, Mike Della Penna	PH Library	PH Library	<a href="http://www.ccllib.org">www.ccllib.org</a>
Jul 7	Downtown concert	Downtown Plaza	Downtown PH	<a href="http://www.ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com">www.ShopDowntownPleasantHill.com</a>
Jul 10	Herb Day	Rodgers Ranch Heritage Ctr	Northern Calif Herb Society	<a href="mailto:ncuhsa@gmail.com">ncuhsa@gmail.com</a>
Jul 12	Sustainability Workshop (Beyond the bucket..)	Rodgers Ranch	Sustainable Contra Costa	<a href="http://sustainablecoco.org/workshops">sustainablecoco.org/workshops</a>
Jul 15	Derby Day	PH Aquatic Park	PH Recreation & Park District	682-0896
Jul 15	Pleasant Hill Blues & Brews Festival	Pleasant Hill Park	PH Recreation & Park District	<a href="http://pleasanthillrec.com">pleasanthillrec.com</a>
Jul 16	Open House at Centra San	Centra Contra Costa San Dist	Central San	<a href="http://CentralSan.org/70">CentralSan.org/70</a>
Jul 16	FLASH Book Sale	PH Library	Friends of Pleasant Hill Library	<a href="http://PHLibraryFriends.org">PHLibraryFriends.org</a>
Jul 10	Lake concert: The Bell Brothers	Lawn by Pleasant Hill City Hall	PH Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Jul 16	Document Shredding Fundraiser	400 Taylor Blvd	Diablo Valley Oncology, Cancer support	677-5041x272
Jul 21	Social Media Strategies	JFKU	John F. Kennedy University	969-3143
Jul 24	Lake concert: James Clark "Elvis"	Lawn by Pleasant Hill City Hall	PH Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Jul 29	Taste of the Vine: Thirsty Friday	PH Senior Center, Chateau rm	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Aug 2	National Night Out	Lawn by Pleasant Hill City Hall	Pleasant Hill Police Department	288-4688
Aug 7	Lake concert: Sugadady	Lawn by Pleasant Hill City Hall	PH Civic Action Commission	671-5229
Aug 9	Sustainability Workshop (Nature's products..)	Rodgers Ranch	Sustainable Contra Costa	<a href="http://sustainablecoco.org/workshops">sustainablecoco.org/workshops</a>
Aug 13	Bark For Life	Lawn by Pleasant Hill City Hall	Relay For Life 944-4898, <a href="mailto:dhowland@oasisveterinaryhospital">dhowland@oasisveterinaryhospital</a>	
Aug 14	American Iron Car Show	Crescent Dr, Downtown PH	PH Recreation & Park District	682-0896
Aug 16	Composting Workshop	Pleasant Hill City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Aug 20	Giant Parking Lot Book Sale	Behind the library	Friends of the Library	<a href="http://PHLibraryFriends.org">PHLibraryFriends.org</a>
Aug 21	Lake concert: East Bay Mudd	Lawn by Pleasant Hill City Hall	PH Civic Action Commission	671-5229

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 April 2015

**Alice's Montessori**  
(Montessori Daycare)  
1041 Hook Avenue  
925-947-0606

**Bay Area Integrity Mortgage**  
2255 Morello Avenue, #225  
925-348-5625  
[www.areaintegritymortgage.com](http://www.areaintegritymortgage.com)

**Chelsea Wells** (Hairstylist)  
1607 Oak Park Blvd.  
925-698-6750

**Deb's Flower Market**  
1907 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-682-2837

**Essential Beauty Salon**  
(Nails, Hair, Facials, Waxing)  
670 Gregory Lane, "A"  
925-952-9397

**J. Zachary Stockton, DC**  
(Chiropractic Clinic)  
620 Contra Costa Blvd., #203  
925-680-8917  
[www.drstocktonchiro.com](http://www.drstocktonchiro.com)



**Love & Sweet Nectar**  
(Event & Beauty Boutique)  
200 Gregory Lane, Ste. B101  
510-333-1924  
[www.loveandsweetnectar.com](http://www.loveandsweetnectar.com)

**Marilyn Jean Mattson**  
(Massage Therapy)  
2367 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-472-0852



**Pampered Nails & Spa**  
1600 Contra Costa Blvd., "C"  
925-686-5202

**Skinergy** (Skin Care & Hair Removal)  
101 Gregory Lane, #25-A  
925-595-2329

**Smog Dog** (Smog Test Only)  
1250 Contra Costa Blvd.  
510-205-1984  
[www.smogdog.com](http://www.smogdog.com)

**Stephanie Espinosa**  
(Esthetic Services)  
140 Mayhew Way, #100  
925-210-1111

**KB Communications**  
(Marketing Consultant)  
925-687-4624

**Serenity Property Solutions**  
(Real Estate Office)  
925-787-4793

## New businesses May 2016

**Auto Source Center**  
(Vehicle Retail Sales)  
2255 Morello Avenue, #107  
925-323-8051

**Sport Motor's Auto Sales**  
(Vehicle Retail Sales)  
140 Mayhew Way, #1003  
510-778-2517

**Urban Plates, LLC** (Restaurant)  
60 Crescent Drive  
925-378-5919  
[www.urbanplates.com](http://www.urbanplates.com)

**Diane's Branches & Blooms**  
(Office for Floral Design)  
925-686-6075

**Elsa Bailey Consulting** (Evaluation/  
Research Educational Projects)  
925-609-9565

**Imagine That! 3D Printing/Scan**  
916-303-3603  
[www.imaginetthat-3dprinting.com](http://www.imaginetthat-3dprinting.com)



## City Meetings



WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 6 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community 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
Mon 18 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
Thu 21 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 26 6:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)*	Council Chambers
Thu 28 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room



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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 Sep/Oct is August 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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#### Important Phone Numbers

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



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Tue 23 6:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)*	Council Chambers
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, 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](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/citychannel).



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**In-home date by July 3**

### Join the conversation! Pleasant Hill wants to hear from YOU!

Pleasant Hill is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. City leaders and the community have worked hard over the years to maintain its character and high quality of life.

However, the challenges of the recession, an uneven economic recovery and the impact of State takeaways of local funds over many years has forced the City to defer needed infrastructure improvements.

We are facing over \$14 million in deferred street maintenance and \$9 million in storm drain upgrades that we do not have the budget to address.

Additionally, Pleasant Hill Library—the most heavily used

library in the County—is 55 years old and doesn't meet seismic safety codes for libraries built today. Our community needs an accessible, modern and seismically safe library for all users. We want to hear from you on your priorities.



Popular Storytime event at the Pleasant Hill Library.

Please go online to complete our community survey today at [www.pleasanthillca.org/survey](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/survey). We will use this feedback when determining our next steps.



**Please add your voice to the conversation!**

For the 7th year the Pleasant Hill Police Department will host "National Night Out" on our City Hall lawn, Tuesday August 2, from 6 to 8pm.

The community can enjoy free BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, check-out a police vehicle, fire truck and ambulance, and watch K-9 demonstrations. Children will enjoy a bounce house and face painting. Local organizations will provide booths to educate, provide snacks, desserts and entertainment.

### Meet your neighbors at National Night Out



The National Night Out program was created to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back..

**For questions and more information contact Shel White, PHPD Community Outreach, (925) 288-4688, [swhite@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:swhite@pleasanthillca.org).**

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