



# THE OUTLOOK



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## Join the Festivities this Holiday season in Downtown Pleasant Hill ... and Light Up the Night!

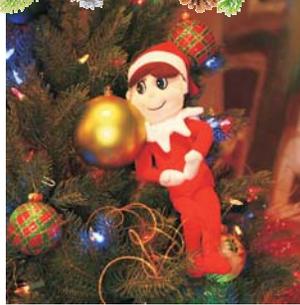
### Wednesday, November 30!

Santa will be arriving in Downtown Pleasant Hill this year on Wednesday, November 30th as part of the 9th Annual Light up the Night Holiday Celebration. The festivities will include the lighting of a 25-foot decorated tree in the small Plaza next to Pasta Pomodoro at 6:00pm. Local dance and choral groups will also be performing throughout the evening.

The complete entertainment schedule can be viewed at [www.pleasanthillca.org/luhn](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/luhn). For more details call (925) 671-5229 or email to [mnelis@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:mnelis@pleasanthillca.org).

The event begins at 5pm and some of the highlights include:

- ★ Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
- ★ Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair
- ★ Free Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Cookies
- ★ "Elf on the Shelf" Treasure Hunt
- ★ Music, Studio A Dancers and Caroling
- ★ Tree Lighting at 6:00pm
- ★ Free Pictures with Santa

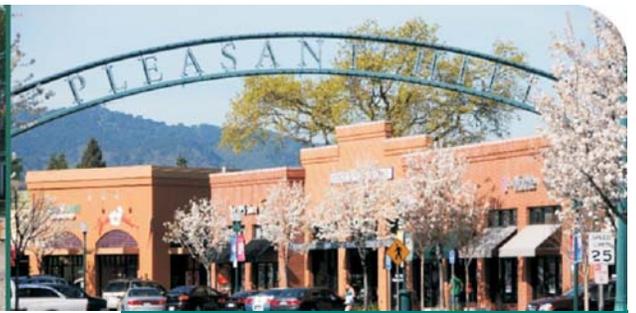
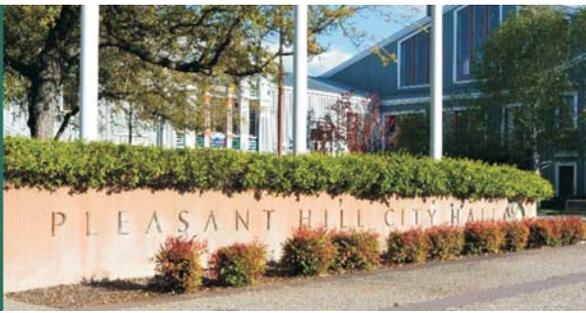


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# About Measure K

Measure K is a proposed half-cent sales tax measure for Pleasant Hill on the November 8, 2016 election ballot. If passed, the measure would provide the City of Pleasant Hill with over \$4 million of additional general fund revenue each year for 20 years.

The money would be placed in a specific departmental fund, within the General Fund, so that the Measure K Oversight Committee can track the expenditures of all revenue collected.

## Measure K revenue would be used for a number of purposes including:

- ✓ Building a new community library
- ✓ Repaving neighborhood streets and fixing potholes
- ✓ Maintaining and upgrading the City's storm drain system
- ✓ Adding new sidewalks and bike paths; and
- ✓ Funding other city projects and services that Pleasant Hill residents consider as key priorities

## Why is Measure K being proposed by the City Council?

The City's Capital Improvement Plan has identified \$39 million in deferred maintenance and needed upgrades including:

- ✓ \$14.6 million for deferred street maintenance
- ✓ \$9.1 million in storm drain deferred maintenance and improvements
- ✓ \$4.3 million in sidewalk repairs and upgrades
- ✓ \$8.5 million in improvements to pedestrian walkways and bike paths
- ✓ \$2.3 million in ADA improvements

## Pleasant Hill Library

The current library is 55 years old and has numerous problems, including no sprinkler system for fire suppression, inadequate HVAC, asbestos in the ceilings and walls, a leaking roof and other issues.

The Library Task Force concluded that it was not cost effective to renovate the current building and recommended replacement to the City Council. The construction cost for a new building has been estimated at \$15 million.

The County provides library services only—it no longer builds libraries. In fact, Contra Costa County Library has not funded the construction of a new library since 1975.



## Oversight Committee and Mandatory Audits

Measure K requires the establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee, mandatory financial audits and annual reports to the community on the collection and expenditure of all funds.

**Measure K is not a property tax and does NOT apply to groceries or prescription drugs.**

*For more information on Measure K, go to [www.pleasanthillca.org/MeasureK](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/MeasureK).*

### Holiday Shopping—keep it enjoyable —keep it local!

Shopping for friends and family during the holidays can be enjoyable when the outing is local.

Parking is free throughout the City, with over 1,700 parking spaces downtown, including over 600 in the parking garage across from Century Theaters. A digital sign at the garage shows how many parking spaces are available to help make parking even easier.

When you shop at Pleasant Hill stores, there is the added benefit of contributing to the vibrancy of the City's local economy. It helps businesses thrive and grow, keeps jobs in place, and your taxable purchases provide sales tax revenue for improvements and services in the City. So when you are deciding where to shop this Holiday season, please consider shopping Pleasant Hill first.

If you would like more information on shopping options, please visit us at: [www.shoppleasanthill.org](http://www.shoppleasanthill.org) or on Facebook at ShopPleasantHill. ♣



Don't forget to use your Pleasant Hill reusable shopping bag this Holiday season. If you don't have one, stop by City Hall to pick one up—one free bag per resident

### Mayors' Healthy Cook-off trophy returns to Pleasant Hill!

Pleasant Hill took the top prize this year at the 8th Annual Mayors' Healthy Cook-off at Todos Santos Plaza on August 11th. Each year, Contra Costa County mayors are invited to participate in an "Iron Chef" style event with a chef of their choice and a sous chef provided from the Mt. Diablo High School's Sustainable Hospitality Pathway program.

The Pleasant Hill team was led by Wise Girl Ristorante's Head Chef, Juan Sedano (left in photo). Wise Girl was recognized at the City Council meeting on September 19th. Owner, Angela Warren (middle of picture) stated, "We were so honored to be asked by the City to compete this year. It was a wonderful outcome and we are so happy we could bring the first place trophy back to Pleasant Hill." Also, present for the award was Nathan Bratcher, Restaurant Manager. ♣



### Staying young

—by the Commission on Aging

#### Motion is lotion. Movement is meditation.

Projects and activities that require complex decision making and fine motor control sharpen mental clarity and reward those engaged with a greater sense of peace, purpose and well-being.

The challenge is not how to extend our lives but how to elevate our living. Nature is ultimately efficient. Nature will not promote strength where strength is not required. If you want to remain sharp and alert, engage in activities that require you to be mentally sharp and alert.

Another thing that greatly improves our health is a sense of awe. Awe is the positive emotion that predicts reduced levels of cytokines, a marker of inflammation linked to depression in one study. That and other studies suggest a link between our sense of awe and our resilience to disease and ability to heal. Specifically, studies indicate that exposure to nature promotes lower blood pressure, stronger immune systems, decreased stress levels, elevated moods, improved sex life and more.

Stacy Bare, director of the Sierra Club Outdoors, partnered with UC Berkeley to form the Great Outdoors Lab to document nature's impact on the mind, body and relationships. Early studies took veterans and underserved adolescents on white water rafting trips. Subjects showed measurable improvements in psychological well-being, social functioning and life outlook. Veterans suffering from PTSD had stress levels drop by 30%.



Growing evidence indicates the importance of spending time in nature if we are to maintain our health and youth. Drop the gadgets. Take an "Awe Walk" through your neighborhood or nearby park. Attempt to see things with fresh eyes.

Eat dinner outside and watch the sun set! Notice leaves turning orange, gold, red.... ♣

# Information about flooding and service available in the City

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

## Report a flooding problem

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

## Flood warnings

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

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



## Special Flood Hazard Areas

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

Please visit the City's website at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood) for more information of the SFHAs.

## Assistance from City staff

If requested, City staff will visit a property to review site drainage concerns and explain ways to reduce flooding potential or help to prevent flood damage. They will also help you establish if your property is within one of the SFHAs. Printed copies of flood maps and flood protection references are available at City Hall and at the Pleasant Hill Library located at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant Hill (925) 646-6434. Digital copies of flood maps can be obtained directly from FEMA's website at [www.msc.fema.gov/portal](http://www.msc.fema.gov/portal). These maps will also help you determine if your home is within one of the SFHAs.

## Local flood hazard

Flooding in our City is generally caused by the following: creek capacity and creeks overtopping their banks, intense rain events, clogged catch basin or storm drains, poor site drainage, and mud and debris laden flows from the hills above Pleasant Hill.

## Drainage system maintenance

The City regularly cleans and maintains its drainage channels. However, dumping debris into storm drains creates problems for everyone. Such dumping not

only results in an expense to taxpayers for cleanup, but also can restrict water flow and create local flooding. The dumping of debris (including leaves) into the City's storm drain system is prohibited by Municipal Code. To report cases of illegal dumping in the storm drain system, call the Maintenance Division at (925) 671-4646. Please help City crews by collecting and sweeping leaves away from the drainage inlets during the winter months.

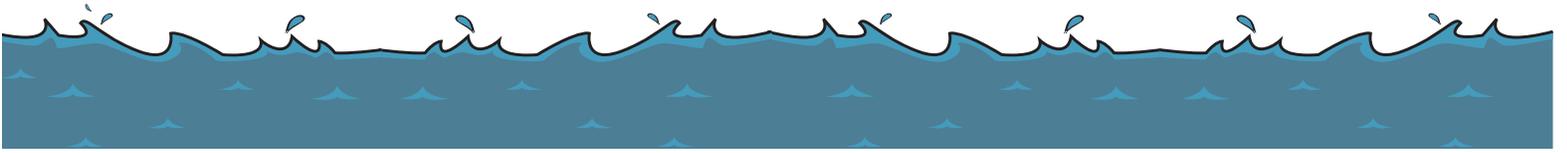
## Property protection measures

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

- Provide adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and appliances to an area that is less likely to be flooded.
- Move essential items and valuables to the upper floors of your home if flooding is likely.
- Keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, and plastic sheeting handy for emergency waterproofing. Sandbags can be obtained at the Public Service Center located at 310 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill and during the rainy season sandbag stations are also set up at City Hall (visitor parking lot) and Oak Park Boulevard/Monticello Avenue.
- Anchor the structure to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement.
- Elevate homes so that the lowest floor is a minimum of 1 foot above the base flood (100 year) elevation.
- For more information, please [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

## Flood insurance

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes federally backed flood insurance available to everyone in the City, whether they are in a floodplain or not. Insurance is available for buildings (including walls, floors, and insulation) and contents (which is also available to renters).



It is important to note that the standard homeowner policy that most of us have will not cover a loss caused by flooding. For information about flood insurance, call your insurance agent or the NFIP customer service line at (800) 638-6620.

Please be aware, that the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located within SFHAs. The minimum standard flood insurance coverage required by the federal government for a SFHA property is the less of the following: 1) the outstanding mortgage balance on the structure, 2) the replacement cost of the structure or 3) \$250,000 for a residential structure, and \$500,000 for industrial/commercial. This insurance coverage limit does not apply to property outside the SFHA.

**Elevation Certificates**

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

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

Copies of the form and instructions are available from the City Engineering Division or can be downloaded from FEMA’s website [www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160). If you need help determining if your property is in the flood zone, or if an elevation certificate is required, please contact the City’s floodplain manager at 925-671-5260.

The City of Pleasant Hill maintains the Elevation Certificates of all new and substantially improved buildings in the SFHA.

**Floodplain development permit requirements**

Any development within the SFHA is subject to Federal and City Floodplain management requirements. Always check with the Engineering Division before you

build on, alter, regrade, or place fill on your property.

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

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

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

**Flood insurance reform update**

In July 2012, Congress passed the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 which required FEMA to make a number of changes to the National

Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Some of these changes have already been put in place, and others would have been implemented over time. Key provisions of the legislation required the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, to make the program more financially stable.

In March 2014, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act was enacted. This law repealed and modified certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. Some of these modifications are intended to lessen the burden to residential property owners who are required to purchase flood insurance. For more information on how this might affect your property, please visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). ♣

For information on the City’s Floodplain Management Program, local flood hazards, or for information on any other flood related question, including obtaining or preparing an elevation certificate, flood insurance, updates, illegal floodplain development or illegal dumping, call the City’s Floodplain Manager at (925) 671-5260, or visit the City’s website at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood).

**Help promote a healthy Pleasant Hill**

**Reminder: Smoking/vaping is prohibited in Pleasant Hill’s commercial areas (except in City-approved designated smoking areas)**

To promote the health, safety and welfare of the community, the City Council unanimously voted in November 2015 to adopt an ordinance amending Pleasant Hill Municipal Code Chapter 9.45 (Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices) to prohibit outdoor smoking, including vaping, in the commercial areas of Pleasant Hill, except in City-approved designated smoking areas.

The amendment also subjects electronic smoking devices and paraphernalia to the same City regulations as cigarettes and other tobacco products.

To assist business owners with informing patrons of the prohibition, complimentary no smoking window decals are available at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, or be obtained by contacting Danielle Habr at (925) 671-5221 or [dhabr@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:dhabr@pleasanthillca.org). ♣

**NO SMOKING**



**NO VAPING**

## Improvement guidelines within the public right-of-way

As a resident of Pleasant Hill, it is very important that you determine your property limits before you undertake your next home improvement project. Please call the Engineering Division before undertaking costly projects in front of, or along side, your property.

As you may be aware, the City's Right-of-Way is typically 50 feet to 60 feet in width or 25 to 30 feet from the road centerline on most residential streets. This includes all land which by deed, conveyance, agreement, easement, dedication, or usage is reserved for or dedicated to the use of the general public for road or high-way purposes. The City reserves this area for future improvement projects such as drainage, sidewalks, roadway widening, utility improvements, among others. If you plan to Encroach on the Right-of-Way, meaning going on, over, or under, or using a right-of-way in a manner which prevents, obstructs, or interferes with the normal use of that way, you will first need to contact the Engineering Division to determine if a permit will be granted.

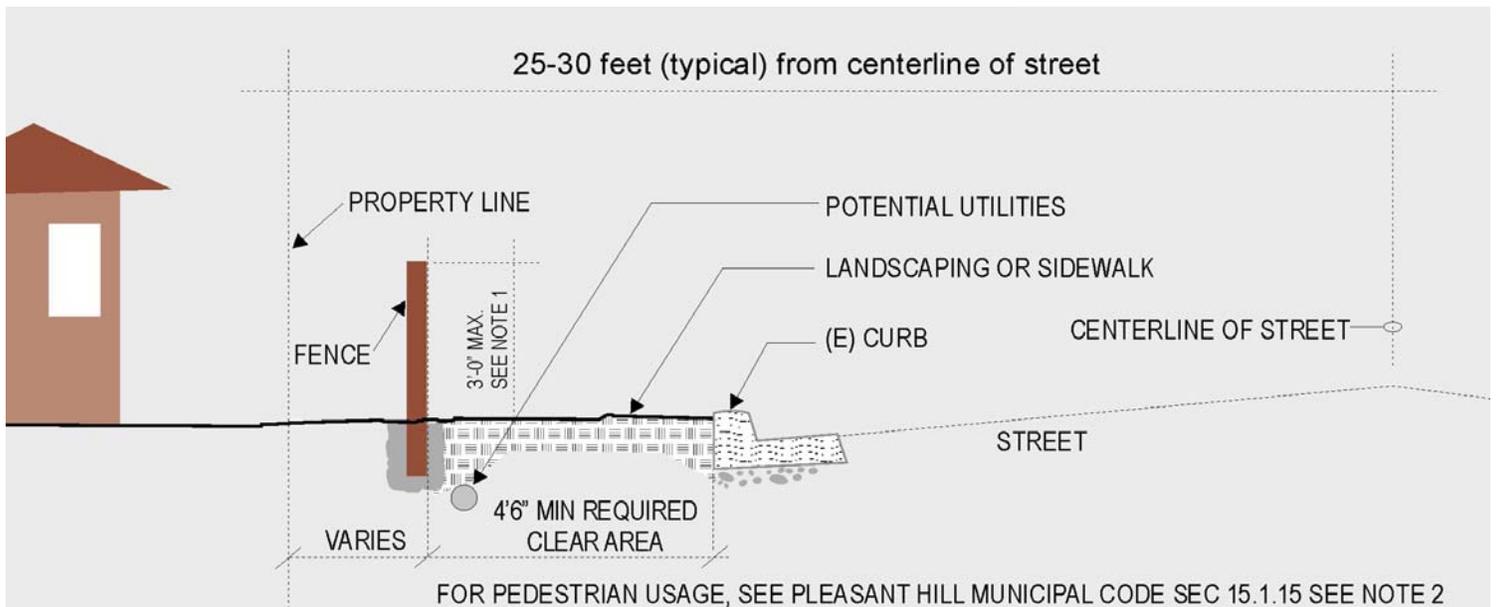
Encroachments permits are required for the following:

1. Excavating or disturbing the rights-of-way
2. Erecting a fence of any type, material, and height within the right-of-way
3. Constructing a pathway, sidewalk, or driveway
4. Constructing on, over, under, or within the right-of-way a culvert or other surface drainage or subsurface drainage facility
5. Constructing a pond or water structure
6. Placing a sewer pipeline, water lateral, pipe, conduit, or cable

7. Constructing a structure, retaining wall, or similar encroachment
8. Placing or leaving any obstruction or impediment, including debris boxes or storage moving bins on a right-of-way
9. Non-standard mailbox structures (standard mailboxes with a 4-by-4 post or similar are permitted).

Remember, if you are building within 15 feet of the roadway shoulder or 10 feet behind a concrete curb and gutter or 5 feet behind the sidewalk, you are likely within the City's Right-of-Way and encroaching, which will require a permit before you commence any work. ♣

The Engineering Division will schedule a site visit with you to discuss your future project—please give us a call at (925) 671-5264 to set up an appointment. Please remember that if you build without a permit you may be subject to the removal of the encroachment at your own cost.



Note 1. Any permanent fence (3 feet maximum) or structure within the City's Right of Way requires, if allowed, an Encroachment Permit from the Engineering Division. If a permit is granted, the City will request that the property owner remove the encroachment at property owner's expense, if the Right of Way is needed in the future for public improvements.

### Kennedy Laureate Dinner—November 12, 6pm-10pm at Blackhawk Auto Museum

Join John F. Kennedy University President and event chairs John and Cindy McCaffrey in honoring distinguished community leaders and raising critical scholarship funds to help underserved students and returning military veterans. This year, we have a generous 1:1 match up to \$100,000 to support the University's Undergraduate Success Center, which offers dedicated services and resources to support Hispanic/Latino and underserved students.

This year's honorees include: Kathleen Kennedy Townsend for her



Kathleen Kennedy Townsend



Eric Rudney



The Wentz Family

exceptional advocacy of education and community service, The Wentz Family Foundation for its innovative leadership in helping children, and Eric Rudney for his extraordinary philanthropy as a Contra Costa visionary.

Dinner will be catered by Scott's Seafood with wine generously hosted by Nuance Wines. To purchase tickets or for sponsorship information, please visit: [jfkku.edu/kennedylaureate](http://jfkku.edu/kennedylaureate).

#### Building successful nonprofit organizations

Sponsored by Tesoro and hosted by the Sanford Institute of Philanthropy at John F. Kennedy University, the 2016 Symposium provides an opportunity for nonprofit executives and their administrators with the tools necessary to build long-lasting, impactful organizations. It is held on November 15, 8am-4pm, at the Concord Hilton.

This free one-day event features a keynote address from thought leader, Rudolph A. Johnson III, CEO and President of Neighborhood House Association in San Diego; an appearance and speech by Sanford Institute namesake, Denny Sanford and a breakout session with nationally recognized expert and author Heather Car-

penter, PhD., among others. To register please visit: [jfkku.edu/symposium](http://jfkku.edu/symposium)

#### California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Business Leadership Program

John F. Kennedy University in partnership with the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Foundation is excited to announce the launch of a new online business leadership program specifically designed for chamber members and affiliates. Whether you are an established chamber member looking to grow your business, a new entrepreneur or simply someone who wants to make a significant impact in your community, this program will provide you with the tools to make a difference. To learn more or to register please visit: [jfkku.edu/chcc](http://jfkku.edu/chcc)

#### JFKU Veterans Day Celebration

November 11, 2016, 11am-4pm Pleasant Hill Park 147 Gregory Lane, PH

You are invited to join the VALOR Center at John F. Kennedy University, the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill and Pleasant Hill Grocery Outlet for a day of family fun to celebrate our veterans and thank them for their service. This free event is open to the public and will include food, music, games, BBQ, a bouncy house and much more! RSVP at [jfkku.edu/veteransday](http://jfkku.edu/veteransday). ♣

### Diablo Valley College ranks #1 in California as the best two-year college for adult learners

According to a September article published in Washington Monthly Magazine, "More than 40 percent of the 20.2 million students attending American colleges and universities are adults, defined as twenty-five years old or older." But the article goes on to explain that most colleges still cater to younger students in their recruiting efforts, course offerings, and in the types of services they offer.

Diablo Valley College was one of the top winners of Washington Monthly's adult learners guide to two-year colleges earning the #1 spot in California and a

ranking of #12 in the country. Visit [www.washingtonmonthly.com/college](http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/college) guide to read the entire article.

"When thinking about meeting the diverse educational needs of the community that we serve, we have always remembered to include our adult learners," said Ted Wieden, interim president of Diablo Valley College. "It is gratifying to have those efforts recognized. We consider working adults and the unique challenges they face returning to higher education after being away from a classroom for 10, 20 and even 30 years. Last

spring we launched a Program for Adult College Education (P.A.C.E.), which is a cohort program designed for working adults. We are seeing strong enrollment and we expect this program to continue to grow. Learn more at [www.dvc.edu/pace](http://www.dvc.edu/pace).

#### New program is perfect for people with odd schedules

New this winter, DVC is launching a fully-online, three-week program that runs through winter break from December 14 through January 4. The 3 and 4-unit courses offered are perfect to satisfy general education (GE) or transfer requirements. Find out more at [www.dvc.edu/now/December.html](http://www.dvc.edu/now/December.html). ♣

### Update from the Lions Club

The Lions Club supported local volunteers at the recent Pleasant Hill Community Service Day on September 24 at Pleasant Hill Park by providing a free breakfast for everyone. Lion members arrived prior to 6am in order to set up to serve the breakfast for the volunteers by 7:30am. More than 400 breakfasts were served consisting of pancakes, sausages, fruit, orange juice and milk.



### New Leadership

New club officers for 2016-17 were recently installed. Club President is Thierry Guichard, 1st VP is Jack Prosek, 2nd VP is Ramona MacIntyre, Treasurer is Ken Wombacher, Secretary is Rich Henne, and Past President Don Flaskerud is the Membership Chairman. The Club is also pleased to announce that new members, Richard and Elizabeth Lepre, Doug Eden, James Stanley, and Rich Azzopardi have been very active in club projects on both the local level as well as the District level.

### Upcoming Events

The Lions will be participating in the local Veteran's Day celebration on November 11 along with other community organizations. The annual crabfeed fundraiser takes place on Saturday, January 21 at the PH Senior Center so make your plans for this great event. You can get tickets from any Lion. In February the Club will again sponsor the annual Lions Student Speaker Contest which is open to all local high school students. Winners at the local level go on to compete at Zone, District, Region, and State levels for ever increasing scholarship money prizes.

Lions Club members enjoy participating in and sponsoring various activities, and always welcome new members to assist in their community service activities. If interested, please call the Membership Chair, Don Flaskerud at (925) 676 5859.

### Crestwood Healing Center is certified Green Business

Congratulations to Crestwood Healing Center on becoming a certified Green Business through the Contra Costa Green Business Program! Crestwood is a residential facility providing support and recovery to the mental health community.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of their "Green Machine," a facility-wide team focused on identifying and implementing green practices and achieved a remarkable list of accomplishments since their kick off during Earth Day 2015.

"Because humans are having profoundly detrimental effects on the environment, I believe that it is our responsibility to do the best we can to minimize our impact and care for our planet and the millions of species we share it with," said Quality Assurance and Sustainability Coordinator Chloe D Lancie.

Green Machine decided to prioritize water conservation first- not just because of the drought, but because they realized it is always wise to conserve water. From repairing leaks and installing efficient toilets, sink aerators and showerheads, to educating residents on ways to reduce water usage,

the facility cut its overall water usage by an astounding 45% in 2015. Through these efforts, they have saved nearly 1.5 million gallons of water to date.



But the Green Machine didn't stop there. In fact, the team was initially inspired into action based on the recognition of the massive amount of plastic cups being disposed of on a daily basis. Now, residents use reusable cups for water when taking their medicines, saving 75,000 plastic cups to date from being used once and disposed of. ♣

For more information on Crestwood Healing Center, visit [www.crestwoodbehavioralhealth.com](http://www.crestwoodbehavioralhealth.com).

For more information on the Contra Costa Green Business Program, visit [www.greenbusinessca.org](http://www.greenbusinessca.org).

### Rotary Club rain barrel project grows

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill's Rain Barrel project is now providing rain barrels to residents of Pleasant Hill. Following the successful installation of a demonstration rain barrel project at Rodgers Ranch, low cost barrels and installation hardware were available for purchase at Community Service Day, and the barrels SOLD OUT! Plans are under way for an installation at the Irwin Deutscher Family YMCA in Pleasant Hill, and Rotary will continue to make barrels and hardware available at a reduced price by partnering with local vendors.

For additional information and updates, please send an e-mail [rotaryrainharvesting@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryrainharvesting@gmail.com). ♣



### NEW Winter/Spring 2017 Spotlight available in print and online on 11/28. Registration opens December 5th

Sign up for Youth & Teen Winter Break Camps Early!

- Adventure Kids Winter Break Camp (Grades K-5)  
7:00am-6:00pm, 12/19-12/23 (Mon-Fri), 12/27-12/30 (Tues-Fri), KIDSTOP at Gregory Gardens Elementary
- Xtreme Winter Break Camp (Grades 6 & up, siblings, Grades 3 & up)  
Super flexible fun! Register by day. 12/19-12/22 (Mon-Thu) and 12/27-12/29 (Mon-Wed), PH Teen Center
- Winter Break Tennis Camp (6-12 years)  
9:00am-12:00pm, 12/26-12/30 (Mon-Fri), College Park HS Tennis Courts 11/28. Registration opens December 5.
- Youth NBA/WNBA Basketball (Co-ed, Grades 3-5 & 6-8)  
Register Now! Season runs 1/7-2/25/17, Saturday games.

### NEW Holiday Cooking Classes (16 yrs & up)

- Learn how to make delicious Thanksgiving treat tarts and a Christmas Traditional Yule Log Cake. Hands-on instruction! For more details, visit [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com).

### First Thursday Social Club

- Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, 11/3, 12/1, PH Teen Center  
Monthly Social Club for adults with developmental disabilities.  
Drop In Fee: \$7 (Caregivers free) For more information, contact Sheila Cotruvo at [scotruvo@pleasanthillrec.com](mailto:scotruvo@pleasanthillrec.com).

### Cover2Cover Reunion Dance Party—ONE NIGHT ONLY!

- November 4, 8:00–11:00pm, PH Community Center Perera Pavilion  
Get ready to dance! Long-time favorite, high-energy dance band, Cover2Cover, will reunite for one special evening only. Beer and wine available for purchase. Get your tickets early at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com). Admission: \$20 (21+ yrs only).

### Attention Runners! Are you tough enough for THIS Turkey Trot? 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Trot Trail Run (all ages)

November 20, Race begins 9:00am, Pre-register for T-shirt by 11/9, rain or shine. Take on 8.4 miles of rigorous trail in the beautiful hills of Briones Regional Park. Category winners take home a turkey. Sign up at [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com).

### Let The Magic Continue!

#### PHRec Holiday Festival Returns! FREE

- December 7, 5:00-8:30pm, PH Community Center  
Don't miss the most magical Holiday Festival in Contra Costa County! Get into the holiday spirit with a variety of activities sure to delight the whole family. Food available for purchase.

### Breakfast with Santa

- December 3, 8:30-9:30am or 10:00-11:00am  
Santa will join you and your family for a morning of holiday cheer, live entertainment and pancakes, sausage and more! Must pre-register online by 11/30. Visit [pleasanthillrec.com](http://pleasanthillrec.com).

### Save the Date in 2017

Diablo Valley Preschool Fair—January 21, 10:00am-1:00pm, at the PH Community Center.



## Senior Center events and activities

### ■ Pancake Breakfast— All ages welcome!

- ❑ First Sunday of the Month, Nov 6 and Dec 4, 8:30-10:30am
- ❑ PH Senior Center dining room

Enjoy a stack of pancakes or French Toast, eggs, sausage and orange juice and coffee.

Adults (11+): \$5, Children (5-10): \$3, 4 & under: Free!

### ■ Holiday Boutique & Craft Fair FREE!

- ❑ Saturday, Nov 19
- ❑ 9:00am-2:00pm

### ■ Thanksgiving luncheon

- ❑ Friday, Nov 18, 4:00–6:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center

Sit back and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal and entertainment. Tickets available at Senior Center. Members: \$15/person, Non-Members: \$20/person. No refunds.

### ■ Taste of the Vine

- ❑ Dec 2, 3:00–4:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center

Cozy up with us for the perfect holiday happy hour. Enjoy wine, food, laughter and a chance to win prizes. Sponsored by Carlton Senior Living. Tickets: \$10 pre-sale or \$15 day of event.

### ■ Clarinet Fusion Concert

- ❑ Thursday, Dec 8, 7:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center dining room

December 8, Doors Open: 6:30pm, concert begins: 7:00 pm, PH Senior Center. Tickets: \$5 pre-sale, \$8 day of.

### ■ Holiday luncheon

- ❑ Friday, Dec 16, 12:00pm
- ❑ PH Senior Center

Get into the holiday spirit with festive entertainment and delightful lunch. Tickets available at Senior Center. Members: \$15/person, Non-Members: \$20/person. No refunds.

## Pleasant Hill Library activities and events...

### ➤ **Circuit Art**

Maker Monday, Nov 14, 6:30-8:00pm  
Tinker Tuesday, Nov 15, 3:00-4:30pm

### ➤ **Gingerbread City**

Maker Monday, Dec 12, 6:30-8:00pm  
Tinker Tuesday, Dec 13, 3:00-4:30pm  
Make your own tasty house! You bring the creativity, and we have everything else you need.



### ➤ **Insect Discovery Lab**

Monday, Nov 7, 6:00pm  
Get up close and personal with insects and arthropods at this hands-on event!

### ➤ **Flash Sale—Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library**

Saturday, Nov 12 17, 9:30am–12:30pm  
The Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library's mini-used book sale will be held on the patio in front of the Library! Please stop by the front of the Library, weather permitting.

### ➤ **Diwali**

Monday, Nov 21, 6:30–7:30pm  
Move along with dance troupe Kalaikoil as they perform the classical south Indian dance, Bharatanatyam.

### ➤ **Ron Shoop's Top Book Picks**

Tuesday, Nov 15, 6:30pm  
Find out about new, intriguing and provocative titles for book lovers and book clubs.

### ➤ **Indi Innovators**

Fridays, 10:15am–12:15pm  
A unique opportunity for homeschoolers and independent learners in middle and high school. Explore the world of multimedia art and design. Create self-selected projects with real world applications. Assist and inspire Ingenuity Lab participants. Earn Volunteer Hours.

### ➤ **Ingenuity Lab**

Fridays, 11:00am–12:00pm  
A place for homeschooling families and independent learners to discover and create together. Explore STEM concepts while you complete exciting challenges. Meet us in the Public Meeting Room!

### ➤ **Winter Magic Show with Mike Della Pena**

Monday, Dec 5, 6:30pm  
Come enjoy this special wintertime magic show with one of our favorite magicians, Mike Della Pena



### ➤ **Adults Learn to Read Free—Volunteer Tutors needed**

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 opens December 9 for the January tutor training class. No previous teaching experience is required. Please visit [www.ccclib.org/psc/tutors.html](http://www.ccclib.org/psc/tutors.html) for more information. Together we can make a difference!

### ➤ **ESL Conversation Practice for Adults**

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30pm  
Pleasant Hill Library, Room A  
Come practice and improve your English conversation skills in an informal, small group setting. All levels. Sessions are free and registration is NOT required.

### ➤ **Teen Tech Help Desk – Drop-In Computer Help**

Saturdays, 12:00–2:00pm  
➤ **One on One Computer Tutoring**  
Wednesday, 11-1pm by appointment



### **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 for an extra craft after storytimes each Thursday.



### **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).

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

### ► **First Year Mom's Group**

Fridays, 10:00am, Room A

Connect with other new parents before storytime!

### ► **Senior Center Book Club**

Monday, Nov 7 and Dec 5, 12:00-1:00pm

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

### ► **Afternoon Book Club**

Friday, Nov 11 and Dec 9, 1:00-2:30pm

### ► **Evening Book Club**

Tuesday, Nov 22 and Dec 20, 6:30-7:30pm

### ► **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!



### ► **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!

### ► **Lucky Day Collection!**

Is today your lucky day? Find out by checking the “Lucky Day” shelf with dozens of best-selling titles here at the Library.



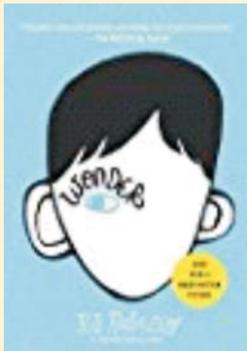
## Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library Flash Book Sale—November 12

Please join in this year's final outdoor book sale, November 12, 9:30am– 12:30pm. It will be held outside on the patio in front of the Library doors, depending on the weather. This is one of the smaller sales, with selected books and newer titles. Books individually priced. The sale will be cancelled if weather requires; check out their website for up to the minute news at [www.phlibraryfriends.org](http://www.phlibraryfriends.org).



### **One city, one book**

Friends of the Library participates in providing a gift book to every Pleasant Hill fifth grader for the One City One Book program. This year, the selection is “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio. It is a story of a fifth grade boy with a facial deformity who navigates his new public school world. It is a story of acceptance and inclusiveness, and the human impact of bullying. The goal of One City One Book is to encourage the whole family to read together, and to have everyone in Pleasant Hill discussing important issues. The community groups include The Pleasant Hill Rotary Club, City of Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill Community Foundation, and The Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education.



To see a study guide for the city reading program, check out the library website, [www.guides.ccclib.org/home/phreads](http://www.guides.ccclib.org/home/phreads).

### **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 Sale fundraisers.

**What makes a volunteer?** 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 [www.phlibraryfriends.org/join-us](http://www.phlibraryfriends.org/join-us). ♣



# VETERAN'S DAY

**Celebration for veterans and their families**

**November 11, 2016 ♦ 11:00am-4:00pm**  
**Pleasant Hill Park**

The VALOR Center at John F. Kennedy University and the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill invite you to celebrate our veterans and thank them for their service.

This family friendly event will have fun for the whole family with food, music, and games. There will be a BBQ, a bouncy house, bochi ball, football, basketball, and much more.

**This event is open to the public.**

**For more information or to RSVP, visit**  
**JFKU.EDU/VETERANSDAY or call 800-696-5358**

## Gregory Garden's Elementary PTA RUMMAGE SALE



**Saturday, November 12, 8am-2pm**  
**1 Corritone Ct, Pleasant Hill**

**No need to drive from sale to sale!**  
**We have everything in one place!!**

This is a community rummage sale with up to 60 different selling their gently used items.  
All to raise money for GG Elementary!

**Tons of great finds—all must go!!**

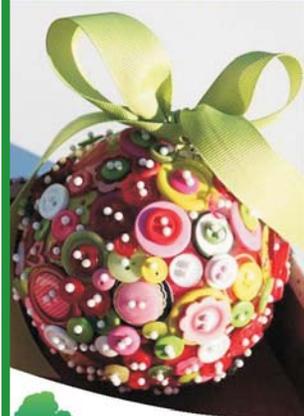


## Holiday BOUTIQUE & CRAFTS FAIR

**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Pleasant Hill Senior Center**  
**233 Gregory Lane**

- \* Over 40 Craft Vendors
- \* Handmade items from the Senior Center Boutique
- \* One-of-a-kind gift ideas
- \* Great Prices!

**FREE ADMISSION**



Start your holiday shopping here! (925) 798-8788 | pleasanthillrec.com

## Registration opens November 14th for Diablo Theatre Company's SingOut!

Classes begin in  
January

- Mini Kids  
(4 - 7 years old)  
Fri 3:30-4:15pm
- Kids Theatre  
(8 - 14 years old)  
Wed or Fri 4:15-6pm.



**101 Dalmatians Kids.** Come join the show! Everyone gets a part and will join in the fun in this Disney classic where the mean Cruella Deville and the adorable Dalmatian pups lead us on the adventure of a lifetime.

### Music Theatre Dance Class

Wednesdays (ages 8 - 11) 3:30-4:15pm

Wednesdays (middle and high school) 6-7:30pm

All level of dance experience welcome for these fast-paced classes which focus on developing performance skills and dance techniques for musical theatre style dance.

**For more information or to register,**  
**go to [www.Diablotheatre.org](http://www.Diablotheatre.org).**

**DVC Drama presents the powerful play,  
The Laramie Project**

“A pioneering work of theatrical reportage and a powerful stage event.”

—Time Magazine

The Laramie Project is a breathtaking theatrical collage that explores the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights of compassion of which we are capable. In October 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was left to die, tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. Five weeks later, members of the Tectonic Theater Project went to Laramie, and over the course of the next year, conducted more than 200 interviews with people of the town. From these interviews they wrote *The Laramie Project*, a riveting chronicle of the town of Laramie in the year after the murder.



THE LARAMIE PROJECT is directed by Joseph Winder. The show runs December 2-11. Show Times are Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm; Sundays at 2:30pm

For tickets, call (925) 969-2358 or go to our website at [www.dvcdrama.net](http://www.dvcdrama.net). DVC Drama is located at 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 with free parking for all performances. ♣

**Rodgers Ranch**

**Holiday Boutique**

**December 3 & 4 ♦ 10am–4pm**

**Unique and homemade gifts!  
Complete your holiday shopping  
in our 1860's farmhouse**

**Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center  
315 Cortsen Rd (off Grayson), Pleasant Hill  
(925) 937-3677**

**[www.RodgersRanch.org](http://www.RodgersRanch.org)  
[info@RodgersRanch.org](mailto:info@RodgersRanch.org)**

**Our rockin' community! Events for November and December 2016**

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Nov 4	Cover2Cover Renunion Dance Party	PH Community Center	PH Recreation & Park District	<a href="mailto:pleasanthillrec.com">pleasanthillrec.com</a>
Nov 11	Veteran's Day celebration	PH Park	JFKU, Rotary club of PH	800-696-5358
Nov 12	Flash Book Sale	Behind the library	Friends of the Library	<a href="http://PHLibraryFriends.org">PHLibraryFriends.org</a>
Nov 12	Gregory Garden Elem's PTA Rummage Sale	1 Corritone Ct, PH	Gregory Garden Elementary	
Nov 12	Kennedy Laurate Dinner	Blackhawk Auto Museum	JFKU	<a href="http://jfkku.edu/kennedylaurate">jfkku.edu/kennedylaurate</a>
Nov 15	Building Successful Nonprofit Organizations	Concord Hilton	Tesoro, JFKU	<a href="http://jfkku.edu/symposium1">jfkku.edu/symposium1</a>
Nov 18	Thanksgiving luncheon	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Nov 19	Holiday Boutique & Craft Fair	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Nov 30	Light Up the Night	Crescent Dr, downtown PH	City of Pleasant Hill, Downtown PH	671-5229
Dec 2	Taste of the Vine	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Dec 2-11	DVC Drama The Laramie Project	DVC Drama Theatre	DVC Drama	969-2358
Dec 3-4	Rodgers Ranch Holiday Boutique	Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm	Rodgers Ranch	<a href="http://www.RodgersRanch.org">www.RodgersRanch.org</a>
Dec 5	Winter Magic Show with Mike Della Pena	PH Library	PH Library	<a href="http://www.ccclib.org">www.ccclib.org</a>
Dec 7	PHRec Holiday Festival	PH Community Center	PH Recreation & Park District	<a href="mailto:pleasanthillrec.com">pleasanthillrec.com</a>
Dec 8	Clarinet Fusion Concert	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Dec 16	Holiday luncheon	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788

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



## New businesses August 2016

### Body Love Café (Chiropractic)

395 Taylor Blvd., #115  
925-788-6300  
[www.bodylovecafe.com](http://www.bodylovecafe.com)

### Gloria's Therapeutic Massage

395 Civic Drive, "E"  
925-421-8653

### GMG Cleaners (Dry Cleaning)

1946 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-691-1120

### Halloween Outlet

2665 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-594-0194

### Jennifer Erickson Canine Grooming

(Dog Grooming)  
1914 Oak Park Blvd.  
707-980-6754

### La Botanita Restaurant

(Mexican Restaurant)  
2290 Monument Blvd.  
925-685-5231

### Starbucks Coffee

552 Contra Costa Blvd.  
206-318-4994

### Starbread (Filipino Bakery)

706 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-446-4416

### The Car Doctor (Automotive Repair)

2686 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-300-3304  
[www.thecardoctor.org](http://www.thecardoctor.org)

### URS Threading (Eyebrow

Threading/Waxing/Facials)  
951 Contra Costa Blvd.  
510-214-3381  
[www.eyebrowthreadingplace.com](http://www.eyebrowthreadingplace.com)

### Donald King Consulting

(Healthcare Facilities & Energy)  
925-683-2693  
[don@donaldking.consulting](mailto:don@donaldking.consulting)

### Cooley Architectural Corp

408-515-7607  
[www.cooleyarch.com](http://www.cooleyarch.com)

### Emily Elmore (Online Sales –

Women's Apparel)  
925-289-8741

### Gabriella Rekasi (Computer

Programming/Consulting)  
925-768-5398

### Inbalance Bookkeeping Solutions

209-996-9472

### Residential Review

(Real Estate Appraising)  
925-788-3817

### Stitched Together Wedding

(Wedding Planning Events)  
925-818-6819

## New businesses September 2016

### Bryant Rochon Massage

2395 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-285-2837

### Dancing Hands (Massage/Bodywork)

2395 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-378-8407

### JJ Friedman (Therapy Services/ Mental Health)

91 Gregory Lane, #21  
925-528-9965

### Kayla Lobue (Massage Therapy)

1800 Oak Park Blvd., #B  
925-945-7890

### Brenan Peterman Catering

(Office for Catering Business)  
925-628-1307

### Izen Corporation (Contractor)

925-332-9411

### Craft of Heart (Office for Online Crafts)

925-271-0088  
[www.craftofheart.com](http://www.craftofheart.com)

### Snook Jewelry (Office –

Online Jewelry Sales)  
925-658-4050  
[www.snookjewelry.com](http://www.snookjewelry.com)

## Time to renew your business license

It's almost time for business owners in Pleasant Hill to be on the lookout for business license renewal notices. The notices will be mailed in mid-December to the mailing address on file.

If your business mailing address has changed since last December, notify the City's Business License Division at (925) 671-5234 or email to [lrdriguez@pleasanthillca.org](mailto:lrdriguez@pleasanthillca.org) as soon as possible to update your records and avoid any delay in resending mail to you. This will allow business owners the full grace period ending January 31, 2017.

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

business, have sold, closed or moved out of the City. Send a brief note explaining the situation, signed and dated, send to:

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

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

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

## City Meetings

# NOVEMBER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 2 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 3 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 7 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
Tue 8 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 8 6:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)*	Council Chambers
Thu 10 5:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 10 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Fri 11	City Hall closed for Veteran's Day	
Thu 17 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 21 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
Thu 24 & 25	City Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	

# DECEMBER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Thu 1 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 5 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
Wed 7 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 8 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (public hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 8 5:00pm	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 13 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 13 6:30pm	Planning Commission (public hearing)*	Council Chambers
Thu 15 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Community Room
Mon 19 7:30pm	City Council*	Council Chambers
Fri 23	City Hall closed for Christmas Eve Holiday	
Mon 26	City Hall closed for Christmas Holiday	

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

### The City Channel is looking for volunteers!

Be a part of creating exciting television programs right here in Pleasant Hill. If you are a student of film or television production or just interested in learning how a show is put together, come volunteer to be part of the City Channel crew. No experience is necessary. Contact Larry Hunt at [larrylogic@gmail.com](mailto:larrylogic@gmail.com). The City Channel airs on Comcast Channel 28, 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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#### CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Sue Noack  
Vice Mayor Michael G. Harris

#### Councilmembers

Ken Carlson • David Durant  
Tim Flaherty

City Manager June Catalano  
City Treasurer Mark W. Celio  
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 Jan/Feb is December 5. 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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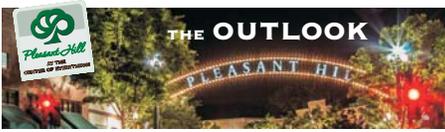


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#### Important Phone Numbers

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



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

In-home date by November 3

### Exchange Zone at PH Police Department

Pleasant Hill Police Department has set up an “Exchange Zone” in the front parking lot of the Police Department building at 330 Civic Drive.

An Exchange Zone is a designated area to facilitate private party, person-to-person exchanges of goods (which are generally arranged online).

The Exchange Zone consists of two distinctly marked parking stalls. They are in a well-lit location with 24-hour video surveillance, although it is not monitored 24/7.

“I’m hopeful that the use of the Zone will help increase safety and deter criminal activity,” said Captain Bryan Hill. “Come by and use it any time,” he added.

Please note that police officers will not be present and the department is unable to accept appointments. 🍀



### Measure K summary

Measure K would enact a ½ cent sales tax in Pleasant Hill for 20 years generating \$4 million of additional revenue each year for the City which would fund the following services:

- ✓ Fixing potholes and repaving neighborhood streets and roads
- ✓ Maintaining and upgrading the City’s storm drains
- ✓ Adding new sidewalks, and walking and bike paths
- ✓ Constructing a new community library
- ✓ Funding other City projects and services that Pleasant Hill residents have indicated are important to the community.

**For more information on Measure K go to [www.pleasanthillca.org/MeasureK](http://www.pleasanthillca.org/MeasureK).**

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