

the OUTLOOK

of Pleasant Hill, California



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Sales tax is a very important revenue source for the City of Pleasant Hill, with approximately 35% of the City's General Fund revenues coming from sales tax. When purchases are made within the City's boundaries and sales taxes are applied, the City receives one percent of the taxable sale. Sales taxes are essential to the basic operations of the City and are used to fund programs and services that have been identified in the City budget process, including capital improvement programs and economic development programs.

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Did you know.....

- ▶ If every household in Pleasant Hill (estimated at 13,800) spends on average \$960 annually on dining out in Pleasant Hill restaurants, approximately \$132,480 is received by the City.
- ▶ If every household spends an annual amount of \$4,000 a year on appliances, furniture, clothing, hardware, and other taxable miscellaneous items within the City, approximately \$4,554,000 is generated in sales tax revenues of which the City receives \$552,000.
- ▶ If every household purchases their gasoline at Pleasant Hill gas stations and spends an average of \$2400 a year on gasoline, the City receives \$331,200 in sales tax.

City launches new Interactive Guide on Website

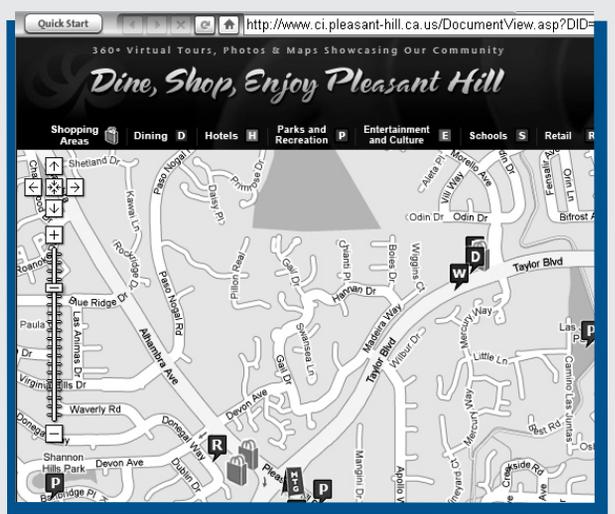


Residents can now quickly locate information on shopping, dining, area amenities and lots more on the city website (www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us) by clicking on the new Interactive Guide. Using the popular Google Maps as its interface, the Guide overlays maps with

customized markers indicating points of interest throughout the city. Clicking on any of the markers launches balloons with information about that item.

The Guide is an effective, visual way to show how attractive the city is to potential visitors and businesses considering locating here. It also serves as a way to keep residents apprised of what's going on around Pleasant Hill. For example, several unique features include development projects (shown as yellow hardhat icons) and public meeting notices (shown as green "sandwich board" icons).

This innovative feature was designed by local resident, Dan Stone, of 360Village Online Communications (www.360Village.com).



Hundreds turn out for Community Service Day

The 4th annual Community Service Day was a tremendous success when more than 870 volunteers worked on 22 projects across the City. The day started out with a pancake breakfast, cooked by the Lions Club, for over 500 people at Pleasant Hill Park. Everyone dispersed to the various school and neighborhood projects to work on clean-up, landscaping, painting, food collections, and bike repair projects. Afterwards, Outback Steakhouse treated 400 volunteers to lunch back at the park. Some highlights from this year:

- 872 volunteers worked on 22 projects
- 17 businesses sponsored and participated
- 9 scout troops collected 3,846 lbs of Food for Contra Costa Food Bank
- 6 churches, eight schools and six community organizations provided many volunteers and projects to work on
- more than 50 bikes were repaired for needy kids.

The Civic Action Commission thanks everyone who participated and hopes to see you all next year on **Saturday, September 26, 2009**.



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Interactive Community Guide on City website

Every cent of City sales tax money is spent on City programs, projects, and work efforts for the residents and businesses. The City understands that it is often difficult to determine the boundaries of where “local” begins and ends. An exciting new feature on the City website (www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us), the Interactive Community Guide, will help provide you with an easy way to find listings of local businesses that are located within our boundaries, and if you have a question about whether or not a particular business is located within the City of Pleasant Hill...just ask....we are happy to help you! Call us at 671-5213 or 671-5215.

Remember that the next time you or your family go shopping....or out to a restaurantor to a movie....or to put gas in your vehicle, make your tax dollars work for you and your community by shopping local.

Some interesting sales tax facts

- Why shop local?
 - ❑ Sales tax is a major source of revenue for the City
 - ❑ When your purchases are made locally and sales tax is applied, the City receives 1% of the taxable sales amount.
 - ❑ Purchases that are made outside the City boundaries generate no revenue for City residents or businesses.
- Of the 8.25% total sales tax, where does it all go?
 - ❑ 6% to the State
 - ❑ 1.25% to other governmental agencies
 - ❑ 1% to city where the purchase is made
- What percentage of the City’s budget is based on sales tax each year?
Currently 35% of the City general fund revenues come from sales tax. ♣



Prepare to renew business licenses for 2009

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 with the City for your business. If your business mailing address has changed since last December, please notify the City’s Business License Division at 671-5234 or email Lisa Rodriguez at Lrodriguez@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us as soon as possible to update your records and avoid having to re-send the application to you. This will allow business owners the full grace period ending January 31, 2009.

You should also notify the Business License Division if you are no longer in business, have sold, closed or moved out of the City. A brief note explaining the situation, signed and dated, and sent to City of Pleasant Hill, Business License Division, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 or email to Lrodriguez@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

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

Reducing false alarms

The City of Pleasant Hill has an Alarm Ordinance to encourage more responsible usage of alarm systems, and to facilitate the Police Department’s effective and efficient response to alarms. False alarms now represent more than 97% of all alarm calls. Responding to these false alarms hinders or delays officers from responding to other calls for service and to meet other needs within the community.

This is a friendly reminder that alarm permits must be renewed each year. Renewal fees are due by December 31, 2008 for permit year 2009. The renewal fee is currently \$26. The alarm permit/renewal form is available online at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/alarm_permit.

Please mail check and completely filled out form to the Pleasant Hill Police Department, 330 Civic Drive, attention Alarm Administrator. If you have any questions, call Maureen Rasmussen-Salvetti at 288-4632. ♣

Bob Lee retires from the Maintenance Division

The Maintenance Division bids a fond farewell to its longest serving employee, Robert (“Bob”) Lee. Pleasant Hill was quite different 35 years ago when Bob came to work for the City. After serving in Vietnam with the Army, Bob started with Pleasant Hill in 1973 doing janitorial work and building maintenance for City Hall. He has been part of major changes to the City—a new City Hall, a new Police Department building, a new Public Services Center building, and an entirely new downtown community.

Bob started in the City’s Maintenance Division in 1975 and has done virtually all of the maintenance jobs. He’s made signs (street names and traffic signs) and he worked on the street crew (painting curbs and repairing roads); but his favorite job is landscaping. Bob takes a great deal of pride in his work along the medians of Taylor Blvd. and Chilpancingo Parkway, and the entire green belt of Gallery Walk, but most especially at the Police Department building on Civic Drive. Bob is responsible for all of the landscape design and maintenance in these areas, and you can tell by looking at them that he truly enjoys his work.



After 35 years of working in Pleasant Hill, Bob is looking forward to spending time fishing from his second home on Klamath Lake and cruising to new destinations throughout the world. He and his wife Agnes, who is recently retired from the City of Concord, are eager to spend time with their 6 grandchildren. Bob says he will miss his co-workers, though; “it’s like a family over here. We never have a dull moment, and it’s always been lots of laughs.” The Maintenance Division and all of the City workers thank Bob Lee for his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in his retirement. ♣

Minimizing graffiti in Pleasant Hill

Graffiti is an unfortunate problem in Pleasant Hill and the City is very aware of the need to discourage, prevent, and remove it on both public and private property. In the recent past there have been noticeable spikes in the volume of graffiti at certain times of the year, particularly at the start of school, during the spring and summer months, and during school vacations.

In certain instances, City work crews have concentrated on recurring hotspots and “themes” of graffiti in some areas of the City. The Police Department has determined that the vast majority of graffiti vandalism in Pleasant Hill is not gang related.

How to report graffiti

- To report graffiti on public property (parks, bridges, roadways, utility boxes, and buildings/facilities) in Pleasant Hill, call the Public Works Maintenance Division at 671-4646.
- To report graffiti on private property call Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Lange, at 671-5207.
- For both private and public property, the secondary contact is the Police Department non-emergency number at 288-4600.
- If you see graffiti in progress, call the Police immediately at 288-4600.

What to do if you are a victim of graffiti

- Contact your local police department to file a report.
- Photograph the graffiti before removal to aid law enforcement in their investigation.
- If you have a business with video cameras, see if the suspect is visible and advise the Police.
- Remove graffiti immediately. Studies have shown that immediate removal of graffiti (within 24-48 hours) dramatically reduces repeat offenses.



Due to the frequency of graffiti incidents on utility-owned facilities, and the often delayed response from utilities such as PG&E and AT&T, City Maintenance crews have begun to remove graffiti on utility poles, cabinets, and boxes. While this requires additional City resources, it has been shown that if the graffiti is not removed immediately, the problem often intensifies.

Regarding the presence of multiple notices posted on streetlight and telephone poles, any posting in the public right-of-way is illegal without prior approval. One notable exception, however, is during election campaigns. Further, provisions in the Pleasant Hill Municipal Code (Section 18.60.060) prohibit any posting of notices on public property. When such postings are found or notification of such postings is received, contact is made with the appropriate utility to remove the notices. At times, when the utility company is slow to respond, City crews have removed the postings.

The City is working diligently to be as proactive as possible concerning graffiti. The City website includes contact information for various utilities; and the Police Department has increased efforts to work with school outreach programs to teach children about the negative effects of vandalism and graffiti. In partnership with the community, the City will further all efforts with the goal of keeping Pleasant Hill looking clean and vibrant. ♣

Commercial zoning changes

Changes will help resolve land use conflicts

On October 6, 2008, the City Council formally adopted changes to the City of Pleasant Hill Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance), specifically amending land use regulations within the Neighborhood (“NB”) and Retail Business (“RB”) Zoning Districts, non-residential zoning districts.

What are the changes?

The NB Districts include smaller neighborhood shopping centers such as the Oak Park Shopping Center, and the RB Districts include most businesses along Contra Costa Boulevard. The changes adopted by the City Council are intended to give the City more tools to help resolve potential conflicts between certain commercial and residential uses, as well as to help ensure adequate parking remains available within our commercial shopping centers.

The uses affected by the ordinance changes in the NB zoning district are Fitness Studios and Personal Improvement Services. The affected land uses in the RB zoning district include Clubs & Lodges, Emergency Medical Care, Park & Recreational Facilities, Animal Clinics, Animal Hospitals, Commercial Recreation & Entertainment, Fitness Studios, and Personal Improvement Services. These uses are currently allowed in the NB and RB Zoning District; however, with the ordinance change, they will now be required to obtain a conditional use permit from the City before they can open.

Why did the City make these changes?

Many NB and RB zoning districts are often adjacent to residential neighborhoods that can be affected by impacts from excessive noise, late hour operations, or parking congestion. This can result in conflicts between the two different land uses. By requiring a conditional use permit, the City can add operational or design conditions to resolve potential conflicts related to noise, parking, hours of operation, and similar issues that may affect adjacent neighborhoods and existing businesses. Previously, these uses were allowed to locate in the City without detailed review or special conditions.

The City also has a strong interest in maintaining and enhancing the viability of its NB and RB retail commercial areas to support local business, provide a variety of retail shopping opportunities for residents and to protect local sales tax revenues. Requiring a conditional use permit for uses that can cause potential conflicts with existing residences or businesses gives the City more tools to resolve concerns and provides the public with improved opportunities to weigh in on land use decisions.

Will these new laws affect existing businesses?

The simple answer is no, it will not affect existing uses/businesses. The new requirements are targeted toward new uses/businesses. However, if an existing business moves to a new location or significantly changes or expands in its current location, then the new rules may apply. For specific information relating to this, we recommend that you call the City Planning Division to find out more information that is specific to your situation.

Anything else?

While the City Council approved the changes in October, they are not effective until November 6, 2008. For more information on the changes mentioned in this article, please call the Planning Division at 671-5209 or visit the City website at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us and click on the “Contact Us” button on the City website. ♣

Letter to homeowners from the City Building Crew

CONSTRUCTION RECYCLING FOR HOME RENOVATIONS AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS...

The State of California requires that each local jurisdiction in the state divert 50% of discarded materials from landfills. The City has a Construction and Demolition Recycling Ordinance in place to handle the diversion of job-site waste materials for projects costing \$50,000 or more, residential additions of 600 square feet or more, and/or commercial projects involving 5,000 square feet. If your project meets any of these criteria then you need to complete a Waste Management Plan (WMP) when applying for your permit at City Hall.

The process is reasonably simple—the City supplies the form for the applicant to fill out with an estimate of the material to be removed. Then, when the debris is removed and taken to the Allied Waste location, the receipt(s) would be attached to the form and the form completed with the information. It would then be returned to the Building Division prior to completion of the project. To ensure compliance, a performance security fee (or deposit) may be required for projects submitting a WMP.

Some examples of successful construction recycling are OSB plywood, sheetrock paper, trek decking, roofing material, and base rock.

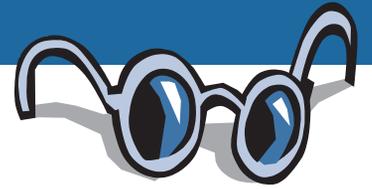
Along with this demolition of waste materials another process may be included. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District may need to be informed of the demolition to determine the presence of asbestos in the waste materials prior to commencement of any demolition or renovation activity. If this is necessary, the City would require clearance from this District prior to permit issuance.

All this information is available in our office at 671-5200 or email vlittle@ci.pleasant-hil.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Mike, Vicki, Ed, and Brent
City Building Division, 671-5200

Property development activity at a glance



The development projects described below are currently underway or completed in various parts of the City.

UNDERWAY

► Oak Park Christian Center

Grading of the Oak Park Christian Church is being done in preparation of the

construction of the new 16,000 square foot sanctuary. The grading plans include construction of underground detention vaults, designed to store additional stormwater runoff generated from the expansion. Construction of parking lot improvements, landscape enhancements, and traffic modifications on Oak Park

Boulevard (including relocation of the crosswalk at Wendell Lane) are scheduled to follow. Grading is scheduled to be completed in early 2009.

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► Crossroads Shopping Center renovation

The renovation included construction of approximately 10,500 square feet of new building area to accommodate a new Marshall's and an expansion of Friedman's Appliance and additional shops. Other site improvements included resurfacing and restriping the parking lot and adding parking spaces and new landscaping. Construction was completed in September 2008.



► Pleasant Hill Oncology



The Oncology Center located at 400 Taylor Boulevard has completed its 2,800 square foot expansion and renovation. The new parking area in the rear utilizes pervious asphalt, which was designed to filter stormwater and reduce the pollutant load to the City's creek system, a first for the City. Other renovations included a new porte-cochere entry feature, additional façade improvements, new landscaping, and ADA improvements along the frontage. Construction was completed in October 2008.

► Police facilities repairs

The Police Facilities Repairs (Phase I) corrected building deficiencies related to a history of leaks at the facility. The project replaced approximately 12,000 SF of deficient building exterior wood siding with a less expensive and more durable cellular fiber cement board system. The project also replaced single pane windows and doors with energy efficient windows and doors which will reduce the energy costs to heat and cool the building and extend the life of the HVAC system. The building exterior was also repainted with new colors.



Planning on adding a retaining wall? Keep these things in mind...

Your wall may require a permit from the City

If the wall is taller than 4 feet from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, then you must obtain a permit. You will need to provide structural calculations and construction documents prepared by a licensed civil engineer.

You should contact the Engineering Division first

Please contact the Engineering Division at 671-5261 before you build. Staff can assist you in the process of building your wall so that it is built properly and in compliance with City and State codes.

Your wall should be located on your private property

Walls should not be located in the City right-of-way, in a public or private easement, or in the "vision triangle." Engineering staff can assist you in determining the location of easements (an area dedicated for specific purposes like utilities and drainage) and the "vision triangle" (an area adjacent to streets and driveways that needs to be free of obstructions to allow safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles).

Your proposed wall may require approval from the Planning Division

If the proposed wall is located in the front, side, or rear setback areas, additional requirements (related to height, material, and color) may apply. Contact the Planning Division at 671-5209 for assistance.

One more thing...

Before you hire a contractor to build your wall, please check the Contractors State Licensing Board website at www.cslb.ca.gov. You should hire a reputable contractor who is licensed to perform this kind of work.

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.

Flooding in your neighborhood

To report a flooding problem in your neighborhood, you can report it to the City Maintenance Division simply by calling 671-4646 weekdays during regular business hours.

Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs)

Certain areas have been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Special Flood Hazard Areas. SFHAs are areas where properties are inundated by the 100 year flood. A "100 year flood" refers to the magnitude of rainfall and subsequent flooding that has a 1% chance of occurring every year. FEMA's statistics show there is a 26% chance that a structure located in a SFHA will be inundated by a 100-year flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. In comparison, the risk of fire is approximately 5% in the same time period. Smaller floods have a greater chance of occurring in any given year and can still create a significant hazard to life and property.

Local flood hazard

Flooding in our City is generally caused by the following: a creek overtopping its banks, blocked storm drains, and poor site drainage. To find out more information on local flood hazards, or for information on any other flood related question, call the City's floodplain manager at 671-5261

City flood service

If requested, City staff will visit a property to review its flood problem(s) and explain ways to reduce flooding potential or help to prevent flood damage. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at City Hall, at the Central County Library located at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant Hill (646-6434), and on the City's website at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood..

Drainage system maintenance

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



Property protection measures

There are several ways to help protect property from flood hazards. 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. See the article on the next page for information on where sand bags will be available.
- 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 about how to help protect your property from floods or retrofitting techniques, call the City's floodplain manager at 671-5261, visit the Central County Library at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard phone (925) 646-6434, or check out the City's website at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood.

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. The EC must be prepared by a licensed surveyor or civil 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/business/nfip/elvinst.shtm).

The City of Pleasant Hill maintains the Elevation Certificates of all new and substantially improved buildings in the SFHA. To obtain a copy of the certificates or for help in preparing one, call the City's floodplain manager at 671-5261.



Flood warnings

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

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

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City preparation for the storm season

The City's Maintenance Division works throughout the year to keep storm drains, creeks, and waterways clean. However, in early September, crews start making focused efforts to prepare for the winter storms. Here are a number of items that maintenance crews are working on.

Creek cleanups—The City received a permit from the California Department of Fish & Game to remove silt and debris to assure maximum water flows through the creek system.

Maintenance crews are working with the East Bay Conservation Corps to remove silt and debris that has collected under several of the larger bridge structures throughout the City. This helps the creeks flow throughout the year. Approximately 100 cubic yards of silt and debris will be removed from the following:

- Murderer's Creek under the Boyd Road bridge
- Grayson Creek under the Boyd Road bridge
- Grayson Creek at Cleveland Road and Astrid Drive
- Grayson Creek under the Taylor Boulevard bridge
- Oakvue Channel
- Santa Monica Channel
- Ellinwood Creek

1,500 catch basins throughout the city are inspected and cleaned prior to the storm season.

Creek inspection notices—In July notices were sent to more than 400 property owners abutting creeks within the City's sphere of influence. Property owners must adhere to the City's creek maintenance guidelines that address safe and best practices for clearing and maintenance. A second follow up inspection is done in September to see if compliance has been accomplished

Sandbags—Bags and sand have been ordered and will be available in early winter. The three "fill-your-own" sites will have sand and bags avail-

able by December 1, and the "emergency" stations will be stocked before the first major storm. The sites are for use only by the residents of Pleasant Hill; residents are asked to take no more than 10 bags.

Fill-your-own sandbags sites will be at:

- City Hall parking lot (100 Gregory Lane at Trelany – behind Michael's)
- Community Center parking lot (320 Civic Drive, behind the Police Department)
- Monticello at Oak Park Boulevard (across from the PH Central Library)

Emergency stations will be at:

- Safeway parking lot (Patterson Boulevard at Oak Park Boulevard)
- Kahrs Ave – west side in the turnout between Coleman Court and Turrin Drive
- Liahona Court (by Sequoia Elementary School)
- 212 Poshard Street (private resident's curb)

Winter storm tracking—Using the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast models, the projected path, magnitude, intensity and duration of storms will be tracked. This information will be used to determine the type and amount of resources needed to address a given storm event. Also, weather reports will be posted on the city's website under News & Updates that provide a summary of the NWS forecast including weather watches, warnings, and advisories. ♣

Instructional Garden continues to thrive

The Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden—a water conservation and low maintenance demonstration garden initiated during Community Service Day in 2007—received the help of about 12 volunteers and steering committee members at this year's Community Service Day. Some of the work done on September 20th included:

- ▶ Building a raised bed for native grasses and drought tolerant plants
- ▶ Preparing soil for planting a lawn substitute
- ▶ Finishing a dry creek bed to direct water to flow to a bog area
- ▶ Turning of compost, weeding, and finishing the building of a gravel path for access into the garden.

Volunteers this year included the mother of a steering committee member and students of the Mt. Diablo Adult Education gardening program. Donations of river rock by BART, gravel by Mt. Diablo Landscape Center, and tools by Navlet's,



Chevron, and others made this effort possible. Previously, a grant from the Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission and recycled water made available by Central Contra Costa Sanitary District helped establish the project. United Way's annual volunteer drive, the Week of Caring, kicked off fall activities in the garden the previous week.

Future garden work parties are scheduled for Sunday November 2 and 16, December 7 and 14, as well as Friday, November 28 and December 19 to continue preparing and planting beds and working on a micro irrigation system. Volunteers are needed to help with those and other projects. Contact Monika Olsen, teacher at Pleasant Hill Education Center, (925) 937-1530 or email phecgarden@prodigy.net for more information. ♣

Need help? Programs and events at Cornerstone Baptist Church can do that

Cornerstone Baptist Church has many ongoing events and gatherings that are open to all members of the Pleasant Hill community. The church offers free counseling for addiction recovery, a grief support program, English classes, teen programs, and much more. See below for more details on all of these program and activities.

- **Addiction Recovery Program**—This program is called Reformer's Unanimous, or RU. RU meets every Friday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Additional class meeting times are available on Wednesday and Sunday.
- **GriefShare**—This is a 13-week grief support group meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. For more information on the next session start date call 934-4756. There is a \$15 cost of materials for this class.
- **English Classes**—The English Second Language program is free and is every Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- **Teen Programs**—After school youth and teen programs meet on Wednesday from 2:45–4:15pm.



More information is available at www.cornerston4life.org. The Foundation Singers Choir will also be caroling Downtown Pleasant Hill on Friday, December 12 and Sunday, December 14. ♣

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Floodplain development permit requirements

Any development within the SFHA is subject to Federal and City Floodplain management requirements. Always check with the Engineering Division before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. To report illegal floodplain development activity, call the City's Floodplain Manager at 671-5261.

- **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.

For additional information on the City's Floodplain Management Program, visit the City's website at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood or contact the City's floodplain manager at 671-5261.

Adult programs

Enjoy an evening of classical guitar music at Pleasant Hill Library!

Wednesday evening, November 5, 2008 at 7:00pm, Pleasant Hill Library is pleased to host local classical guitarist Glenn Staller, who will perform works from Spain, Brazil and Argentina by composers Sor, Albeniz, Piazzolla, Pereira and others. This free adult program is suitable for attentive children ages 4 and up and is made possible through the support of the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library.

Children's programs

It's holiday sing-along time at the Pleasant Hill Library!

Kick-off the holiday season by joining us on Thursday, December 11, 7pm. We'll hand out lyrics to help you sing along to some classic holiday songs. Old crooners and young chirpers and everything in-between welcome! Don't miss the fun.

Shake, rattle and roll at the African Dance Program!

World renowned, Ghana born special guest Nana-Dictta Graves elicits enthusiasm and energy as she introduces traditional African rhythms, music and dance to kids 2nd grade and up! Wednesday, November 12 from 7-7:45pm. Registration is limited and required.

Kid fun with Flute Sweets and Tickletoons!

Tickle and engage your little ones' imaginations with the sweet, soft, playful, and funny sounds of musical-storytellers Flute Sweets and Tickletoons. For kids ages 2-5. Saturday, November 8 at 3pm. Good times guaranteed; no registration required.

Small Business Workshop

International Marketing for Small Business

Are you considering expanding your scope of operations abroad, either because of opportunities you have identified or because pressures in your domestic operations have made exploring foreign markets a necessity? Whether you are offering a service or a product, you will learn how to build on your successful marketing in the U.S. Find out what is new and different when marketing internationally. The presentation will cover the challenges, barriers, costs and risk associated with marketing outside the U.S.

Instructor: Lee D. Williams of LDW Marketing Services in Walnut Creek This workshop is sponsored by the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center and the Contra Costa County Library. To register for this free workshop, call 646-5377 or email zaziz@contracostasbdc.com

Location: Pleasant Hill Library

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008

Time: 7:00-9:00pm



Library makes research easier

New subject guides provide a one-stop shop to quality information on the Web

Need information? Need it fast? Want it to be good? The Contra Costa County library has put together subject guides (<http://guides.ccclib.org/>) that combine the best information from the web with some of the library's own physical and electronic collections, to make researching a faster and easier process.

Subject Guides offer quality Internet sites that have been handpicked by local librarians for the breadth and depth of their content. In addition to the top notch written information contained in the guides, users will find news feeds, podcasts, and videos that relate to the guide's topic. Users are able to rate the guide resources, leave comments, and subscribe to new and updated content.

The growing collection of topics for which the library has created guides include Do-it-Yourself, News & Current Events, Books & Literature, History, and even a special guide for the 2008 Election.

The guides can be found online at guides.ccclib.org.

For more information about programs at the Pleasant Hill Library, please call the library at 646-6434 during open hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12-8; or Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10-6; or visit the library online at ccclib.org.

Where to find your holiday treeand how to dispose of it afterwards!

Support the Dolphins in December

Here's a way to support the Pleasant Hill Dolphins Swim Team! Buy a beautiful Christmas tree at the tree lot at the Winslow Center parking lot on the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Taylor Boulevard. Staffed by members of the Dolphins parents club, this is the place to find outstanding trees at great prices! The sale begins the weekend after Thanksgiving. Go Dolphins!



Holiday tree recycling

- Yard Waste Cart—Place unflocked trees in your yard waste cart. Branches must be 6 inches or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in length. Cut off tree tops. Lid must be closed.
- Curbside Collection—Unflocked holiday trees will be picked up curbside the week of January 12-16.
- Drop-off Option—If you miss curbside collection, you can bring your tree to 444 N. Buchanan Circle in Pacheco, across from Allied Waste Service's main office, between 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Questions? Call customer service at (925) 685-4711.

Diablo Valley College spring classes begin January 15

Don't miss your opportunity to take advantage of the best educational opportunity around. Take courses to improve your job skills, learn the

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necessary skills to change careers, transfer to a four-year college, or just learn about something that has always interested you. At just \$20 per unit, you simply can't get a better education anywhere for less!

DVC is the region's premier transfer institution, advancing the intellectual and professional development of Central Contra Costa County through compelling transfer and workforce programs and an unparalleled commitment to learning. DVC serves more than 34,000 students annually on its main campus in Pleasant Hill, a campus in San Ramon, and an outreach center at Walnut Creek. For a free schedule of classes, call 1-800-690-0222 or visit www.dvc.edu.

DVC's Emeritus college has some sweet holiday treats for you!

Discover exceptional learning opportunities for adults with "no tests, no stress, no homework, no kidding." Topics include history, music, religion, health, literature, language for travelers, world events, yoga, art and travel. Coming up this month:

► CHOCOLATE CANDY

Wednesday, November 19, 1-3pm
DVC/Walnut Creek Center, Lounge

Learn the secrets of working with chocolate to create candy.

Instructor: Cheri Caswell.

1 Class: 25 (\$23 EC Members)

► HAPPINESS

Wednesday, November 5, 12, 19,
10:30am-noon,
DVC/Walnut Creek Center,
Conference Rm.

Examine exercises that will elevate your lasting happiness to levels you've only dreamed were possible.

Instructors: Bob Nozik, MD, Professor Emeritus UCSF and author of *Happy 4 Life: Here's How to Do It*, and his colleague, Jack Mcurdie, MA, UCSF lecturer and author.

3 Classes: \$30 (\$27 EC Members)

► HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING, ITALIAN STYLE

Thursday, November 20, 12-2pm
DVC/Walnut Creek Center
Lounge

Prepare and enjoy a multitude of tasteful appetizers prepared with the freshest ingredients and displayed with panache

Instructor: Lucia Falcone, born and raised in Murano, Italy

1 Class: \$25 (\$22 EC Members)

► TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE

Thursday, November 20, 1-3pm

DVC/Walnut Creek Center, Room 105

gain a general idea of what traditional Chinese medicines and remedies are and how the Yin Yang theory, and the theory of five elements are involved.

Instructor: Lei Wah Wong

1 Class: \$15 (\$13 EC Members)



Drama Events

Now through November 9

'Frankenstein' PAC Main Stage

Monday, November 24, 7:00pm

Professors Reading Playwrights,
PAC Main Stage

December 5-14

'Jesus Hopped the A Train' Production –
PAC Main Stage

Tickets and information available
at the Box Office: 687-4445

Art Events

December 8-11

The DVC Ceramics Sale –

Contact: Karl McDade 685-1230, ext. 2226

Now through December 9

The Doof Museum of Culture
and History, Exhibition

Contact: DVC Art Gallery 685-1230, ext. 2471

DVC Music

Tuesday, November 11, 8pm

DVC Jazz Club presents Three Combos in
Concert: The Hep Septet, Rory Snyder,
coach, The Friday Combo and the Tues-
day/Thursday Combo, Glenn Appell, coach
Music Building Room M-101
\$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

Thursday, November 13, 2pm

Piano Concert Series Advanced Piano/Piano
Ensemble, Bruce Cook, director
Music Building Room M-101
No admission charge

Friday, November 14, 3pm

DVC Choral Festival, Bret Peppo, host
DVC Performing Arts Center
No admission charge

Tuesday, November 18, 8pm

DVC Jazz Club presents Vocal Jazz
Ensembles, Bret Peppo, director
Music Building Room M-101
\$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

The Emeritus College spring brochure of classes and events will be mailed in January, or visit www.dvc.edu/emeritus. To join our mailing list, call 906-9105. We also offer educational travel trips; for more information, please visit www.travelearn.com/diablo.



Wednesday, November 19

Mt. Diablo Jazz Festival, Rory Snyder and Glenn Appell, hosts (4pm)
 MDUSD High School Jazz Ensembles
 MDUSD Honor Jazz Ensemble and
 DVC Night Jazz Band, Rory Snyder,
 director (7:30pm)
 DVC Performing Arts Center
 No admission charge

Saturday, November 22, 8pm

DVC Masterworks Chorale and
 Orchestra, Richard Kamprath, Direc-
 tor, featuring the Danville Girl's
 Chorus performing Webber's
 Requiem and Honegger's
 Christmas Cantata
 Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church,
 1801 Lacassie, Walnut Creek,
 \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

Monday, December 1, 3:30pm

DVC Chamber Ensemble Concert,
 Monte Bairos, director
 Music Building Room M-101
 No admission charge

Thursday, December 4, 2pm

Piano Concert Series Advanced Piano/
 Piano Ensemble, Bruce Cook, director
 Music Building Room M-101
 No admission charge

Friday, December 5, 8pm

DVC Symphonic Band and Wind
 Ensemble, Monte Bairos, director
 Performing Arts Center
 \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

Saturday, December 6, 8pm

DVC Philharmonic Orchestra, Owen
 Lee, director and the DVC Concert
 Chorale and Chamber Singers, Bret
 Peppo, director
 Performing Arts Center
 \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

Monday, December 8, 1pm

DVC Chamber Ensembles,
 Monte Bairos, director
 Music Building Room M-101
 No admission charge

Monday, December 8, 3:30pm

DVC Vocal Jazz Concert, Bret Peppo,
 director, with special guests, Bay
 Area rock legends, The Rubinoos
 Performing Arts Center
 \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door

Tuesday, December 9, 8pm

DVC Chamber Singers present Amahl
 and the Night Visitors, Bret Peppo,
 director
 Music Building Room M-101
 \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door

Wednesday, December 10, 8pm

DVC Night Jazz Band and Jazz
 Ensemble, Rory Snyder, director
 Performing Arts Center
 \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

Thursday, December 11, 8pm

DVC Chamber Singers present
 Amahl and the Night Visitors,
 Bret Peppo, director
 Music Building Room M-101
 \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

Sunday, December 14, 2-4pm

Piano Concert Series Advanced
 Piano/Piano Ensemble Fundraiser,
 Bruce Cook, director
 Music Building Room M-101
 \$12 suggested donation

Sunday, December 14, 8pm

DVC Guitar Ensemble, Richard
 Flores, director
 8pm. Performing Arts Center \$7 in
 advance, \$10 at the door

DVC Speech events

Wednesday, November 12

Speech Night, PAC Main Stage
 Tickets and Information available at
 the Box Office: 687-4445

Friday, December 5 12:00-5:00pm

Public Speaking Intramural Contest
 on DVC Campus

**John F. Kennedy
 University to become
 NUS affiliate**



John F. Kennedy University will soon become the newest affiliate of the National University System. The affiliation will provide JFKU students, alumni, and others in the community with a myriad of educational opportunities available through the National University System. NUS students will also gain access to a doctoral degree through JFK University's Doctorate in Psychology (PsyD) and other programs unique to JFKU, such as Museum Studies and Holistic Health Education.

As an affiliate of the National University System, JFK University will retain its name, identity, and standing as an independent fully-accredited university, and its commitment to its core mission, vision, and values. JFK University's affiliation with the National University System will significantly strengthen the University's resources and provide a strong foundation for long-term future at its Pleasant Hill main campus and other locations. National University, the flagship institution of the National University System, has an endowment which ranks among the 200 largest college and university endowments in the United States.

"For 44 years, JFK University has given students an innovative education that serves to advance the well-being of our diverse local and global communities," said JFK University President Dr. Steven Stargardt. "The National University System shares this educational vision. By working within and leveraging its framework, JFK University's ability to educate and inspire positive change will be strengthened."

JFK University consists of six schools: Education and Liberal Arts, Holistic Studies, Law, Management, the Graduate School of Professional Psychology, and the School of Continuing Education. Students can choose from undergraduate completion, doctorate, and graduate degrees, teaching credentials, certificates and continuing education programs. Similar to National University, JFK University has a format that allows students to earn a degree while balancing work and family commitments.

The National University System's affiliation with JFK University was approved unanimously by the National University System Board of Trustees on July 17. The Board of Regents at JFK University also has approved the affiliation. Final approval by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the regional body which accredits both institutions, is required before the affiliation can be completed. ♣



'TIS THE SEASON...FOR HOLIDAY FUN AND FROLIC . . .

Holiday Happenings....Make your holiday season even more special by attending one or more of these special events from the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and elsewhere in the City.

Shop at the Senior Center's "Holiday Boutique"

Shh! One of Pleasant Hill's best-kept shopping secrets is the annual Holiday Boutique at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center.

Get an early start on your holiday shopping! You'll find an incredible variety of handmade gifts including some terrific baby items, plus quilts, scarves, and amazing jewelry. Quality made items at affordable prices. Your friends and family will think you've been busy for weeks!

Treat yourself to a warm homemade apple turnover and a hot cup of coffee while you take advantage of this great source of gifts with that personal touch. Don't forget to shop at their wonderful plant sale! You'll find plants and flowers at great prices. All proceeds from the plant sale go towards the CC Café.

Hot apple turnovers, sandwiches and coffee will be for sale.

Holiday Boutique at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, Saturday, November 15, from 9am to 4pm. For more information, call the Pleasant Hill Senior Center at 798-8788.

Holiday Boutique at Christ the King

Christ the King Church Altar Society will present their Annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, November 22 from 11am to 7pm and on Sunday, November 23 from 7am to 2:30pm.

The event will be held in the Monsignor Wade Hall at Gregory Lane and Brandon and will feature crafts, gifts, a bake sale, and raffle.

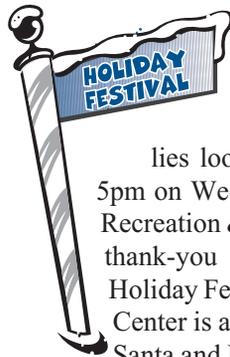


"Trot" for a Turkey

Looking for a big challenge this holiday season? Experienced joggers are invited to participate in Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's 33rd annual Turkey Trot. This 8.4 mile run takes place, rain or shine, up and down the hilly trails at Briones Regional Park on Sunday, November 23.

Register at the Bear Creek entrance beginning at 7:30am for \$25, or in advance for just \$20 (register by November 17, and get a free t-shirt). The race starts at 9am. Each division winner will receive a turkey. Medals will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd finisher in each division.

For a registration form, visit www.pleasanthillrecsports.com, or drop by the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Office at 147 Gregory Lane. ♣



Holiday Festival returnsdon't miss it!

This is the event that local families look forward to all year. Beginning at 5pm on Wednesday December 10, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District will present its annual thank-you gift to the community. The annual Holiday Festival at the Pleasant Hill Community Center is a free event featuring sparkling lights, Santa and Mrs. Claus, a holiday gift fair, music, crafts, refreshments, and more! The winners of the District's annual Gingerbread House Contest will be displayed as well.



The 2008 Holiday Festival—Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Wednesday, December 10, from 5 to 9pm. No admission charge. For more information or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Community Center, 676-5200, the District Office, 682-0896, or www.pleasanthillrec.com.



'Twas the Night Before

S.T.A.G.E. Troupe (Several Teens Acting Goofy Everywhere) is proud to present their Holiday Musical Comedy, *'Twas the Night Before* weekends from December 5 through 14 at the Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road.

Watch our own Pleasant Hill Teens acting, singing, and dancing this delightful holiday tale told from the animals' point of view and exploring the different ways the holidays are celebrated. Doors open a half-hour prior to show time; holiday refreshments will be available. There will be a prize drawing during intermission. Don't miss it! Tickets: \$10 advance or \$12 at the door. For tickets call the Community Center, 676-5200, or the District office, 682-0896. Check out www.pleasanthillrec.com for other holiday activities. ♣

Come out for the tree lighting!

The Hospice Tree of Lights ceremony is a remembrance service and a way to raise funds for Hospice programs that benefit those in need of care. This event gives friends and family a chance to memorialize a loved one by sponsoring a light on the tree in their honor. The proceeds go to support the care of patients with terminal illness.

The 18th annual Pleasant Hill Tree of Lights ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 5:30pm. The schedule of events are as follows:

- 5:30pm—Join us for refreshments and musical entertainment in the Large Community Room at Pleasant Hill City Hall. Commemorative Hospice ornaments, hand-blown glass paperweights, angels, and note cards will be available to purchase to benefit Hospice and for your holiday gift giving.
- 6:30pm—Join us for the Walk of Remembrance, a candlelight walk to Pleasant Hill's Tree of Lights on Gregory Lane.
- 7:00pm—As the tree is lit, we will reflect on the honorees that Hospice has helped by reading a list of their names.

Hospice of the East Bay has been active in our area for 28 years. The Hospice program benefits seriously and terminally ill patients and their families by improving quality of life and making it possible for families to stay together at home. Hospice team members provide necessary medical management of pain, as well as emotional, spiritual, and practical support.

Lights for the Pleasant Hill Tree of Lights may be purchased for a suggested donation of \$20 each. Please mail your check, along with the name of the person you wish to honor to: Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Avenue, CA 94523 or call 887-5678. Please specify "Pleasant Hill Tree of Lights" in the memo section of your check or when calling to make a donation.

For questions, please email Leanne Hamaji (Lhamaji@yahoo.com) or Cindy Rubin (rubinfam4@comcast.net). ♣



From the Senior Center...

Taste of the Vine

The Senior Center invites you to relax from your week and casually sip on a glass of wine with friends. They will have a variety of red and white wines for you to select from, plus light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Non-alcoholic beverages available.

- December 12, Friday, 4–6pm.
Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane
- \$6 (includes 2 tasting tickets) /
\$3 per additional ticket /
\$3 non-alcoholic ticket

Music in Pleasant Hill

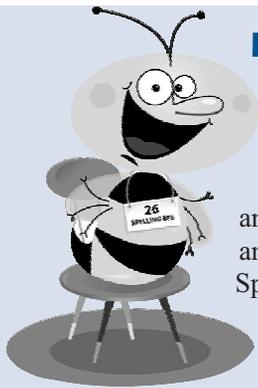
Pleasant Hill's own live music series is back! On December 6, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and Community Concerts proudly present Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.

An affordable evening of high-energy boogie-woogie swing dance music is in your future! This "Instant Crowd Favorite" (SF Blues Festival) who performed worldwide will be in our backyard on Saturday December 6. You can have all the fun of live music without driving to the City or paying for parking!

Doors open at 7:15pm, showtime, 8pm. Tickets: \$30 Gold Circle, \$20 Adults, \$18 Seniors and Children. Location: Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. Order tickets at 229-2710 or www.communityconcerts.com.

Our rockin' community! Events for November and December 2008

| Date | Event | Location | Organization | Contact |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Nov 8 | Flute Sweets and Tickletoons! | PH Library | PH Library | 646-6434 |
| Nov 12 | African Dance Program | PH Library | PH Library | 646-6434 |
| Nov 12 | Community Awards Night | PH Community Center | Chamber of Commerce | 687-0700 |
| Nov 15 | City Spelling Bee | PH City Hall | Foundation for PH Education | 676-8921 |
| Nov 15 | Holiday Boutique | Senior Center | Senior Center | 798-8788 |
| Nov 23 | Turkey Trot | Briones Regional Park | PH Rec & Park District | 682-0896 |
| Dec 5-14 | "Twas the Night Before" | Winslow Center | S.T.A.G.E. Troupe | 676-5200 |
| Dec 6 | Music in Pleasant Hill | PH Community Center | PH Rec & Park District | 229-2710 |
| Dec 10 | Holiday Festival | PH Community Center | PH Rec & Park District | 676-5200 |
| Dec 11 | Holiday Sing-Along | PH Library | PH Library | 646-6434 |
| Dec 12 | Taste of the Vine | Senior Center | Senior Center | 798-8788 |
| Dec 13 | Hospice Tree of Lights | PH city Hall | Hospice of the East Bay | 887-5678 |



Education Foundation to hold city-wide spelling bee

The Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) announces their first annual city-wide Spelling Bee. This event is co-sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Education/ Schools Advisory Commission and SCORE! Educational Centers. The Bee will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 11am at Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane. It is open to all children in grades K through 5. Children from all

communities are welcome to register. Registration is \$5.00 for each entry. All proceeds from The Bee benefit the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education and all Pleasant Hill public schools.

Students will be asked to spell grade appropriate words in a group setting. All spellers will receive a certificate for participation. Additional prizes will be awarded to the best speller in each grade.

For registration information call SCORE! Educational Centers at 676-8921, email to Score_Pleasant_Hills@kaplan.com, or visit the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education website at www.fphe.org.

The Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization committed to providing financial support to all 11 public schools in Pleasant Hill. The Foundation functions independently of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and strives to create a quality educational experience that prepares students to compete both in and out of the classroom. They are dedicated to offering Pleasant Hill students every opportunity to compete and thrive.

The FPHE will provide teachers and staff with resources to keep schools competitive, continue programs at risk of being cut, and add programs to enhance current curriculum. ♣

Economic Development/Business News in Pleasant Hill welcomes new businesses...

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 671-5213.



New businesses August 2008

Allbrand Windows & Fashion
(Windows/Doors/
Window Coverings)
959 Contra Costa Blvd.
800-400-0797

California Imaging/Treatment Center (PET/CT Scanning,
Diagnostic Testing)
400 Taylor Blvd., #105
925-465-8400

California Radiation Treatment Center
(Radiation Oncology Therapy)
400 Taylor Blvd., #101
925-465-8400

Courtney Brauch
(Hairstylist)
1603 Oak Park Blvd.
925-935-4247

Diablo Valley Oncology Medical Group
400 Taylor Blvd., #202
925-932-4567

Holly M. Cook, CMT
(Massage Therapy)
1025 Monument Blvd.
925-684-4487

Jonathan M. Hernandez
(Massage Therapy)
1610 Oak Park Blvd.
925-943-2222

Mud Pie Books (Book Store)
609 Gregory Lane, #140
925-324-2466

Mulhall Family Chiropractic
1100 Pleasant Valley Dr. - A
925-287-9517

Privelege (Retail Clothing)
967 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-689-2973

Vincent Motors
(Retail Used Auto Dealer)
3333 Vincent Road, #203
925-330-3456

AK Chem Plus
(Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning)
925-822-2280

CET Editorial
(Copy Editing/Proofreading)
925-548-6631

Draka Studio
(Graphic Design & Advertising)
925-482-5104

New Technology
(Fabrication of Tile & Stone)
925-988-9651

Sam Wade (Admin Support
Non-Profit Associations)
925-864-5680

Work Safe Environment
(Safety & Health Educa-
tors-CPR/First Aid)
925-708-5377

New businesses September 2008

Café Milano
716 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-682-3333

Contra Costa Auto Wholesale
(Auto Wholesale Only)
2255 Morello Ave., #211
925-408-2225

Melissa Khasabi (Hairstylist)
603 Oak Park Blvd.
925-305-0200

Olgas Atelie (Alterations,
Tailoring & Dressmaking)
91 Gregory Ln., #1
925-256-8813

The Posh Bagel (Bagels, Sand-
wiches, Coffee, Desserts)
1420 Contra Costa Blvd., #A
925-671-0130

West Coast (Massage)
91 Gregory Ln., #6
510-409-0368

Zeal Productions (Screen
Printed T-Shirts, Hats)
321 Golf Club Rd.
510-825-1318

Castel Design
(Graphic Design Services)
925-798-2876

Coast 2 Coast Realty Group
925-674-9500

Kenyon Austen Design
(Interior Design/Staging)
925-363-5989

Common Root Architecture
(Architectural Design Services)
925-472-0344

Crystal Jean Events
(Wedding/Event Planning)
925-849-5869

Ecottontail.com (On-Line
Organic Cotton Products)
925-287-8151

Mental EJ (Organizational/
Team/Personal Training)
925-949-8472

Sophia Int'l, Inc.
(Study-Abroad Agent)
925-324-9259

City Meetings

NOVEMBER

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 3 7:30pm | City Council-Redevelopment Agency | Council Chambers |
| Wed 5 9:30am | Commission on Aging | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Wed 5 6:30pm | Civic Action Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Thu 6 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Tue 11 | Veterans Day Holiday — City Hall closed | |
| Thu 13 2:00pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Mon 17 7:30pm | Redevelopment Agency-City Council | Council Chambers |
| Tue 18 7:30pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing) | Council Chambers |
| Thu 20 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Tue 25 7:30pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing) | Council Chambers |
| Thu 27 | Thanksgiving Holiday — City Hall closed | |
| Fri 28 | Thanksgiving Holiday — City Hall closed | |

DECEMBER

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 1 7:30pm | City Council-Redevelopment Agency | Council Chambers |
| Wed 3 9:30am | Commission on Aging | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Wed 3 6:30pm | Civic Action Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Thu 4 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Mon 8 6:00pm | Traffic Safety Commission | City Hall Large Community Room |
| Tue 9 7:30pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing) | Council Chambers |
| Thu 11 5:00pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Thu 11 7:00pm | Redevelopment Advisory Commission | City Hall Large Community Room |
| Mon 15 7:30pm | Redevelopment Agency-City Council | Council Chambers |
| Thu 18 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Wed 24 | Christmas Eve — City Hall closed | |
| Thu 25 | Christmas Day— City Hall closed | |

Final day of Farmers Market — November 8

The Pleasant Hill Farmers Market has been extended for one more week until Saturday, November 8. This will be the last chance for the season to purchase local and fresh produce at the market which is held each Saturday from 10am–2pm at the City Hall parking lot. Meet your neighbors, make new friends and get fresh produce this final Saturday.

Did you know that several local prominent chefs purchase their fresh produce at the Farmers Market?



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City Council meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 26 on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

CITY HALL HOURS

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



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for stories and story ideas 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 671-5229, fax to 680-0294, or email to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

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PG&E 800-743-5000
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Senior Van Service 671-5272

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Community Awards Night is coming!

The 38th annual Community Awards Night takes place on Wednesday, November 12 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. The event honors those businesses, community leaders, and teachers who have contributed in many different ways to making Pleasant Hill a better place for all who live and work in this city.

Some of the recipients of last year's awards included Jim Bonato, Citizen of the Year; Barry Howell, Business Person of the Year; Lanai Cline, Educator of the Year; John Pratt, the Community Plus Award; and Jack Nestor, Mayor's Award.

The Community Plus Award is given to an employee of one of the sponsors of the event who has demonstrated considerable community service for 5 or more years. The event sponsors are the Chamber of Commerce, City of Pleasant Hill, and the Recreation & Park District.



The nominees for the Citizen of the Year award must be at least a 5-year resident of Pleasant Hill and have a broad-based record of assisting and volunteering with civic and community groups throughout the city. Nomination forms are available at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or by emailing the Chamber at charley@pleasanthillchamber.com.

The Awards Night begins at 5:30pm and dinner will be served by Outback Steakhouse. The cost is \$35 per person and reservations can be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 687-0700. ♣

A very HUGE Thank you!

Many businesses, plus the City and Downtown Pleasant Hill, once again came together to make this year's Art, Jazz & Wine Fest possible! The volunteers—approximately 500 man-hours—were incredible. Everyone working together helped create this award-winning event enjoyed by so many visitors, both from Pleasant Hill and surrounding communities. Thank you, everyone, who sponsored, contributed to, worked at, or attended this year's event. It was the best ever!

—Art, Jazz & Wine Fest Committee
and Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce



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