

the OUTLOOK

of Pleasant Hill, California

Despite the recent rains, please be WATER WISE this year

This winter's rains have been below normal and the City's Maintenance staff is looking at ways to reduce irrigation throughout Pleasant Hill this summer. Some steps include:

- Reducing or eliminating turf and cutting back on watering during the spring and summer months.
- Allowing some turf areas in the City to become less green as we reduce the irrigation in response to requests by the water districts.
- Adjusting irrigation systems so that existing mature trees will continue to be watered while turf areas will be watered less frequently.
- Using existing well water for the majority of City Hall landscaping—turf, shrubs, and trees. The Lake at City Hall also uses well water.
- Using reclaimed water in some areas such as Chilpancingo Park and Pleasant Oaks Park, the roadside medians in front of Diablo Valley College, and in limited areas along Contra Costa Boulevard. The City is working with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District ("Central San") to consider expanding the availability of reclaimed water.



Homeowners can do some of the same things to conserve water.

- Add mulch to your planting beds, especially around trees and shrubs.
- Limit or eliminate watering your turf, and use that water for trees and shrubs.
- Use drip or bubbler type irrigation systems rather than overhead spray to conserve water.
- Use your timer to adjust the way you water by watering deeply and less frequently.
- Adjust lawnmowers to mow at 2.5 to 3 inches.
- Use grasses, such as fescue, that are more drought-tolerant.

Be WISE with your water and know that every drop saved is IMPORTANT!

Navigating the middle school years

Are YOU a bit confused or frustrated about your child's transition into middle school and not sure where to turn or who to ask?

Come join the Pleasant Hill Education/Schools Advisory Commission for an Open Mic Night entitled "Navigating the Middle School Years" where parents will have an open forum to ask questions about their child's transition to middle school and the challenges and opportunities ahead. Principals, teachers, administrators, and parents from local schools will be available to offer their insights into this exciting yet sometimes difficult transition period.

When and where: Wednesday, March 25 at Sequoia Middle School Multi-Use Room, 7-9pm

This event is FREE. Your RSVP is not mandatory but is greatly appreciated! It will allow the Commission to provide adequate seating, refreshments, and accommodations.

To RSVP, please visit www.NavigatingMiddleSchool.homestead.com.

For more information, please contact Martin Nelis at 671-5229 or mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

These times are not easy...but there is help!

Even in this time of economic insecurity, there are still organizations in our community willing to help us accomplish our dreams and goals. Grants and scholarships are available through:

- Civic Action Commission (Community Benefit Grants), page 2
- Pleasant Hill Community Foundation (Community Grants), page 5
- Rotary Club (Ambassadorial Scholarship Grants), page 5





WANTED: POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

Do you have some spare time, and would you like to make a positive and enduring contribution to the City? The Pleasant Hill Police Department is looking for people who are interested in helping them provide services to the community as a **Police Volunteer**.

For many years volunteers have been performing services for which the Department cannot dedicate staff—services that are much desired by City residents! These include vacation house checks, fingerprinting, citizen patrols, parking citations, assisting patrol officers at special events, and administrative



duties. The Police Department also has an Explorer program for youth interested in a career in law enforcement.

These dedicated men and women volunteers are highly regarded as department family members and have been of great assistance to the Police in providing the

high level of service deserved by City residents. Hundreds of hours of public service are performed each year by the volunteers, and they have made a profound impact on the community.

There has been a nationwide call for people to serve the communities as volunteers and help reshape the future. Come join the team!

For more information, please contact Lieutenant Jose Delatorre at 288-4633 or email him at jdelatorre@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

Community Benefit Grants are available through the Civic Action Commission

The Civic Action Commission (CAC) is now accepting applications for Community Benefit Grants (CBGs) from Pleasant Hill non-profit groups and organizations. The CBG Program is designed to award monies to specific programs or projects that improve the quality of life and build civic pride in Pleasant Hill. The categories covered by this funding are cultural arts, education, health and human care services, or similar activities.

Over the past several years, the CAC has awarded grants to numerous organizations and programs in Pleasant Hill including the Friends of Rodgers Ranch, Fourth of July Commission, DVC Earth Day Festival, JFK University Community Counseling Center, the Sprayground project and many others.

Requirements for grant consideration

- Organizations must be located in Pleasant Hill, or the activity for which the request is being made must occur in Pleasant Hill.
- Programs or projects must directly benefit the Pleasant Hill community and provide long-term community benefit.
- Organizations must demonstrate community support.
- Organizations must be nonprofit and provide 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

How to apply

Applicants must submit one original and three copies of the completed and signed application with supporting documents. An organization may propose more than one program or project for consideration, but each program or project requires a separate application. Applications and further instructions are available online at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/cbg.

The process

Please request the amount that you anticipate you will need and submit your request to the CAC. Applicants will be invited to present their application(s) to the CAC. After consideration by the CAC, recommendations will be made to the Pleasant Hill City Council for their final approval. For more information, contact Martin Nelis at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or call 671-5229. ♣

City seeks applicants for commission

The City is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Education/Schools Advisory Commission. This advisory board to the City Council was formed to improve the quality of K-12 education in Pleasant Hill.

Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at City Hall. Candidates must be residents of either Valley View or Pleasant Hill middle school attendance areas for at least one year.

For an application or information, call 671-5284 or e-mail lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

City updating housing element

The City of Pleasant Hill has begun the process to update its Housing Element.

This document is part of the General Plan, which helps guide the City's growth. State law requires the City to periodically update its Housing Element and identify how the City will satisfy its regional share of housing, which is comprised of affordable and market-rate units.

A number of public hearings will be held in the coming months, as well as a workshop. The dates and times for these meetings will be published in the newspaper, on the City's website, in the City's newsletter, and on free-standing A-frames on prominent street locations throughout the City.

For more information contact David Boatwright, Housing Coordinator at dboatwright@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or 671-5266. ♣



Changes in County Connection bus service in 2009

The Transportation Center located at the Walnut Creek BART is now closed. Passengers can purchase tickets at one of the many offsite locations, online at www.cccta.org, or through the U.S. mail. Major service changes take place effective **March 22, 2009**. Routes will be realigned with a new numbering system and new service schedules.

Fares will increase effective March 22, 2009

- Cash fare will be \$2.00 on fixed-route
- \$2.25 on Express Routes
- \$4.00 for LINK trips
- The monthly pass will be \$60
- 12-Ride Pass will be \$20
- Commuter Card (20 bus trips and 20 BART transfer fares) will be \$40
- Disabled/Senior 20-Ride Pass will be \$15
- BART transfer trips will be \$1.00

The free midday fare program for senior and disabled riders will be eliminated.



Detailed information on all changes can be found on the agency web site at www.cccta.org or by calling Customer Service at 676-7500. ♣

Letter to homeowners from the City Building Crew

BUILDING CODE CHANGES...

The building crew has compiled a list of commonly asked questions regarding some significant changes in the 2007 California Building Code to assist residential homeowners. The Building Division cannot list all of the changes at this time, but here are a few:

- Big changes in conventional framing. Minimum braced wall length now 9 feet 4 inches per 25 feet of wall. Cripple walls over 14 inches high counted as a story for bracing purposes (2308.12.4).
- In R-3 and U Occupancies no openings are allowed in walls 3 feet or closer to property line. Openings in walls between 3 feet and up to 5 feet from property line can be up to 25% of wall area. All walls less than 5 feet from the property line must be fire resistive construction (Table 704.8). Eaves must be protected if any part of them extends into the area where openings are prohibited. This means that an eave can extend to a point 24 inches from the property line, but no closer.
- Minimum stair run is now 10 inches and maximum rise is 7 ¾ inches in Residential Occupancies (1009.3).
- Guardrails shall be a minimum of 42 inches high (1013.2).
- Standard anchor bolt washers must be 3 inches square and a minimum of 0.229 inches thick (2308.12.8).
- Thresholds at doorways shall not exceed 0.75 inches in height for sliding doors and 0.5 inches for other doors. Landings may be up to 7.75 inches below top of thresholds in R-2 or R-3 Occupancies (1008.1.6). This includes a 7-inch finished floor-to-landing height and a ¾ inch threshold.
- The ground immediately adjacent to the foundation shall slope away from the foundation at 1:20 (5%) for a distance of 10 feet (1803.3).
- Greenboard is no longer allowed as tile backing in tub or shower areas (2509.2).
- Emergency egress windows from grade level rooms may be 5 square feet minimum net opening if they are within 44 inches above or below grade. All other egress window requirements remain the same (1026.2).

A quick telephone call to the Building Division at 671-5200 will get your questions answered.

Sincerely,

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

Caring for trees in Pleasant Hill

The City of Pleasant Hill has a significant number of mature trees, some more than 100 years old. Many trees reach their maturity and then start to decline after 60 years. It's an ongoing effort for trees to survive in certain conditions, such as battling pest infestation, drought, smog, and poorly draining soil.

Numerous **Monterey Pines** (*Pinus radiata*) were planted in Pleasant Hill when the city was young because it's a fast-growing tree and adapts easily to a broad range of soil types and climates. Its natural and preferred habitat is along the California coastline in Monterey County and in areas such as San Luis Obispo. The Monterey Pine is best in areas where summers are cool and where there is an ocean breeze.



During the past 20 years, it has become more apparent that the Monterey Pine is susceptible to being attacked by bark beetles. Several large stands of Monterey Pines

infected is during its dormant season (January and February), which lessens the



are found along City streets, such as Taylor Boulevard. During the last two years approximately 15 trees have been infested with the pine bark beetle, causing the trees to die. The Maintenance Division is in the process of removing these trees. The preferred time to remove a pine tree that is

keep trees healthy is to occasionally water them deeply during the summer months.

Another stately tree that is found throughout Pleasant Hill is the **Valley Oak** (*Quercus lobata*). These magnificent trees can live for more than 600 years, and their towering stature can reach a height and canopy of 40-50 feet. They tolerate hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters, which make them ideal for the Pleasant Hill area. There are about 100 "Heritage Oaks" in the City that have been identified as being 100 or more years old. Since these splendid trees are so picturesque, it is imperative to keep them healthy and in good condition for future generations to enjoy.

If you have questions about trees on your property or in the City, please contact your local nursery, a Certified Arborist, or the Maintenance Division at 671-4646. ♣

Eco Friendly **GOT E-WASTE?** **Rain or Shine**
FREE E-Waste Recycling Event
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE
 Overflow parking lot 7 — 321 Golf Club Rd
 1st Saturday each month • 9am-1pm

Over the past year, Electronic Waste Management, (EWM) has become the premier FREE e-waste event company in Northern California. Thanks to a fabulous response from the California community, EWM has collected and recycled more than 3 MILLION pounds of e-waste, keeping it out of our landfills, waterways and off our streets.

So pack your car up and "come on down" to DVC in Pleasant Hill. See you there!! For further info about the event, please call toll free (866) 335-3733 or visit our website at www.noEwaste.com.

FREE Public Collection Event for Electronic Waste (e-waste) **Electronic Waste Management**
www.noEwaste.com • 866.335.3373



FREE Compost Workshops

Composting yard and garden waste has never been easier, thanks to the help offered from the City's home composting education program.

The City of Pleasant Hill is offering two free composting workshops on **Wednesday, March 11** and **April 22**. These workshops are from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and will be held in the Community Room at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane. The City has made arrangements to have Smith & Hawkins compost bins available for sale at the workshops. The bins sell for \$75/ea for residents and \$100/ea for non-residents, and they can be purchased with cash or check. To sign up for the workshops or if you have questions about the compost bins, contact Annette Kaufmann with the Public Works and Community Development Department at 671-5265 or email her at akaufmann@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

Community Foundation now accepting grant applications

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation is pleased to announce its 15th Annual Community Grant Awards. A public organization or a group that meets IRS non-profit status with a current 501(c)(3) number may submit a grant application.

Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to projects that will benefit cultural, educational and recreational activities for Pleasant Hill residents. The Foundation's priorities include:

- Cultural Arts—art, music, dance, theater, literature, etc.
- Education
- Health and human care services
- Recreation

Funding requests which will be considered:

- Special projects
- Community service projects
- Conferences, symposia, workshops (regionally conducted)
- Publications, brochures, etc.
- Small equipment purchases

Grants will not be awarded to:

- Individuals, unless sponsored by an organization meeting the above qualifications
- Endowments, capital expenditures, and annual fund appeals
- Political organizations or political campaigns
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Organizations that discriminate based upon race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or other factors
- Existing obligations, deficits or retroactive funding

The Grant Allocations Committee of the Foundation will review all applications. The committee will present all applications and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board makes all final selections. Please note that the foundation's website, www.phcommunityfoundation.org, lists our 2008 grant recipients. Applications must be received by March 13. Grant awards will be announced in mid-April.

If awarded a grant you will be required to submit a final report including digital pictures on the use of the grant by March 1, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Grant Allocations Committee Chair Jill Anderson, 932-2063 or anderson216@hotmail.com. ♣



A grant in 2007 allowed Rodgers Ranch to build community planters

Rotary Club Scholarship program seeks 2010–2011 applications

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill is seeking qualified applicants for Rotary International's Ambassador Scholarship program. Grants are the perfect opportunity for students who are interested in studying abroad, and applications for 2010-11 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are now available from Rotary International.

The scholarships, designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad in more than 150 countries where Rotary clubs are located. Some 800 scholarships of various types will be available worldwide.

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars act as "ambassadors of goodwill." Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide a flat grant of \$23,000 or its equivalent. **Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships** are flat grants of \$11,500 per year for two years toward the cost of a degree program in another country. Also available are **Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships**, which provide funding for three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in another country and are flat grants of \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

Interested students may consult the Rotary Website at: www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships, where applications may be downloaded in English.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest privately-sponsored international scholarship program. Focused on humanitarian service, personal diplomacy and academic excellence, the program has sponsored more than 38,000 Rotary scholars abroad since it began in 1947.

For an application, contact Tom Cooper of the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club at 899-2455. A completed application is due April 15. ♣



Rotary Club
of Pleasant Hill

DVC Foundation announces new board members



Five new members have been added to the Diablo Valley College Foundation board following a vote by the current members. The new members are Kitty Guptill, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.; Julia Kozberg, Wells Fargo; Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools; Lindsay St. Hill, DVC student representative; and Steven R. VanDegrift, Tesoro Refining & Marketing.

The mission of the Diablo Valley College Foundation is to develop resources and relationships for Diablo Valley College that ensure institutional excellence, and that result in a truly exceptional educational experience for its students.

“The Foundation is very important to the work we do at the college,” said DVC President Judy E. Walters. “The board members provide us with their perspectives and insights, and help ensure we keep the needs of our community residents at the core of what we do. Most important, their fundraising activities provide vital resources to help us accomplish our mission by supporting students through scholarships and providing additional resources in our programs. I look forward to working with this enthusiastic and dedicated group of people.”

The new members join chair Mariana Moore, vice-chairman Mark Ross, and board secretary Judy E. Walters, as well as current board members Gary Craft, Ira Hillyer, Aaron M. Silva, and Mark Steidel. Cindy Goga is executive director for the Foundation. ♣

Diablo Valley College...

- serves more than 32,000 students each year
- offers classes at its main campus in Pleasant Hill, at the San Ramon campus, and at the Walnut Creek Center, as well as at other community locations and online
- offers 24 Associate degrees and 76 Certificates
- transferred 612 students to the University of California in 2006-07 (ranking 2nd out of 100 California community colleges)
- transferred 1,150 students to California State University in 2006-07 (ranking 8th out of 110 California community colleges)
- average student age is 26.9 years, with 63.6 percent of students under 25 years of age, 28.5 percent of students 25 to under 50 years, and 7.9 percent 50 years and older.
- students are 51.8 percent female, and 45.9 percent male
- employs 255 full-time and 550 part-time faculty, 218 staff, and 42 managers
- charges residents only \$20 per unit of credit



Local families needed to host international students

The International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC@DVC) is looking for local families to host international students on a temporary basis while they improve their English skills. Long or short-term placements are available. Last year, over 300 international students were placed with local host families and there is an immediate need to add additional families to the homestay registry.

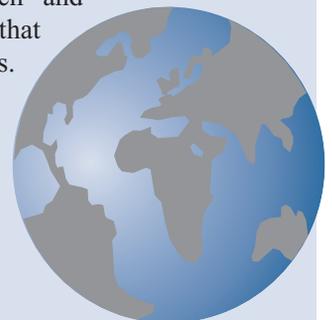
Host families that participate in the program are paid a monthly stipend of \$750.00 per student. The requirements for being a host family are simple:

1. Provide two meals per day (three meals on weekends) and a private bedroom for the student, all within a supportive family environment.
2. Be involved in the student's life and treat them as a family member.

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

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

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



Adult programs

Join us for the second and third parts in our three-part series on caring for aging parents

■ **When a parent shows signs of memory loss—what to do?**

Pleasant Hill Library continues our popular series on topics related to caring for aging family members. The second program will be presented on Wednesday evening, March 4 at 7pm with speaker Rhonda Darling of Eldercare Services. All are welcome to this free program.

■ **Resources to support families in caring for aging parents**

April 1, 2009 at 7pm we conclude our three-part series on practical issues concerning aging family members. Speaker Eileen Zagelow of Eldercare Services will present this program. All are welcome to join us for this informative, free program; no advance registration is required.

Teen programs

■ **Teens and parents—thinking about college?**

Learn what schools are looking for and what tests are needed for admission. Come to a free 1 hour program conducted by Van Tsai of SAT Solutions on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30pm at the Pleasant Hill Library. Mr. Tsai will also recommend a “game plan” to help high school students be on track for college admissions.

Registration is required. Beginning Monday, February 23, register by calling the Library at 646-6434, stopping by or on-line at ccclib.org/programs.



Children's programs

■ **Decorate a shamrock for good luck!**

During the month of March children are invited to decorate a Shamrock for our bulletin board. Shamrock cutouts will be available for pickup beginning March 2. Take it home to decorate and return it to the library for display.

■ **April is Poetry Month**

Kids in K-5th grades are invited to write a limerick, Haiku, or six-word poem about one of their favorite books or story characters. We will “publish” a book with all the entries and have an evening poetry reading for families and friends on Thursday, April 30. Forms will be available beginning March 23

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

Classical Guitarist Glenn Staller returns to the Library

Wednesday evening, March 18 at 7pm, Pleasant Hill Library is pleased to host a return engagement of classical guitarist Glenn Staller. He will perform material from Spain, Brazil and Argentina, by composers Scarlatti, Albeniz, Piazzolla, Villa Lobos, and others. Please join us for this free popular program.

Jazz at the Library!

The library welcomes the Komodo Jazz group Wednesday evening, April 29, 2009 at 7pm. This group has performed at numerous venues throughout the Bay Area, playing jazz standards and popular classics; we look forward to hosting them at this free program.

Contra Costa County Library Joins LINK+



Newest Addition to Library Services Provides Contra Costa County Library Users with Access to Millions of Additional Books

In late 2008 the Contra Costa County Library became the newest member of LINK+, a cooperative project that provides library users with a single, searchable catalog of books from over 40 public and academic libraries in California and Nevada. As members of LINK+, Contra Costa County Library users now have access to more than nine million books not available at a Contra Costa County Library.

LINK+ is a free service, accessible directly through the Contra County Library catalog and the power to browse for titles and request an item resides with the individual. As a streamlined, self-serve process that is managed online, LINK+ eliminates several layers of communication and generally provides faster retrieval and delivery than traditional Interlibrary Loan services.

Every Contra Costa County Library cardholder automatically has a LINK+ account. When you search for a book in the Contra Costa County Library catalog and find that the Library does not own that title, you now have the option to “Search LINK+” at the click of the mouse and search the collective catalog of all LINK+ member libraries. The search screen and request process are easy to navigate and users may select to have the book delivered to the Contra Costa County community library of their choice. Most items arrive within a week and users can monitor the status of their request online.

For more information, or to request books through LINK+, please visit the Library’s website at ccclib.org. ♣

Exciting times ahead for Rodgers Ranch



Rodgers Ranch is now open every Thursday from noon-4pm and every third Sunday from 2-4pm. The ranch is located at 315 Cortsen Road.

With renovations complete, the house is now available for meetings and events (see sidebar below). Phase two of the restoration project is the barn re-construction, and plans and estimates are being assembled to do this.

Are you a member?

Please renew or become a member of Friends of Rodgers Ranch. Your support enables them to continue the restoration project and present programs to educate the community about the history of Pleasant Hill and the surrounding area. You can mail your check along with **names of members, address, phone and e-mail address to:**

FORR, P.O. Box 23381
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Membership amounts:

- Corporate Benefactor—\$1,000
- Major Donor—\$500
- Benefactor—\$250
- Donor—\$100
- Contributing membership—\$75
- Family membership—\$40
- Individual Membership—\$25
- Student—\$10

2008 was a very productive year for Rodgers Ranch, thanks largely to its many 'Friends.' Steve Wallace and David and Richard Rorke were able to complete most of the renovation of the farmhouse. David Roe kept the spiders away so the crew could work safely and donated some re-built kitchen windows and building materials. Norm Grube rebuilt the fireplace using the original bricks, and the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation approved a grant to help install a propane tank for the fireplace.

The Community Foundation also approved a grant enabling them to complete the "Community Gardens" to rent out. The Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission approved another grant of \$2,500 to complete the interior renovations to the farmhouse, and the Pleasant Hill City Council approved a budget request providing \$2,500 per year to go toward operating expenses.

Events at the ranch

- **Sunday, February 15, 2-4pm. "Celebrating the Presidents."** Learn interesting facts about Washington and Lincoln. Make a star like the one Betsy Ross used on the first American flag. Enjoy some cherry pie. Free
- **Sunday, March 15, 1-4pm. FORR General Meeting.** Election of 2009 Board. Presenter: Tom Crews will speak about the history of the Pony Express.
- **The Northern California Unit of the Herb Society of America** is now meeting at Rodgers Ranch on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30pm.
- **Sunday, March 8: "In Defense of the Dandelion."** Learn the nutritious values of the dandelion and how it is used for food, crafts, and health. Sample spring herb and lettuce salads. \$2.00 charge....pre-registration required by March 5. Call Karen, 681-1551 or Denise, 387-0158

The Pleasant Hill Historical Society now meets at the ranch the second Monday of each month at 10am. For more information, please call Dana, 930-6043.

PH Senior Center's March/April Events

■ Taste of the Vine

Relax from your week and casually sip on a glass of wine with friends. A variety of red and white wines for you to select from plus light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Non-alcoholic beverages available.

April 3, Fri., 4 pm-6pm
Senior Ctr.: 233 Gregory Lane

Presale: \$6 (includes 2 tasting tickets) / \$3 per additional ticket / \$3 non-alcoholic ticket. At the door: \$8

■ CPR Certification

This class will give you the knowledge and skills necessary to recognize and provide basic care for breathing or cardiac emergencies for victims until advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. American Red Cross Certification. Registration is required. Please note that you will need to be able to get on the ground and roll a person from their back to their side. Questions? Call 798-8788.



March 4, Wed, 8:30am-1:00pm

Fee: \$35/ \$30 Members
(includes class materials)

PH Community Center:
McHale Room, 320 Civic Drive.

■ Friday Flicks

Suggested donation of \$.50 and shown on a large screen. Arrive early (11:30am) and enjoy our Chef's lunch!

March 20: "Juno"
April 24: "Mama Mia"

Showtime: Fri., 12:30pm
Senior Center: Bldg. 2
233 Gregory Lane

Computer Sales & Service named a Bay Area top-rated computer repair shop for 2nd year!

Computer Sales and Service in Pleasant Hill has been rated by Bay Area Consumers' Checkbook Magazine and Checkbook.org as one of the top computer repair shops in the San Francisco Bay Area. It was one of only five computer repair shops that earned the top rating for both service quality and price. The February 2, 2009 San Francisco Chronicle reported the findings of the independent nonprofit's evaluation of local businesses for doing work properly and at what price.

Owner Wade Cantrell says, "All of us at Computer Sales and Service are very proud of earning this honor for the second time in just two years. I appreciate our loyal customer support and feel very fortunate to have such a great staff. One of our

keys to success is that we strive to listen to our customers and then find the best solution for their needs."

Computer Sales and Service, formerly Computer Renaissance, has served Pleasant Hill and surrounding communities since 1998. It specializes in full computer services for small businesses and consumers, including upgrades, repairs, and network troubleshooting and design via in-store, remote access and onsite service. Computer Sales and Service also sells new, custom built, and refurbished computer equipment. Visit Wade and his staff—Alex Wilson, Nima Partovi, Shahab Babakhani, Michael Bedig, CJ Sveen, and Maria Lyanat—1936 Linda Drive or call 827-1200. ♣

Don't miss Business Showcase 2009

The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce presents **Business Showcase 2009, "Plug into the New Economy—and explore new opportunities"** on Thursday, March 26 from 4:00–7:30pm at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr. (2 blocks west of Sunvalley Mall off Taylor Blvd).

This event is **FREE** to the public and offers an excellent opportunity to meet and network with a diverse group of local businesses, city government, community services, organizations and schools to see what they offer and how they are involved

in your community. This high-energy event, sponsored by PG&E, Contra Costa Times, and KKDV, has lots of excitement, drawings, prizes, and food from local restaurants. Some of the local businesses that you can check out are AAA Insurance Services, The Outsource Resource, and The Kensington.

"Pleasant Hill businesses have their own unique energy and are fun to be around," says Aloma Levine of Salon Innovations. "I can't think of a better way to come and see what your neighborhood has to offer for services!"

Come for the networking, stay for the fun! For information or to be an exhibitor call 687-0700 or go to www.pleasanthillchamber.com. ♣



Chamber Green Committee needs members

Join the Chamber's Green Committee and be a part of the solution! The Green Committee creates awareness and promotes the adoption of green business practices, encourages businesses to become green certified, and consumers to patronize green certified members.

By becoming a member, you will support the purpose of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce by stimulating

local businesses and the community to adopt green practices.

The Green Committee meets the first Monday of every month. For more information, contact chair Kevin Slovick of Fun Photo Guys at Kevin@funphotoguys.com or 676-5458 or co-chair Lisa Nichols of Greetings by the Yard at lisa@ljsummit.com or 798-9273. ♣

9th Annual...

Pleasant Hill Sunvalley GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, May 11

Contra Costa Country Club

Tee up for the Youth and the Seniors of Pleasant Hill



Entry deadline: April 30!

INTERESTED? Call 682-0896

Individual \$225, Foursome \$850 Includes: green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, contests, prizes

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SUNVALLEY
SHOPPING CENTER

Tournament proceeds will benefit cultural, educational and recreational activities for Pleasant Hill youth and the Senior Care Management Program through the auspices of the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Popular "Partnership for Success" Job Fair returns

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and Diablo Valley College are teaming up to offer the 8th annual "Partnership for Success" Job Fair. Last year this event drew between 1200-1500 job seekers and had over 50 vendors recruiting for employees.

For employers interested in participating, the fee is \$100 for a 6-foot display table and continental breakfast. The deadline is April 10. Employers should contact Katrina Hunn for information at 682-0896 or khunn@pleasanthillrec.com.

The event is free to job seekers. Partnership for Success is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 10am–1pm at Diablo Valley College, in the Diablo Room. ♣

Be part of the 9th annual NIGHT OF MERRIMENT

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill—along with sponsors Outback Steakhouse and Black Diamond Brewery—is proudly hosting their raucous celebration of St Patrick's Day on Friday, March 13. Enjoy an Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage, and Guinness meatballs. The Night of Merriment also includes Irish entertainment, silent, live, and cake auctions, raffles, and door prizes.



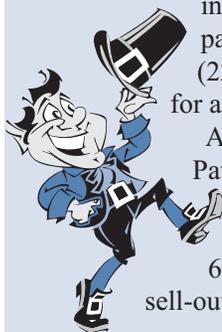
Funds raised from the evening will go back to the community in the form of grants. Locally they are hoping to fund Student Scholarships, Youth Team Sponsorship, Boy and Girl Scouts, Christmas for Everyone, Loaves and Fishes, Helping Hands, Special Olympics, Star Quest Children's Talent Show, Pleasant Hill 4th of July Celebration, Adult Day Services Network. Very ambitious, but doable with your help!



And internationally they will help fund "Polio-Plus" (Rotary International's world-wide polio eradication fund) and "Give Hope Give a Hand" (Pleasant Hill Rotary Club's personally developed and startup funded project which provides prosthetic hands to amputees in developing countries, at no cost to the recipient).

Last year, the Dinner/Auction raised over \$28,000 for these worthwhile projects. Your business can help the Rotary Club do that again by becoming a sponsor and/or donating an auction item that would generate interest and increase donations from the participants. Call Bob Turcios (228-1791) or Dick Marvin (932-0308) for a sponsorship brochure.

And what better way to celebrate St Patrick's Day with friends and family! Tickets are available for \$40 per person by calling Stacy Antonel at 671-5853. This evening is always a sell-out, so call soon! ♣



Don't miss the Pasta Feed at Valley View Middle School

The Student Leadership Class at Valley View Middle School in Pleasant Hill is holding their 7th annual Pasta Feed and Silent Auction on April 3, 2009, from 6pm to 9pm. This is Valley View's largest fundraiser, and the school's leadership students are involved in putting the event together. The organizers are currently seeking support from local businesses, and all donations are greatly appreciated. The school will highlight all businesses who donate in the auction program.

If you are able to donate a product or service, or interested in attending this event, please contact Nancy Beals, Leadership Teacher at 682-8000, x 5031 or email her at bealsn@mdusd.k12.ca.us for further information. ♣



★ POLICE 3rd Annual Kops for Kids Run/Walk



On May 16 the Contra Costa Police Athletic Association will host the 3rd annual Kops for Kids Run/Walk.

The Run/Walk features a 1 mile, 5K and 10K race along the Iron Horse Trail in Concord, between Marsh Creek and Monument Boulevard.

This course has no cross traffic and is a very safe venue. The run is the day before the Bay to Breakers and runners can use this for a warmup to that event. Medals are awarded in 10-year age groups through third place for both males and females. The top male and female runners in both the 5K and 10K are also awarded trophies.

The race celebrates the last day of National Police Week and Armed Forces Day. There is a perpetual trophy awarded to the law enforcement agency or military unit with the largest number of participants.

Proceeds from the race are used for our two programs, Kops for Kids Youth Mentoring Program and our Positive Mental Attitudes Seminars & Sports Clinics for high schools throughout Contra Costa County. Our mission is to help prevent drug abuse, gangs, violence, and juvenile delinquency in Contra Costa County by providing athletic, educational and other programs for youth. We are now in our 14th year and mentor about 5,000 youth a year through our programs.

Sponsors are also welcome! Sponsors are offered booth and banner space, as well as advertising in our annual report.

Register at Active.com to run or walk this year. For sponsorship opportunities or for a run/walk registration form call Gina Rigley at 827-1998 or visit our website www.cocopaa.org. ♣



THE CHEF IS IN

This column is intended to highlight the many fine restaurants in the city. In particular, it will feature recently established restaurants, new menus, or improvements to existing businesses. This month the focus is on the new Kobe Japan restaurant on Oak Park Blvd.

A San Francisco Ozumo style restaurant right in our own backyard!

Restaurant owner Terry Jiang opened the doors to Kobe Japan located at 1918 Oak Park Blvd, the former home of Back Forty, on Friday evening January 30 to a crowd of patrons eager to see and experience the items on the extensive menu. A visit to Kobe is like visiting two restaurants in one location. There is a complete Sushi Lounge that occupies one side of the restaurant and the other side features the Teppanyaki table, which literally translated means Hibachi Grill on table.

You can request seating on either side of the restaurant; if you opt for the Sushi Lounge you can still select from the full menu. The restaurant has been successfully transformed from a western themed interior to a Japanese style restaurant....with a beautiful and serene décor.



Terry operated Japanese restaurants in New York and New Jersey and decided to embark on this journey to open a Japanese style restaurant with the help of two wonderful chefs—Richard (Sushi Chef) who trained in Japan for 10 years and Rocky (Teppanyaki Chef) who has over 18 years of experience. Terry credits

them both with the support he needed to get the restaurant up and operating. He has spent the past several years visiting restaurants and found that Japanese restaurants are very limited in the East Bay area and he felt it was a natural niche for him. Terry decided to open Kobe Japan in Pleasant Hill when he found the location on Oak Park Blvd in Pleasant Hill; he likes the neighborhood feel of the center and is very excited about the future of his business here.

So remember when you are in the Oak Park Boulevard neighborhood stop in and say “Hi” to Terry and his staff at Kobe Japan in Pleasant Hill. ♣

Literary Women Bay Area Bluestocking Festival



Literary Women, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's long-running enriching program has become a tradition for book-lovers in Pleasant Hill—and it usually sells out quickly. This year's program on Saturday, April 18, features Katherine Otoshi, Louise Ure, Michelle Richmond, and Wendy Johnson.

Katherine Otoshi is a Bay Area author/illustrator of children's books, including *One and What Emily Saw*. **Louise Ure**, author of *Liars Anonymous*, started writing fiction in 2002, after a 25-year career in advertising and marketing. Her first novel *Forcing Amarillis* won the Shamus Award for Best First Novel and her second, *The Fault Tree*, has been nominated for a Mary Higgins Clark Award.

Michelle Richmond, author of *The Year of Fog* and *No One You Know*, has four books of fiction to her credit. *The Year of Fog* was a best seller and named one of the Library Journal's best books of 2007, Kirkus Reviews' top pick for reading groups, a Washington Post A-List selection, and a SF Chronicle Notable Book. **Wendy Johnson's** first book, *Gardening at the Garden's Gate* is based on her experience as a Buddhist meditation teacher and one of the founders of the organic Farm and Garden program at Green Gulch Farm Zen Center in Marin County.

Literary Women at the Pleasant Hill Community Center begins with coffee and rolls, includes presentations by four authors, continues with a boxed lunch, and wraps up with one-on-one conversation and book signing with the authors. Books will be on sale throughout the day. Tickets: \$42 per person, or \$336 for a table of eight. To have your name put on the mailing interest list, call 676-5200. ♣



“Egg”Citing springtime activities from Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District

Grab your basket and bonnet and head for Pleasant Hill Park on Saturday, April 11, for breakfast, a boutique, and an exciting Egg Hunt.

Start off at the PH Senior Center (right next door to the park) for a fabulous pancake breakfast and boutique (8-11am). You'll find great bargains on handmade craft items, and breakfast is a steal at just \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50/youth, and *free* for toddlers, 4 years and younger. Enjoy all the pancakes you can eat—hot off the griddle—sausage, orange juice, coffee, and milk.

Starting at 10:30am sharp, children up to 10 years old can join in the fun of the annual “Egg”Citing Egg Hunt presented by the Pleasant Hill Lions Club and Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. Catch a ride on the Pleasant Hill Express, see the Bunny, and have your face painted as part of the festivities.

Pleasant Hill Senior Center Pancake Breakfast and Boutique, Saturday, April 11, 8-11am, \$3.50 adults, \$2.50 children 5-10 yrs, FREE for children 4 years and under. Pleasant Hill Senior Center, Building 2, 233 Gregory Lane.

“Egg”Citing Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11; Music begins at 9:30am; Check in for the Egg Hunt beginning at 9:30 am. Reservations required, 676-5200, \$6 per child. Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane. ♣

Pre-School, Swimming, Seniors— sign up now with Pleasant Hill Rec

This is the time to get in on some great programs from Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District for 2009.

Pre-School

Sign up for the Park District's Fall 2009 Pre-School Classes, on March 14, 9–11am, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, Wee Tot Room, 320 Civic Drive. For information, call Eran Perera, Pre-School Director at 676-5200 ext. 32

Dolphins Swim Team

For two days only sign up for the Pleasant Hill Dolphins Swim Team, Saturday April 4, Noon–2pm, and Tuesday, April 21, 7–9pm at Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road. For information, call 682-0896.

Seniors

Classes for People 50 and above are filling up fast. Register now for new sessions of popular fitness classes beginning in March and April. Fit for Life offers a great low-impact cardio workout and Weight and Strength is a great workout appropriate for all fitness levels. Sign up by phone, 798-8788, or at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane. ♣

Benefit concert for teen music

Cover2Cover, a local high-energy dance band will perform at the Pleasant Hill Community Center on Friday, March 20. This show, for adults 21 years and over, is sponsored by Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and the City of Pleasant Hill and is a benefit concert to raise money for the Garage Bands at the Lake Concert series and Teen programs.



The evening will feature popular music from the last four decades performed by Cover2Cover, drawings, auctions, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine available for purchase from Pleasant Hill Wine Merchants.

The Garage Band Concert series was a very popular Friday night series designed for teens. It features local teen bands and offers a positive experience for teens who enjoy spending summer evenings in downtown Pleasant Hill.

Tickets for the benefit concert are available for \$15 in advance at the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Office, 147 Gregory Lane, or 682-0896. The concert will take place at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, 7:30 pm. Tickets will also be on sale at the door for \$20 per person. All persons must be 21 years of age or older to attend. For information on donating to the event, please contact Katrina Hunn at khunn@pleasanthillrec.com. ♣

Music in Pleasant Hill presents LAVA at the Pleasant Hill Community Center

If you're ready to have a good time and get away from your daily stress, come to the Pleasant Hill Community Center on Saturday, April 4 for some high-energy Latin music! What separates Lava from other Latin bands is their ability to play many styles of Latin music. The band goes from Latin Jazz to Cha-Cha-Cha to Latin Rock to Latin Funk and even to Salsa. Lava covers a certain number of songs from such artists as Santana, Poncho Sanchez, Malo, Gato Barberri, and the horn section from Tower of Power. This music will simply move your spirit to dance! 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. ♣

... and many theatre activities!

17th Annual Star Quest... "At the Hop!"

A special treat is in store for Star Quest goes...and for those who haven't yet had the good luck to see this special production. This year's show—"At the Hop"—is on Saturday, May 2 at 7pm and Sunday May 3, at 2pm at the DVC Performing Arts Theatre.

In this year's show you will have an opportunity to see the end result of some hard work and enjoy some delightful entertainment featuring over 40 young performers. The show and young stars will warm your hearts and send you home with a smile on your face. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy as Star Quest 2009 presents "At the Hop" and a variety of other theatrical entertainment!

Brainchild of producer Jim Nunes, Star Quest was started with the intent of providing a positive program where young individuals of the community, in grades K through 12, could showcase their artistic and theatrical talents and strengthen their confidence, stage presence, self esteem and ability to interact with an audience. Since the beginning of this program 17 years ago, Star Quest has given over 1,000 young entertainers and artists a forum and opportunity to audition, perform and display their talents for their family members, friends and community.

Star Quest is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, and many of the members work on the committee and during the shows.

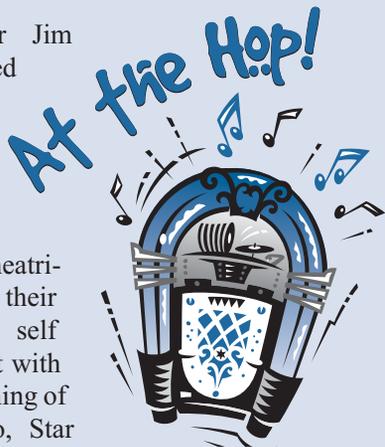
Tickets may be purchased at PH Police Department, PH Community Center, or PH Recreation & Park District Office on Gregory Lane. Don't miss this very special performance! ♣

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" at DVC Theatre

DVC Drama Department is staging "A Midsummer Night's Dream," opening March 20 and running until April 5. The showtimes are Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm and Sundays at 2:30pm. Tickets and pricing are available through the Box Office at 687-4445.

They will also be having three daytime matinees that will serve as an outreach to local area school children. These special performances include dramaturgical information about Shakespeare and his works and a talkback with the cast and crew. And lunch can be provided during the intermission. The matinees begin at 10:30am on March 25, 31, and April 3.

If school administrators or teachers would like to schedule a class' attendance, they may call the Box Office at 687-4445 or contact Associate Professor Nicole Hess Diestler at 685-1230 ext 2337. ♣



See a film, see the world...

14th Annual Contra Costa International Jewish Film Festival, February 28–March 6

30 films! 17 premieres! What a Film Festival!

Who were the early American basketball players? Which two women started the modern-day cosmetics industry in the USA? Which Jewish woman living in pre-state Israel volunteered to join a British commando group and parachute behind enemy lines during World War II?

The answer to these and other questions will be answered in our outstanding line-up of documentaries. The 14th Annual Contra Costa International Jewish Film Festival will also screen numerous feature films, including movies from France, England, Hungary, Canada, Germany and Israel during its week-long run (February 28–March 6). Screenings will be held at the CineArts, 2314 Monument Boulevard in Pleasant Hill and the Contra Costa Jewish Community Center (JCC), 2071 Tice Valley Boulevard in Walnut Creek.

To see the complete lineup of films or to purchase tickets online, go to www.eastbayjewishfilm.org or call 510-839-2900 ext 256.

The Festival is presented by the Contra Costa JCC and the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay. Corporate sponsors include Peets Coffee & Tea, City National Bank, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Aaron Metals, Charles Schwab, Wells Fargo-Trade Bank, Hyatt Summerfield Hotels, the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, and Diablo Magazine. ♣



Film screening by AAUW

The Pleasant Hill branch of the American Association of University Women will meet March 17, 7:00pm at Hillcrest Church, 404 Gregory Lane. A film, SENSE OF WONDER, will be shown. This film is an intimate and poignant reflection on the life of Rachel Carson. After the publication of her book, THE SILENT SPRING, in 1962 she exposed the danger of chemical pesticides. The public is invited to come view this extraordinary film.

For information please e-mail tarheel61@excite.com with AAUW in subject line. ♣

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 December 2008

Consolidated Home Health Care

(Medical staffing for home health care)
818 Grayson Rd., #200
925-926-0348

Fleet Feet Sport

Retail Shoe & Apparel)
45 B Crescent Dr.
925-827-4772

Joseph Lobo

(Massage Therapy)
1610 Oak Park Blvd., #2
925-943-2222

Kobe Japan

Steakhouse/Sushi Bar
1918 Oak Park Blvd.
925-705-7065

Norcal Capital Mgmt, LLC (Invest-

ment Fund Mgmt)
2261 Morello Ave., "A"
925-827-1111

Sisters Hillcrest Dry Cleaners

2215 Morello Ave.
925-825-0361

Kids World

(Online Children's Products)
415-806-8097

Loops Carpet Cleaning

925-849-5843

Mobile Legal Document Services

(Electronic document services)
925-246-0372

Ssujen.com (Online Website for

Creating a Business)
925-408-5483

New businesses January 2009

Andrea L. Walker, MFT

(Psychotherapy Office)
140 Mayhew Way, #301
925-944-1702

Angel Spirit Creations (Crafts)

395 Civic Dr., "C", 925-726-0300

Brittner Law

2800 Pleasant Hill Rd., #170
925-933-4693

Contra Costa Cycles

(Motorcycle Service/Parts, Sales)
1855-D Contra Costa Blvd.
925-252-1110

Diablo Crossfit

(Personal Training)
2447 Estand Way
925-465-0015

DRG Builders, Inc.

3480 Buskirk Ave., #260
925-942-2600

Gin's Skin & Body Care

200 Gregory Ln., #B-1
925-212-5484

Ling Foot Spa

(Foot/Body Massage)
100 Longbrook Way, #4
925-609-8888

Love Auto Sales

(Used Auto Sales)
3333 Vincent Rd., #209
925-584-5398

Robertson Industries, Inc.

(Rubberized Safety Surfacing)
2442 Estand Way
925-687-9748

Sandler Training (Sales Train-

ing/Development/Consulting)
3478 Buskirk Ave. #1000
925-984-9114

Tod Peterson

(Massage Therapy)
2367 Pleasant Hill Road
925-339-2588

Alex Monesi, CPA

925-363-4833

Bill Ardis (Textual

Documentation-Grants)
510-333-4035

Michael Gleen Investigations

(Private Investigations
& Consulting)
925-787-2489

Royalty Parties

(Party Planning)
925-323-2563

Simplera Benefits/Ins Solution

(Insurance Sales & Consultation)
866-675-8081

Stephens Homeworks

(Contractor)
925-765-4880

Our rockin' community! Events for March and April 2009

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Mar 4	CPR Training	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 4	Parents with Memory Loss	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Mar 7, Apr 4	E-Waste Collection	Diablo Valley College	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Mar 11	Composting workshop	PH City Hall Community room	PH City	671-5265
Mar 13	St Patrick's Night of Merriment	PH Community Center	PH Rotary Club	671-5853
Mar 14	PHBA Opening Day Parade	Sequoia Middle School	PH Baseball Association	827-0537
Mar 17	AAUW Film Screening	Hillcrest Church	AAUW	
Mar 18	Guitarist Glenn Staller	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Mar 20	A Midsummer Night's Dream	DVC Theatre	DVC Drama Department	687-4445
Mar 20	Teen Music Benefit Concert	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Mar 25	Navigating the Middle School Years	Sequoia Middle School	PH Education/Schools Advisory Comm	671-5229
Mar 25	Planning for College	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Mar 26	Business Showcase 2009	PH Community Center	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Apr 1	Caring for Aging Parents	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Apr 3	Tast of the Vine	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 3	Valley View Pasta Feed	Valley View Middle School	Student Leadership Class	682-8000
Apr 4	LAVA Latin Music Concert	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	229-2710
Apr 11	"Egg" Citing Easter activities	Pleasant Hill Park	PH Rec & Park District	676-5200
Apr 18	Literary Women	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	676-5200
Apr 22	Composting workshop	PH City Hall Community room	PH City	671-5265
Apr 29	Komodo Jazz group	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Apr 29	Partnership for Success Job Fair	Diablo Valley College	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896

City Meetings

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 2 7:30pm	City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Wed 4 9:30am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 4 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 5 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 10 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 13 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Mon 16 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Thu 5 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 24 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 25 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	Sequoia Middle School
Thu 26 2:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 26 7:00pm	Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room

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Tue 28 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers



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CITY HALL HOURS

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



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Baseball season opening day parade

Pleasant Hill Baseball Association officially kicks off the season with their Opening Day Parade on Saturday March 14 beginning at 8am. Activities during the parade will include:

- ▶ Welcome/remarks from PHP&RD Chair Dennis Donaghu, Vice Mayor, and Chief of Police Pete Dunbar



- ▶ Flag ceremony and National Anthem sung by one of the PHBA softball players
- ▶ Police K9 demonstration
- ▶ Pleasant Hill Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) informational booth
- ▶ BBQ
- ▶ Bouncers for the kids provided by Best Bounce, Inc

The parade will begin at Sequoia Middle School (Boyd Road) and proceed to Patterson Blvd to Hawthorne to



the Pleasant Hill Baseball Association's Sports Complex at Pleasant Oaks Park.

Most importantly...all teams are scheduled to have their first game of the season throughout the day following the parade and Opening Day ceremonies. For more information please contact Rich Persson at rkpersson@sbcglobal.net or call 827-0537. ♣

