

# the OUTLOOK



of Pleasant Hill, California

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 2



Market will have a greater variety of fresh, high quality produce this year with farmers, entertainers, cooking demonstrations and much more!

The Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market opens for its 27th season this year on Saturday, May 2 starting at an earlier time of 8am and running until 2pm each week. Managed by the Contra Costa Certified Farmers' Markets (CCCFM), the market brings the freshest, local, California grown fruits and vegetables from your favorite farmers.

Look for new additions to the market this year, featuring:

- "Patrick's Famous White Sweet Potato Pie"
- Fresh fish purveyor "From Sea to You"
- Pleasant Hill resident "Critical Edge" knife sharpener Bob Kattenburg who will be sharpening knives on the first Saturday of every month (arrive early to drop off your dull knives to be worked on while you shop).

Festivities include music, kids' activities, wine tasting, and cooking demonstrations which will be offered by "The Kensington Vintage Senior Living" Food Service Director Chef Charles Barksdale and Holistic and Nutritional educator Chef Jay Holecek.

Do the environment good—walk or ride your bike to the market and try the new bike racks the City has installed. Veggie valet will make it easy for you to safely leave your market purchases and go get your car. The market staff will help you load it when you return.



Experience the friendly atmosphere and meet your fellow residents as the peak season crops arrive. Taste the difference in eating deliciously ripe, flavor-packed produce. This is the best place to pick up those healthy snacks for your children.

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## HAPPENING TIMES IN PLEASANT HILL!

Springtime is in the air—trees and flowers are in full bloom and so is Pleasant Hill. In this edition of the Outlook there are more than 20 major events taking place in May and June with a wide range of activities for everyone. All of these happenings are reflective of the strong and vibrant community that we call Pleasant Hill.



The first weekend in May kicks off with the Saturday morning **Farmers' Market** with an emphasis on buying local, fresh produce. Speaking of food, **Taste of Pleasant Hill**, featuring over 25 restaurants and businesses, takes place on Sunday at the Community Center. Over at DVC, the **Star Quest Youth Talent Show** is on stage all weekend, and the library starts a full week of activities for its annual **Reading Festival**.

The Senior Center has its annual **Love, Laugh & Learn** event on May 8 and the following day at the Winslow Center is the 59<sup>th</sup> **Annual Plant Sale by the Garden Study**

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## New notification system from the Police Department

As of May 1, 2009, the Pleasant Hill Police Department will be using a notification system called NIXLE, which will allow the Department to issue alerts and notices to the community via email and/or text message. The system will enable community members to stay abreast of current events in the City of Pleasant Hill.

NIXLE is a free service that allows citizens to receive trusted, up-to-the-minute neighborhood information for the town in which they live. Subscription to NIXLE is free, and once subscribed, residents will be able to receive same-time updates from the Police Department regarding missing persons, press releases, wanted suspects, abductions, health and traffic issues, and other items of interest.

To register to NIXLE, residents must log onto [www.NIXLE.com](http://www.NIXLE.com) to create a username and password. While information such as the individual's name, mobile phone number, and email address will be required for registration, this information will be kept confidential and secure. NIXLE uses a National Identity Certification Program which establishes and protects the identity of its users. There is no advertising or selling of email lists to third parties.

Once registered, users can select the manner in which they would like to receive notifications—via email or text message. While there is no fee from NIXLE for registration, subscribers should be aware that standard text messaging rates will apply from their wireless carrier. The Pleasant Hill Police Department hopes that using this service will aid them in their mission to strive for the highest level of public safety, community service, and quality of life for all residents of Pleasant Hill. ♣



## Farmers' Market —continued from page 1

Come join CCCFM for the Grand Opening on Saturday May 2. Make the market your weekly habit to shop Downtown Pleasant Hill every Saturday May 2 through November 14.

CCCFM will also be partnering with local community groups and offering booth space at the market to organizations such as the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education, the Mt Diablo YMCA, Pleasant Hill Police Services Emergency Preparedness Team, and DVC. Others wishing to participate should contact CCCFM.

The Farmers' Market is located at the Pleasant Hill City Hall parking lot at the corner of Gregory Lane and Trelany Road. For more information, visit the Contra Costa Certified Farmers' Market website at [www.cccfm.org](http://www.cccfm.org) or call the CCCFM market line at 431-8361.

- **What:** Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market
- **Where:** City Hall Parking lot at corner of Gregory and Trelany
- **When:** Each Saturday, May 2–Nov 14, 8am to 2pm



## Happening events —continued from page 1

**Club.** On Monday, May 11 the Community Foundation hosts their 9<sup>th</sup> annual **Sunvalley Golf Classic** at the Country Club. The Chamber introduces the **Oak Park Restaurant Walk** this year on May 12, benefiting the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education.

Fast forward to Memorial Day weekend and we have a **Moonlight Movie** on Friday night at City Hall, **Public Works Day** on Saturday, followed by the season opener of the **Summer Concert Series** on Sunday evening with the fantastic 10-member Dave Martin House Party Band and Outback Steakhouse. The concerts continue every two weeks thereafter.

Eat, drink and get healthy at the **Health & Wellness Fair** in the Community Center on May 28, then take the plunge at the first **Family Swim Night** on June 6 at the Aquatic Park. Finally, don't forget about the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Toast to Summer** on Saturday, June 20, hosted by the Chamber on the grounds of City Hall. This all-inclusive event features two live bands, a martini contest, and superb food from eight Pleasant Hill restaurants.

**THIS IS A HAPPENING COMMUNITY—  
SO GET ON THE MOVE, STAY HEALTHY  
AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!**



### Street sweeping— pollution prevention and clean streets

Have you ever thought about the street sweeping in your neighborhood? It's an important

function that is often overlooked or taken for granted. This routine maintenance of our streets keeps debris and pollutants from entering the storm drain system and City creeks.

Residential streets in Pleasant Hill are swept once per month; commercial and arterial streets (like Contra Costa Boulevard, Boyd Road, Chilpancingo Parkway, etc.) are swept weekly. Private streets are not swept under the City contract.

Nearly 425 curb miles are swept each month in Pleasant Hill. The sweeper picks up about 100 cubic yards of leaves and debris each month; that amount can double during heavy leaf season (November, December, January). That's about one inch across an entire football field!

To ensure an efficient and clean sweep, please follow these suggestions:

- Park vehicles off the street on your scheduled sweeping day.
- Remove trash containers and basketball backboards from the street to allow the sweeper full access.
- Do not sweep extra lawn clippings, leaves, or trash into the street. The street sweeper may have to drive around a pile of debris to avoid possible damage to the sweeper.

It's not possible to sweep streets that do not have a curb and gutter. The sweeper's rotating broom requires a raised edge to capture dirt and other contaminants.

To find out when the street sweeper will be on your street, check the Pleasant Hill City website (<http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us>). Go to **SERVICES**, select **STREET SWEEPING**, and then select the **STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE**.

Remember, a clean sweep will help keep your streets looking good as well as keeping our waterways clean and free of debris. Please do your part by making sure that your street is free of vehicles and trash and green waste containers on the day that the sweeper is scheduled for your neighborhood.



### Letter to homeowners from the City Building Crew

#### **BUILDING SAFETY WEEK...**

It's that time of year when the City's Building Division celebrates "Building Safety Week" from May 3-9. This week gives us an opportunity to inform the citizens we serve about the essential role building safety professionals play in protecting their lives and property.

Each year during Building Safety Week some of the members of the International Code Council (ICC), regulated by the State Building Standards Commission, take the building safety and fire prevention message directly to the nation's top lawmakers. They put a face to the building code profession and raise the visibility and credibility of our jurisdictions. They explain the code development and enforcement process for our municipalities and express our support for bills that drive safe building throughout the country.

Building Safety Week is an ideal forum for opening dialogue about the value of building safety and fire prevention codes and how we can further enforce these codes to protect lives and prevent or minimize building destruction during natural or manmade events.

Again, we are here to answer your questions and provide information including the following handouts available at City Hall:

- Safety First – Disaster Preparedness
- Building Codes: How They Help You
- Building Green – Better Living
- Benefits of Building Permits
- Careers in Building
- Flood Cleanup: Safety and Salvaging
- Building Technology: Then and Now
- Mold: Tips on Prevention and Control
- Prevent Accidents, Save Lives: Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Safety

Please call 671-4520 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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

# 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 Shaadzee Bakery Bistro in the Downtown.

## Downtown Pleasant Hill welcomes new Shaadzee Bakery Bistro!

Now is the time of year to stroll around the Downtown and discover some of our newest restaurants and shops. Right on the corner of Crescent Plaza and Crescent Drive, formerly occupied by Coldwell Banker, is **Shaadzee Bakery & Bistro** serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week.

The bistro has a casual atmosphere serving a variety of foods at reasonable family friendly prices. It is open from 7:00am–9:00pm, Sunday–Thursday, and from 7am–10:00pm on Friday and Saturday. They serve breakfast from 7:00–11:00am on Monday–Friday and from 7:00am–2:00pm on Saturday and Sunday....so you can sleep in on the weekends and still stop by for breakfast.

Stella and Farhad Iranitalab, the restaurant proprietors, have spent several months preparing for the opening of Shaadzee Bakery Bistro, and while open for business now, they are planning a grand opening celebration later in May. They are a “quick service” restaurant, making them a great option for a business breakfast or lunch and for dinner before or after a movie. Shaadzee also serves smoothies, specialty coffee drinks, and gelato. The bakery at Shaadzee has a variety of European style pastries and specialty cakes, as well as special order birthday and wedding cakes. Shaadzee bakes bread twice daily to serve the freshest possible baguettes, sour dough, focaccia, and marble rye bread.

They are also anticipating adding new items to the dinner menu in the next few weeks, including “prime rib and seafood” dinners. Shaadzee is also doing their part for the environment by using biodegradable/compostable drink containers and cutlery for takeout and to-go orders.

Shaadzee is already a big hit with many local residents who have discovered the “Persian Burger” specially seasoned ground beef and onions with tomato, red onions, parsley and pickle, served on delicious fresh baked bread—this burger is positioned to be a Pleasant Hill favorite. Next time you are in Downtown Pleasant Hill stop in at Shaadzee for a Persian Burger, a cappuccino, and pastry or one of their many menu items. ♣



## New chef at Left Bank

New Left Bank Chef **Tom Hurley** hails from Oregon and pursued his life-long love for food through a course of study at the French Culinary Institute in New York,

which he completed with honors. Working for a time under the most renowned culinary names in New York, he returned to Portland in 2003 to open Hurley's, one of the best received and top-rated eateries in the city. He opened Coupage in November of 2006 and also owned the historic Triangle Lounge in the Fremont district of Seattle.

As a 20-year acquaintance of Left Bank CEO Richard Miyashiro, Tom found his way south and is lighting up the cuisine at Left Bank. His passion and talent is fine tuning the Brasserie menu and transforming the menu of the Bar Americain. At Left Bank's new Bar Americain you can taste Tom's famous short rib burger, spicy cross cut ribs and apple wood smoked chicken. ♣

## Outback Steakhouse® goes over the top with a new menu and down under with prices

Outback Steakhouse rolled out an exciting new menu during February that includes 15 meals under \$15 starting at just \$9.95.

“We know consumers crave great tasting, high quality appetizers, entrees, and desserts,” said Jeff Smith, President of Outback Steakhouse. “Our new menu features classic favorites and new culinary creations, at prices that are easy on the wallet.”

The new menu includes classic Outback signature steaks and baby back ribs as well as new boldly flavored steaks, pork, shrimp, and seafood entrees. Prices and availability on individual items vary, but some highlights include Savory Pepper Mill Steak, Sweet Glazed Roast Pork Tenderloin, Ribs and Alice Spring Chicken, and Shrimp en Fuego.

“Over 20 years ago, Outback defined casual dining by offering a broad menu of unique items and innovative flavors,” says Barry Howell, managing partner of the local Outback, “in an Aussie inspired laid back environment, at prices that were more affordable than a traditional steakhouse would offer.”

For more information on the new Outback menu, visit [www.outback.com](http://www.outback.com). ♣

## PH Senior Center's March/April Events

### ■ Laugh, Love & Learn Senior Live Well Forum

Entertainment, humor, and education packed into a fun and inspiring day. Includes continental breakfast, lunch, door prizes, raffles, and giveaways.

Friday, May 8 8:30-2:00pm

PH Community Center, 320 Civic Drive

Presale Fee \$20, 60 yrs+ / \$25 general

At the door (not guaranteed to have availability) \$25, 60 yrs+ / \$25 general



### ■ Senior Information Fair

FREE community fair geared towards seniors. Representatives from local businesses and agencies will be available to answer questions and provide information. Attend and get entered into the various vendor raffles and walk away with many goodies!

Friday, May 8, 8:30am-1:00pm

PH Community Center, 320 Civic Drive

Fee: \$20, 60 yrs+ / \$25 general

### ■ John Muir Health Focus Day

Free health screenings and information for seniors. Health Screenings include Bone Density, Balance, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Glucose and Memory. Health Presentations include Fall Prevention and Cardiac Wellness. Some screenings prefer an appointment. Call 798-8788 to schedule.

Thursday, June 18, 9am-Noon

Senior Center, Bldg 2, 233 Gregory Lane

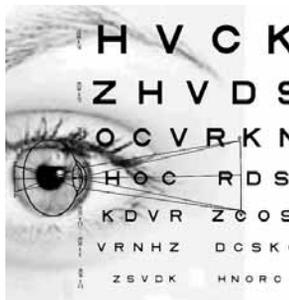
### ■ Lions Club Free Eye Screening

In the United States, 1 in 6 people suffer vision loss due to age-related degenerative eye disease. However, most do not know it because there are often no warning signs or symptoms. The Pleasant Hill Lions Club will be sponsoring a FREE eye screening, by the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired, to detect and help prevent eye disease for seniors. Appointments preferred, call 798-8788

Thursday,

June 18, 9am-4pm

Senior Center, Bldg 2,  
233 Gregory Lane



### ■ Vagabond Players present "The Sound of Music"

A wonderful and affordable afternoon for theater lovers. Proven to be one of the most beloved musicals of all time, *The Sound of Music* touches the hearts of all ages and brims over with some of the most memorable songs ever performed on the musical stage.

Sunday, June 21, 2pm

Senior Center, Bldg 2, 233 Gregory Lane

Fee: \$5 presale / \$7 at the door

### Salute to Our Veterans



Kick off the Memorial Day weekend by joining the Seniors at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center for an ice cream social in tribute to our veterans. Friday afternoon, May 22, 1-3 pm, build your own sundae at the Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, Building 2. It's FREE!

## What's new at the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce

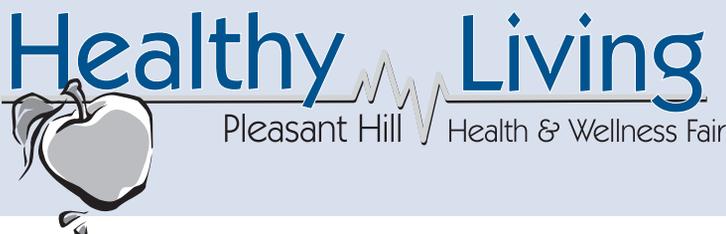
### Health Fair 2009

Come join the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce on May 28 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center for the Fourth Annual Health Fair sponsored by Diablo Valley's 92.1 KKDV.

Participants will include local exercise studios, massage and nutrition experts as well as emergency preparedness experts to offer valuable advice on

remaining healthy in a crisis situation. You will have the opportunity to get some vitals checked while you nibble on some healthy vvvittles! For more information contact the Chamber office at 687-0700 or online at [www.pleasanthillchamber.com](http://www.pleasanthillchamber.com).

The Pleasant Hill Community Center is located at 320 Civic Drive in Pleasant Hill.



### Save the dates!

July is a busy month in Pleasant Hill for the Chamber of Commerce.

Watch for the **Downtown Restaurant Walk** on July 12. Get a chance to enjoy an evening with some of the best that Pleasant Hill has to offer. And if that is not enough, July 25<sup>th</sup> will feature the First Annual Car Show called **Pleasant Hill's Hot Chili Nights**, featuring some of the hottest cars, music and great food! Call the chamber for more information at 687-0700 or check the web site at [www.pleasanthillchamber.com](http://www.pleasanthillchamber.com).



## Law at JFK: Public interest law, as it should be

Social justice, leadership, and community are interrelated concepts at the heart of a legal education at JFK University. With that as its foundation, the School of Law in Pleasant Hill offers a comprehensive legal education that not only prepares individuals for professional success, but also teaches about the law's role in serving the public's interest.

This public interest focus attracts students who value the essential human dignity of the clients they will be serving, and who want to strive to ensure that legal services are accessible to all individuals. It is designed primarily for people interested in careers in public service areas of law dedicated to social justice.

"For me, coming to JFKU School of Law is allowing me to imagine a life where give back is what you do for a living," says Mike Pierson, second year law student. The School of Law has expanded its programs to meet the needs of prospective students—first, by adding a full-time option in addition to its part-time program and, most recently, by offering a law program at the University's Berkeley campus.

"Even as our program has grown, we have maintained the culture that is unique to our school," explains Geoff Brown, School of Law dean, "namely, that it is cooperative and collegial with a climate that is welcoming to individuals of all backgrounds."



"As much as a public interest institution such as JFK University cares about teaching me the letter of the law," remarks student Mo Hamoudi, "it also takes great care in preserving the spark that drew me to JFKU and teaching me the spirit of the law that can fuel it."  
—Student Mo Hamoudi

The School of Law prides itself on the opportunities it provides students to serve the local communities, as well as gain real world legal experience through its legal clinics.

The Elder Law Clinic at the Pleasant Hill campus offers pro bono legal services to elderly Contra Costa residents experiencing financial abuse. The school also supports at-risk populations through Housing Advocacy and Criminal Defender clinics.

The two law libraries in Pleasant Hill and Berkeley also serve the local communities, housing a collection of over 34,000 volumes and more than 250 periodical titles. Primarily supporting students, alumni, and faculty, the libraries are available to the public and serve law firms in neighboring communities.

The School of Law is currently accepting applications for fall 2009. The priority deadline for applying is May 15, 2009; the final deadline is July 15. Classes start in August. For more information, visit [www.jfku.edu](http://www.jfku.edu), call 969-3550 or email [proginfo@jfku.edu](mailto:proginfo@jfku.edu). ♣

## JFKU Sport Psychology and YMCA Offer Girls Soccer Camp

JFKU Sport Psychology Program and Irvin Deutscher Family YMCA in Pleasant Hill teaming up to offer a sport psychology skills camp for female soccer players, ages 11-14.

This summer camp will run daily during the week of July 27-31, from 9:00am–noon at the YMCA in Pleasant Hill, 350 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill.

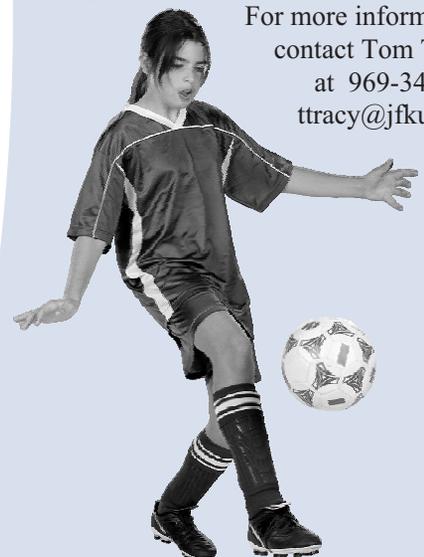
The aim of the camp is to help young athletes learn and integrate sport psychology skills, such as goal-setting, visualization/imagery, relaxation, teambuilding and communication, and positive thinking with the physical skills of soccer.

Professional Youth Soccer Coach Jessie Harwood, who is affiliated with the Mustang Soccer Club, will put the athletes through soccer drills that will help them integrate the mental skills they have learned with the necessary physical skills, thus maximizing overall performance!

Student Interns in the Master's degree program Sport Psychology at JFK University will design and facilitate fun interactive activities and games that will teach and incorporate the mental skills that are key components of optimal athletic performance.

The cost of the camp is \$125 for the week and includes all camp activities, snacks, beverages, workbooks, and a camp t-shirt.

For more information contact Tom Tracy at 969-3432 or [tracy@jfku.edu](mailto:tracy@jfku.edu).



■ **The Power of Thinking Differently: How to be More Creative in 6 Hours or Less**

**Saturday, June 13, 10am-4pm**

Have you ever felt stuck and in need of a new idea, a new path, a fresh perspective, or a creative solution to a difficult problem?

Join creative thinking expert Javy W. Galindo in a FREE and funny information packed workshop to enhance your creativity and to learn how to foster creative environments for groups. Through lecture, discussion, games, and improvisational activities you will discover:

- The 6 secrets to out-of-the-box thinking
- How to become more “insight” prone
- The ultimate roadmap of the creative process
- How to tap into your brain’s inherent creativity
- The five creativity killers and how to avoid them.

Space is limited. Call 206-202-2315 or email [JWGThink@aol.com](mailto:JWGThink@aol.com) to reserve a spot today.



■ **Sacred Activism: A New Approach to Engaging the Global Crisis**

**Saturday, June 6, 10am-4pm**

In this time of planetary and social crisis, are you wondering how you can truly make a difference or even if you can? How can we approach effective social change in a new way?

Join us in an exploration of Sacred Activism that will be packed with information, dialog and collaboration. Together we will:

- explore this emerging paradigm of social change
- discover where we collectively have come from, where we are now and where we want to head as global citizens
- find real and individualized steps toward planetary transformation
- go forward with a renewed sense of hope and motivation

Call Megan at 726-1326 or email her at [megannjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:megannjoseph@yahoo.com) to reserve your space or for more information.

■ **Queer Consciousness: A Spiritual Approach to Gender and Sexuality**

**Saturday, June 13, 10am-4pm**

Have you ever wanted safe, open space to discuss gender and sexual diversity? Curious about integrating healing and spirituality into this conversation? Let us come together in this interactive workshop to explore, give voice to, and increase visibility around the spectrum of sexual and gender identities. All orientations are welcome!

Please RSVP to Amiel Landor at [ameillandor@hotmail.com](mailto:ameillandor@hotmail.com) or 831-325-8700.

■ **The Nature and Experience of Consciousness**

**Sunday, June 14, 10am-4 pm, JFKU**

What is consciousness? And what is the importance of understanding consciousness in our daily life? During this one day workshop we will explore these two questions from a variety of perspectives and from our own direct experience. We will in particular examine how our thoughts, emotions, beliefs and personality create our reality. Throughout the day we will deepen our understanding through practices such as meditation, movement, interactive inquiry, sharing and discussions.

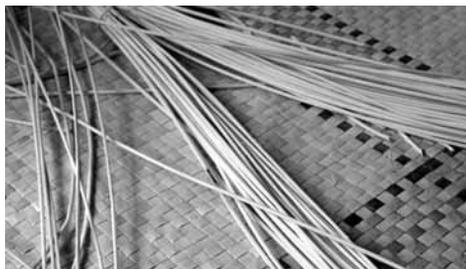
To ensure a deep experience for everyone, this workshop will have a limited number of participants. Call Martijn at 510-717-2978 or email to [m\\_aarsman@hotmail.com](mailto:m_aarsman@hotmail.com) for reservations or additional info.

■ **Spinning Yarns, Weaving Stories, Sewing Seeds: Rethinking Traditional Fiber Arts**

**Sunday, June 7, 10am-4pm**

Do you want skills that enliven your connection with Self and Nature? Are you interested in weaving new patterns into the fabric of your life? Let us explore how to interlace fabric, culture, spirituality, and sustainability, as we practice spinning, weaving, and sewing with natural fibers. This class is for people curious about sustainable practices, those interested or experienced in fiber arts, as well as anyone looking for threads that connect themselves and the earth.

The day will include discussion, experiential activities, and hands-on creating with natural fibers! Space is limited. Call Sarah at 510-847-7185 or email to [sarah@kaleidowear.com](mailto:sarah@kaleidowear.com) to reserve a spot.



## A "Walk to Remember"

The Hospice Foundation of the East Bay is presenting its 3rd annual A Walk to Remember, for the community to gather together to celebrate the lives of their loved ones and raise funds to benefit Hospice of the East Bay.

Held at the John Muir Amphitheater, at the Martinez Marina, on Saturday, May 16 (10:00am–2:00pm), the day will include music, food, a memory lane with photographs, and a reading of the names of those being remembered.

Walk participants are asked to collect donations from family, friends, co-workers and neighbors in memory of their loved ones (donations are tax-deductible). Participants will also include Hospice staff and volunteers. The "official" walk through the Martinez Regional Shoreline Park (approx 1.5 miles) will begin at 10:30am. Those who are less adventurous are invited to stroll along the memory lane around the amphitheater where photos of those being remembered will be displayed.

All participants will gather in the amphitheater at noon for a reading of the names followed by a memory lap around the amphitheater. This is a family oriented event for all ages...strollers and wheelchairs are welcome!!

Bring your walking shoes (or not) and photos of your loved ones and join us at **A Walk to Remember** on Saturday, May 16. You can come for just an hour or stay all day, but please do come and celebrate with us.

Registration packets are available for participants to begin gathering donations. There is no fee to register, but each participant (family) agrees to collect a suggested minimum of \$25.00.

For more information, you can contact Peggy Hernandez at 887-5678 or by email [peggyh@hospiceeastbay.org](mailto:peggyh@hospiceeastbay.org). ♣



*So many needs, so few funds...*

## The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation is here to help—with YOUR help

For 20 years the PHCF has quietly gone about its mission of raising funds from Pleasant Hill-loving folks, in an effort to funnel these monies to local activities that depend on extra resources.



Our 100+ donors recognize that Pleasant Hill—with 14,000 individual households—has needs that can't be met through other funding sources.

With 11 public schools, numerous pre-schools, two colleges, sports teams, performing and visual arts clubs, an active senior center, programs for the disabled and the recovering, and myriad other groups, Pleasant Hill is a vibrant and involved community.

PHCF continues to support these non-profit groups by delivering essential funds for their programs and activities. 2009 is no different. In a year when the economy wreaked havoc on everyone's financial standing, PHCF received 32 grant requests—a near record number! They were many and varied....

- From adult singers who need to purchase new sheet music to regale seniors in convalescent homes to the desperate teacher who needs to purchase a new set of phonics books since the 19-year old ones have fallen to pieces;
- from College Park's need for a kiosk to deliver critical and timely college information to senior students to the public demonstration gardens built by volunteers;
- from the "homework club" for at-risk kids to the swim team's need for a timing cable....
- all worthy causes deserving support and funding.

Of the 32 grant requests received, PHCF was able to lend partial support to just 13. The community's needs continue—through good economic times and bad—and become especially critical when other, more traditional funders (like the City and the Recreation & Park District) find their own resources stretched ever thinner.

PHCF is asking for your help. The Foundation knows where the needs exist and the activities that require funding. Help the Foundation meet those needs—because your kids went to our schools, because they played on our sports teams, because you appreciate the arts, because you know that your own parents would enjoy a sensational senior center like the one in our town, and because you enjoy the beauty of our cityscapes. ♣

**Send in your donation today to:  
The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation  
147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**



# CITY AT WORK

## SPRING 2009



City of Pleasant Hill

This City at Work issue highlights the Public Works and Community Development Department public works activities within the City. The Public Works section is composed of two divisions: Engineering and Maintenance. The Engineering Division handles the construction inspection and contract administration for Capital Improvement Projects, such as traffic signals, sidewalks, street paving and storm drains. This Division also addresses traffic issues, encroachment permits for work on public property, floodplain issues, solid waste contract management (trash, recycling and green waste) and new residential and commercial subdivision development, including plan checking and inspections. The Maintenance Division takes care of City landscaping, temporary pothole repair, permanent repair of small potholes, pavement crack sealing, storm drain cleaning, street sweeping and City-owned public buildings (Downtown Parking Garage, City Hall, Public Service Center and Police Department).

### Engineering Division

City Hall  
100 Gregory Lane  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
Phone (925) 671-5264  
Fax (925) 676-1125  
[www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/engineering](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/engineering)

**Steve Wallace, Public Works and Community Development Director 671-5208**

### Engineering Staff Directory (area code 925)

Mario Moreno, City Engineer 671-5252  
Annette Kaufmann, Administrative Secretary 671-5264  
Shawn Knapp, Associate Engineer 671-5251  
Roderick Wui, Associate Engineer 671-5261  
Eric Hu, Associate Traffic Engineer 671-5203  
Ann Page, Assistant Engineer 671-5260  
Safa Jubboori, Construction Inspector 671-5232

### Maintenance Staff Directory (area code 925)

Robert Costa, Maintenance Superintendent 671-4656  
Chris Heck, Administrative Secretary 671-4646  
Mike Moore, Senior Maintenance Worker 671-5244

To email comments and concerns pertaining to public works operations, please go to the City of Pleasant Hill web site ([www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us)) and then use the CONTACT US link to access the staff directory.

### Maintenance Division

Public Services Center  
310 Civic Drive  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
Phone (925) 671-4646  
Fax (925) 676-7628

### Important Public Works Operations Numbers (area code 925)

Street Maintenance (potholes, storm drains, sweeping and landscaping) 671-4646  
Traffic Issues (parking, signs, signals, striping and traffic calming) 671-5203  
Capital Improvement Projects (pavement and storm system rehab) 671-5251  
Street Pavement Program (pavement analysis and scheduling) 671-5251  
Subdivision Development (grading, plan checking and inspections) 671-5261  
Encroachment Permits (sidewalk, driveway, fences and utility repair) 671-5232

## TRAFFIC MATTERS

### Citywide pedestrian countdown signal head replacement

City staff recently secured \$35,000 in grant funds from the State Office of Traffic Safety to purchase and install approximately 78 new pedestrian countdown timers at 21 city operated traffic signals. These will replace existing pedestrian flashing "WALK" "DON'T WALK" signal modules. Countdown signal modules give pedestrians information about how much crossing time remains at the respective signal phase. Studies have shown that countdown timers can help reduce the number of stragglers in the street when the signal changes, thus increasing the overall safety for pedestrians at crosswalks. The new timers will upgrade 21 signalized intersections at various locations citywide and are tentatively scheduled to be installed this summer.



## PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The City of Pleasant Hill will be participating in the National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2009, with a variety of events. The theme this year is "Revitalize, Reinvest, and Renew," focusing on rebuilding the infrastructure of our cities. This national celebration seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works groups and issues and to commend Public Works employees who are dedicated to serving your community.

Staff will attend various Elementary schools in an effort to promote awareness amongst our young students who will participate in the Public Works drawing contest. Winners will be recognized and given an award at a Pleasant Hill City Council meeting.

On Saturday, May 23, 2008, between 9:00am and 1:00pm, several Public Works agencies will be setting up booths and information areas in the City Hall parking lot. The City will have a barbecue and provide free hot dogs and sodas for the public. This is a great opportunity for residents to walk around downtown and learn about the various Public Works agencies that support the City

PLANNED

Contra Costa Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation—  
2nd Avenue to I-680 Off Ramp

The City will resurface Contra Costa Boulevard between 2nd Avenue South and I-680 Freeway off-ramp (near the Target Store entrance) during the summer. The project was awarded \$728,000 in Federal Stimulus Package grant monies. Work will begin this summer and some of the paving work is to take place during the nighttime hours in order to minimize the impact to motorists and businesses. The construction scope includes the pavement grinding, pavement failure repairs, sidewalk and concrete repairs, new traffic striping, center median work, handicap accessible curb ramps and new pavement overlay and incidentals.

Curb Ramp Installation Project

This project provides for the installation of 30 new ramps at identified locations near the Strandwood School area compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps standards. High priority areas targeted for this project are routes to schools as well as

sidewalks that do not have existing curb ramps. The new ramps will provide access to sidewalks for pedestrians with physical disabilities in these residential areas. The current standard requires new ramps to have a detectable warning surface mat on the ramp landing area that warns pedestrians with visual disabilities that they are about to enter a roadway with vehicular traffic. The project is expected to be completed during the summer.



UNDERWAY

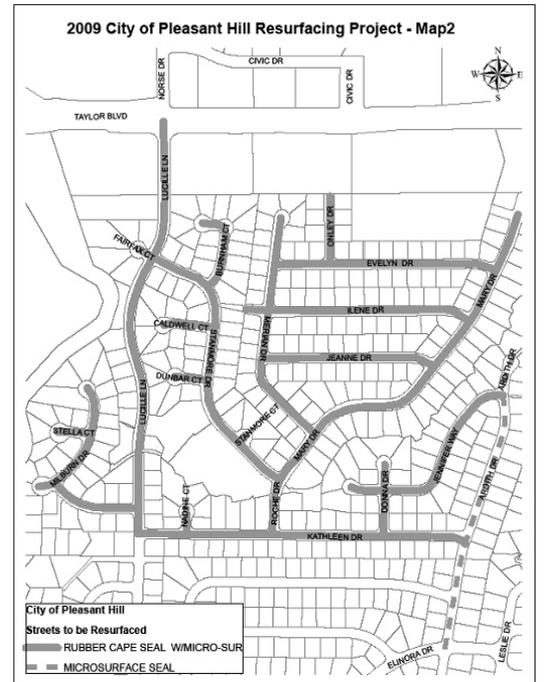
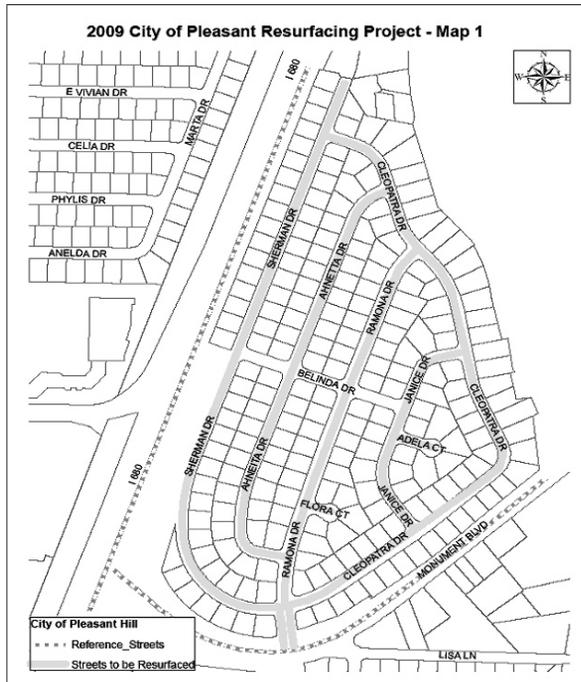
2009 Street Resurfacing (Cape Seal) Project

After years of focusing pavement rehabilitation funding on the City's arterial and collector system, the backbone of our street system, the majority of these streets are in "good" to "excellent" condition. These recent arterial and collector street pavement improvements have allowed the City to focus funding into our residential street pavement rehabilitation program. The City can fund on average one to two zones (of the 24 residential zones in the City) per year based on current budget and funding levels.

In 2009 the City's Pavement Management Program is focusing on rehabilitating over 80,000 square feet along two residential neighborhoods/zones: a) Sherman Acres; and b) Gregory Gardens, zone 4 (see maps). These neighborhoods/zones have the highest rehabilitation needs and they also do not conflict with current or planned utility pipeline replacement projects. This work is tentatively scheduled between April 2009 and the

end of July 2009. In 2008, the City Rubberized Cape Sealed using the same resurfacing process along one residential zone (Gregory Gardens zone 1).

To obtain more detailed information and the construction schedule for the 2009 Street Resurfacing Project, log on to the City website ([www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/2009capeseal](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/2009capeseal)). If you have any questions about this project, please contact Ann Page, Assistant Engineer, City of Pleasant Hill at (925)-671-5260.



## Contra Costa Boulevard Sidewalk Project (Ellinwood Drive to Taylor Boulevard)

During the summer the City will construct a new 4-foot wide concrete sidewalk along the west side of Contra Costa Boulevard, between Ellinwood Drive and Taylor Boulevard. The intent is to provide safe access for children and pedestrians using the existing uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Harriet Drive and Contra Costa Boulevard, and who walk along the street area. The new sidewalk will redirect pedestrian traffic to the two signalized intersections at Ellinwood Drive and Taylor Boulevard. Some vegetation will need to be removed to facilitate the construction of the new sidewalk section; the landscape strip will be installed at various locations behind the new sidewalk within the project limit. The project is funded by the Federal Highway Safety Grant and the City's New Sidewalk Installation Program.

## City Hall fountain and lake

Ongoing problems with the water pumping and filtration system for the fountain and lake require infrastructure upgrades. Staff is working to determine the most cost-effective approach to improve water quality and circulation. An assessment of the well water quality that supplies the fountain and lake is underway, as well as an evaluation of the pumping and filtering systems. Once the assessment is complete, design plans will be finalized, the lake will be drained, sediment buildup will be removed, upgrades will be installed and the lake will be re-filled. This work will allow years of efficient operation of the pumping and filtration system.

## Police facilities front office/dispatch upgrades repairs

Staff is currently working on the design plans to upgrade the lobby and dispatch areas of the police facility. The police facility was constructed in 1981, and the allotted space and configuration were not designed to accommodate the use of modern technology and computer equipment for dispatching and emergency response staff. These upgrades will meet the operational and functional needs of the Police Department. Construction is anticipated for the Summer of 2009.

## COMPLETED

### New bus shelters

In coordination with CBS Outdoors Advertising Company and Contra Costa County Connection, the City has recently installed three new bus shelters near the Pleasant Hill Downtown and the Crossroads Shopping Center. One new shelter was installed along the east side of Contra Costa Boulevard in front of the existing Safeway Supermarket, and the remaining two shelters were installed along Buskirk Avenue in front of the Crossroads Shopping Center. Additional new bus shelters are scheduled to be installed in the summer of 2009 to replace existing bus shelters along Contra Costa Boulevard, Gregory Lane, and Oak Park Boulevard.



### Newspaper racks

Coordinating with Bay Area News Group, the City has recently installed three new newspaper sales racks in the Pleasant Hill Downtown area and near the intersection of Contra Costa Boulevard and Vivian Drive in front of the Jack in the Box restaurant. The existing old racks were deteriorated and in need of replacement, and many of the old newspaper modules were abandoned or vandalized. The new racks will help enhance the aesthetics of the nearby commercial/retail corridors.

### Gallery Walk pedestrian path repaving

The City has completed the repair and paving of the existing pedestrian path near the Gallery Walk Subdivision, between West Hookston Road and Astrid Drive. Extensive path repair work was done prior to the final overlay of the path, and a new path transition area was paved at West Hookston Road to connect the path to the existing pedestrian facility along West Hookston Road. The path repair project was funded by assessment district funds.

### 2008 Winter pothole project

By late December 2008, the City completed approximately 8,500 SF of pothole repairs along Contra Costa Boulevard, Taylor Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road (between Taylor Boulevard and Gregory Lane).

### Slide repairs—Grayson Woods open space

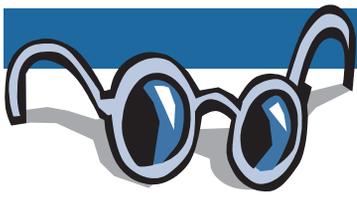
This project is located in the open space adjacent to Reliez Valley Road and abuts Grayson Woods Subdivision. The City repaired two side by side shallow mudflow type slides which occurred in the winter of 2006 after heavy winter rains. The repairs were done using a low cost Plate Pile system.

### Contra Costa Boulevard ornamental street lights

Earlier this year, the City installed 13 new ornamental street lights poles along Contra Costa Boulevard between Gregory Lane and Beth Drive as well as new asphalt overlay; sidewalk, curb and gutter; median repairs; ADA curb ramps installation and/or upgrades; traffic

loops; new striping; and center median landscaping in an effort to beautify and enhance the attractiveness of Contra Costa Boulevard. Other areas along Contra Costa Boulevard will be enhanced in the future along the corridor as funding permits.

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### Commercial Building renovation planned

The property owner of 21 Massolo Drive plans to demolish the existing 1,800 square foot single-story commercial building. The building will be replaced with a new 2,500 two-story building with upgraded architecture. Other site improvements include new landscaping, parking lot and drainage improvements. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2009.

### Oak Park Christian Center underway

Expansion of the Oak Park Christian Center located at 2073 Oak Park Boulevard is under construction. Mass grading of the site has been completed. Drainage improvements, such as the underground detention vaults, that are designed to store additional stormwater runoff generated from the expansion, have been completed. Construction of the new 16,000 square foot sanctuary is currently underway. Additional shared parking spaces will also be constructed on the school site behind the church. Landscape enhancements are scheduled to follow and all site improvements are scheduled to be completed in early 2010.

## UTILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

### PLANNED

#### Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) Sherman Acres Main replacement and maintenance pipe replacement projects

CCWD is working on the designs for multiple water main replacements within the City. The planned streets include: Anelda Drive; Belle Court; Dawn Drive; East Vivian Drive; Lisa Lane; Marta Drive; and Susan Drive. Construction is anticipated to occur late 2009 or in the following 2010. Please contact Richard Broad at the Contra Costa Water District at 688-8013 or email at [rbroad@ccwater.com](mailto:rbroad@ccwater.com) for more information.

#### CCCSD - Pleasant Hill Sewer Renovation Project, Phase 1

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) will begin phase one of its sewer renovation program in Pleasant Hill late this summer. In this first phase CCCSD will renovate 11,000 feet of 6 and 8-inch sewers using open cut, pipe-bursting, and directional drilling replacement methods. Construction is expected to begin in late summer and continue through spring of 2010. Affected neighborhoods have been notified of the planned construction via mailings, and project maps are available on CCCSD's website ([www.centralsan.org/construction](http://www.centralsan.org/construction)). For additional information contact CCCSD's Community Affairs Representative at 229-7200.

### UNDERWAY

#### AT&T Project Lightspeed (U-Verse)

City staff has been coordinating with AT&T to provide a new and enhanced internet, phone, and television service to the residents of Pleasant Hill (also known as AT&T U-Verse). In order to make this technology available to residents, AT&T needs to upgrade its infrastructure and fiber optic network within the City. This includes renovation of existing facilities, and placement of new utility boxes and conduits throughout the City.



Staff has been reviewing the proposed locations of these new boxes and working closely with those most affected by the upgrade and installation of facilities in order to minimize and mitigate the impacts. Construction is currently underway and will continue into late 2009.

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#### East Bay Municipal Utility District — Sunset Road and Grayson Road projects

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), under their Infra Structural Renewal Program, replaced 1,450 feet of water main lines at two locations: 1) Grayson Road between Tammy Lane and Heritage Hills Drive; and 2) Sunset Road between Valley View Road and Strand Avenue this Spring.

#### East Bay Municipal Utility District Tyler Terrace Project

EBMUD replaced 330 feet of 6 inch PVC water pipe along Tyler Terrace and tying into Slater Avenue- both private streets are within Pleasant Hill.

### Important Utility Emergency Phone Numbers

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (sewer emergencies)	(925) 933-0955
Comcast (TV cable customer service and repair emergencies)	(800) 945-2288
Contra Costa Water District (water emergencies)	(925) 688-8095 (weekdays) or 688-8374 (all other times)
Diablo Vista Water District (private residence)	(925) 938-9510
East Bay Municipal Utility District (water emergencies)	(866) 403-2683
Martinez Water District (water emergencies) (Martinez Police Dispatch)	(925) 372-3440
Pacific Gas & Electric Company (gas and electric emergency)	(800) 743-5000
AT&T (customer repair service)	(800) 310-2355



### READING FESTIVAL—May 3-9, 2009

#### ■ Sunday, May 3, 2:00pm

Melissa Anelli is the author of *Harry, a History: The True Story of a Boy Wizard, His Fans, and Life Inside the Harry Potter Phenomenon*. She is also the web mistress for *The Leaky Cauldron*, the most popular Harry Potter fan site on the Internet. At the Willow Pass Center, 748 East Olivera Road, Concord.

#### ■ Wednesday, May 6, 7:00pm

Be transported to Denmark in the mid-1800s through the storytelling magic of Randel McGee performing as Hans Christian Andersen, writer of such beloved tales as *The Little Mermaid* and *The Princess and the Pea*. Watch and be amazed as this gifted storyteller brings stories to vivid life, while following another one of Hans Christian Andersen's favorite pastimes, paper cutting. Listen and see a scene from the story emerge from a single piece of paper cut with ordinary scissors. This captivating program will delight everyone from age 5–105. At the Pleasant Hill Library, 1750 Oak Park Blvd.

To see other great events visit [cclib.org](http://cclib.org) and click on the Reading Festival button.

### Project Second Chance Book Club Forum

#### Summer Reading Ideas for Book Lovers! Wednesday, June 3, 7:00pm

Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County Library's adult literacy program and the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library will be hosting a special evening for people who love to read at the Sixth Annual Book Club Forum.

Ron Shoop, a representative from Random House, is coming to the Pleasant Hill Library on Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00pm to present one of his extremely popular Book Club Forums. He will share different titles that are bound to generate lively discussions suitable for book clubs or cozy chats among friends. The event is free.

Although all of the books Ron describes in his Book Club Forums may be checked out from the Library, Lafayette Books will be on hand to sell any of the titles that intrigue you. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Project Second Chance and the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library. For more information, contact Laura Seaholm at 927-3250. ♣

### Donations Sought for Library Programs

#### Used gaming gear to benefit teens

In an effort to enhance teen programs countywide, Contra Costa County Library is seeking donations of games and gaming equipment in good working condition. Desired items include: Playstation2 consoles and controllers; PS2 or Wii games; handheld games; DVD games (like "Scene It" or "Jeopardy"); board games (party games, like Apples to Apples, Taboo, Scattergories).

Donations are accepted at any Contra Costa County community library. Visit the Library at [cclib.org](http://cclib.org) for more information about the Library's teen programs and events.

### Get ready for summer reading with kick-off events

#### Summer Reading 2009: be creative at your library

■ **June 8–August 17.** Add a little flair to your summer! Join the Contra Costa County Library's Summer Reading Program June 8–August 17. Kids ages 2 through 5th grade can tap into their artistic side and "Be Creative" for fun treats during the Kids' Summer Reading Program. Get inspired to "Express Yourself" at your local library and imagine what exciting prizes await you for the Teen Reading Program for Students for grades 6–12. Readers ages 18 and up are invited to "Master the Art of Reading" by submitting a book review online at [cclib.org](http://cclib.org) or at your local library for a chance to win a Booklover's Bag full of goodies! Get ready for a colorful summer full of interesting books, thrilling prizes, and special events. For more information or to get started, please contact your community library or go online at [cclib.org](http://cclib.org).

■ **Wednesday, June 10, 7pm\***. Preschoolers sing and dance to Andrea's Musical Adventure. Especially for ages 2-5.

■ **Wednesday, June 17, 6-8pm\***. My Story, My Song: a workshop in songwriting with songwriter, performer Keith Torgan from NYC. For ages 12 and up. Space is limited. Visit Programs & Events at [cclib.org](http://cclib.org) to register.

■ **Thursday, June 18 at 7pm.** Be dazzled by a spectacular performance of exceptional acrobatic skills, traditional Chinese Music, and colorful costumes in a fast-paced show that will guarantee to amaze any audience. For all ages.

■ **Wednesday, June 24, 7pm\***. Be amazed and amused by the magic and fun of The Amazing Marcus. Especially for ages 5 and up.

**All programs are free and do not require registration unless otherwise noted.**

\*Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library.

### Yau-Man: Survivor and Scientist

Yau-Man Chan, one of the most popular contestants ever on the CBS series *Survivor*, used science savvy to outwit and outplay his opponents. Join Yau-Man for an evening of entertainment and enlightenment as he shares his thoughts on "Celebrating Great Ideas in Science—from Copernicus to GPS". Wednesday, May 13, 7pm. Not suitable for children under 14. **FREE!**



**a Toast to summer**

Join us in a Toast to a  
**Midsummer Night Evening at the Lake**  
 on the grounds of City Hall  
**Saturday, June 20, 2008**  
 6:00–10:00pm ♦ Pleasant Hill City Hall

- ♦ Indulge in fine food from the Outback, Tahoe Joes, Nibblers and other fine dining establishments in the area.
- ♦ Vote on the best "mixed cocktail", sample the finer wines and enjoy yourself!
- ♦ Top it with a night at the Hyatt Summerfield, with breakfast included, at a special event rate and really have a great Saturday!

**Evening is all inclusive! \$95/person**

For more information/tickets, call Chamber at 687-0700  
 This event is a benefit for the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education



### Popular "Taste of Pleasant Hill" is back

Explore local restaurants all in one place at "Taste of Pleasant Hill" on Sunday, May 3, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center from 4 to 7 pm. This fundraiser for Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's Pre-School program is a family event with outstanding food from more than 25 restaurants and businesses, beverages, big jump, clown, juggler, balloon artist, train rides, and live music in the gazebo. The event is sponsored by Pleasant Hill Lions Club, Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, and Strawberry Fields DJ Company.



This year featured restaurants and businesses include: Black Angus Restaurant, Bubble & Crepe Too, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Classic Catering, DeVino's Pizza and Pasta, El Morocco Restaurant, Kinder's Custom Meat & Deli, Nibbler's Eatery & Wine Bar, Outback Steakhouse, Panda Express, Pasta Pomodoro, Red Brick Pizza, Round Table Pizza, Rubios Fresh Mexican Grill, Sichuan Fortune House, Smokin Okie BBQ Joint, Sweet Tomatoes, Tahoe Joe's Famous Steakhouse, Taqueria Los Gallos Express, Thai Osha Restaurant, The Posh Bagel, Wing Stop, Bill's Ace Hardware, Pleasant Hill Wine Merchants, Safeway, Taylor Made Water Systems, Inc., and Trader Joe's,

Tickets are available at the PH Community Center. \$14 Adults; \$10 Seniors; \$6 for children 2–12 years. For information, contact the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 676-5200. ♣

### Signups with the Pleasant Hill Rebels Football team

Pleasant Hill/Lamorinda Youth Football (ages 7-14) provides a competitive tackle football program for players in the Pleasant Hill, Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda areas. PHLFYF develops excellence in the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship, physical fitness and team building.

Discounted early-bird registration for signups will take place on May 3 and May 17 at Pleasant Hill Round Table Pizza in the K-Mart Shopping Center from 3–5pm. Final football signups are taking place June 4th and July 9th at the Pleasant Hill Baseball Association snack shack located across the street from Pleasant Hill Middle School. The season begins August and runs to November.

For more information call 818-8348 or visit [www.phrebels.org](http://www.phrebels.org).



### 17th Annual Youth Talent Show "Searching for the Stars of Pleasant Hill"



**Star Quest<sup>★</sup> 2009** presents...

- **Saturday MAY 2**  
7:00pm
- **Sunday MAY 3**  
2:00pm
- **Reception & Art Show**  
6pm Saturday and 1pm Sunday
- **DVC Performing Arts Theatre**  
(Use Golf Club Rd parking lot)
- **Tickets available at:**  
PH Rec & Park District Office,  
PH Community Center, and PH Police Station  
(donation \$8.00 in advance, \$10 at door)



For more information call 682-0896

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill

**SPECIAL EVENTS:  
Plant Sale and Book Sale**

Don't miss these special sales from two local organizations co-sponsored by Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District

■ **Saturday, May 9: The Pleasant Hill Garden Study Club's annual Plant Sale**

Join the green revolution in Pleasant Hill. The Pleasant Hill Garden Study Club's annual Plant Sale is THE place to find unusual and unique varieties of plants that grow and thrive in our area.

Club members propagate annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetables for this sale and are available to answer questions about sun/shade, water requirements, and maximum growth. This sale is also good for the planet, because everything is local! Plants are very reasonably priced, and you might find that special variety that you've been searching for.

Held on the Saturday before Mother's Day, the sale takes place at the Winslow Center parking lot, at the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Taylor Boulevard.

There's usually a crowd, so come early for the best selection, Saturday, May 9, 9am-2pm, at the Winslow Center parking lot, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road, (at the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Taylor Blvd). For information visit [www.phgsc.com](http://www.phgsc.com).



Eileen Sandiland plants flowers and vegetables for the club's plant sale"

■ **Saturday, June 6 Bargain Book Sale**

At a new location behind the Library on Santa Barbara Rd. Presented by the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library, find hard covers for \$1, paperbacks for 50¢ and children's books for just 25¢. The sale opens at 9:30am for members; 10am-3:30pm for public. For information: Janet Piper, 939-7915. ♣



**Laugh, Love & Learn once again**

Join the Pleasant Hill Seniors for the 5th Annual Live Well Forum "Laugh, Love and Learn" scheduled for May 8th at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.

The program features a blend of entertainment, humor, and education packed into an inspiring day complete with continental breakfast, lunch, door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Also included is a free Senior Information Fair.

The Laugh, Love & Learn program features S. Michael Pope, of Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, who will teach memory skills that will help you remember more for longer. Mark Celio, owner of Club 50 Fitness in Pleasant Hill, will lead an interactive game of Jeopardy tailored to Senior Fitness, and Marilyn Ellis will inspire you to think in new ways about change. Don't miss your chance to win great prizes in the raffle. This year the top prize is an Oakland A's game in a luxury 18-Person Suite! Tickets are on sale for just \$25; or \$20 for those 60 years plus.

For information and tickets, contact the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, at 798-8788. The program will be held at the Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, from 8:30am-2:00pm on Friday, May 8. ♣

**OAK PARK RESTAURANT WALK**  
benefits Pleasant Hill public schools



**Tuesday, May 12**  
6-8pm at Oak Park Center  
1098 Oak Park Blvd, Pleasant Hill

<p><b>What you can expect.....</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fabulous food</li> <li>Fun for families</li> <li>Live music</li> <li>Special prize drawings</li> <li>Easy parking</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sample food specialties from...</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Bangkok Restaurant</td> <td>Mangiama Catering</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dallimonti's</td> <td>Nibblers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kobe Japan</td> <td>Smokin' Okie</td> </tr> </table>	Bangkok Restaurant	Mangiama Catering	Dallimonti's	Nibblers	Kobe Japan	Smokin' Okie
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**and more!**

Tickets available online: [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org) and at the PH Farmer's Market, May 2 & 9  
\$20 adults, \$5 children (ages 5-12)

Co-sponsored by:




Questions? Contact Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education, [generalinfo@fphe.org](mailto:generalinfo@fphe.org)

. . . golf, music, and more!

## Golf anyone? PHCF presents the 9th Annual Sunvalley Golf Classic

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pleasant Hill Community Foundation (PHCF) Sunvalley Golf Classic will take place on Monday, May 11 at the beautiful Contra Costa Country Club. Sunvalley has been the Presenting Sponsor for 8 years, and Allied Waste has been the Special Event Sponsor for all 9 years!!

This tournament has now raised over \$125,000 for youth programs in Pleasant Hill and this last year added the Pleasant Hill Senior Care Management Program as a recipient of the proceeds made from the tournament. The Senior Care Management Program led by Dana Krider is a unique program to assist Seniors and their families to remain living in their own homes or find alternative housing that is affordable and supports their need for independence.

Owner Scott Davis of MaGoo's Grill and Bar has been a Major Sponsor for all 9 years. Scott stated, "I want to do my small part to make Pleasant Hill a better place—if I can do my small part, hopefully, everyone together can contribute to support youth and senior programs in Pleasant Hill."

Don Flynn has volunteered for the golf tournament for 8 years and has made the Casino Hole a fun experience for all the golfers. We asked Don why he volunteers every year, Don states, "Simply put, it's a day in the sun for a most worthwhile event."

Advanced EyeCare Optometry owner Bob Turcios has played and been a sponsor for many years in the Golf Tournament and when asked why he participates, Bob states, "I enjoy playing in the Foundation Tournament because it is well run, Contra Costa Country Club is a beautiful golf course in impeccable shape, and the proceeds benefit the community in the form of funding for youth and senior activities."

You can participate in this fun golf tournament in a number of ways including—playing in the tournament, becoming a Tee or Hole Sponsor, donating a gift for the raffle, or volunteering for the day. For further information please call Bob Berggren at 687-8610. ♣

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

VARIETY OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

PRESENTING SPONSOR 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.

## Our rockin' community! Events for May and June 2009

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
May 2	Farmers Market Opening Day	City Hall Parking Lot	CC Certified Farmers Markets	431-8361
May 2-3	Star Quest	DVC Theatre	Rotary Club of PH	689-2249
May 3	Taste of Pleasant Hill	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
May 3	Reading Festival, May3-9	PH Library	CC County Library	646-6434
May 8	Laugh, Love & Learn	PH Community Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
May 8	Senior Information Fair	PH Community Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
May 9	59th Annual Plant Sale	Winslow Center	PH Garden Study Club	944-4898
May 11	Sunvalley Golf Classic	Contra Costa Country Club	PH Community Foundation	687-8610
May 12	Oak Park Restaurant Walk	Oak Park Shopping	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
May 16	Walk to Remember	Martinez Marina	Hospice of the East Bay	887-5678
May 20	Chamber of Commerce Mixer	CA Employment Law Training Ctr	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
May 22	Salute to our Veterans	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
May 22	Moonlight Movie	City Hall lawn	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
May 23	National Public Works Day	PH City Hall	PH Public Works	671-5208
May 24	Sunset By the Lake Opening Concert	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Jun 6	Bargain Book Sale	PH Library	Friends of PH Library	939-7915
Jun 6	Family Swim Night	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jun 7	Sunset By the Lake Summer Concert	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Jun 18	John Muir Health Focus Day	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jun 18	Lions Club Free Eye Screening	PH Senior Center	PH Lions Club	798-8788
Jun 20	Toast to Summer-Evening at the Lake	City Hall lawn	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Jun 21	Vagabond Players "The Sound of Music"	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jun 21	Sunset By the Lake Summer Concert	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229



Dave Martin's House Party.. incredible musical variety!



Country rock with The Bell Brothers



Enjoy the blues of Volker Strifler



Spin Out! Classic rock and rockabilly songs from the 1950s to today



Time Outs for the kids!



Enjoy the sounds at the....

2009

# Sunset By The Lake

**Free!**

## Summer Concerts

On the lawn by the lake at **Pleasant Hill City Hall**

Gregory Ln & Cleaveland Rd

**LIVE Music 6-8pm!**

- May 24 DAVE MARTIN'S HOUSE PARTY
- Jun 7 THE BELL BROTHERS
- Jun 21 VOLKER STRIFLER
- Jul 5 SPIN OUT
- Jul 12 TIME OUTS
- Jul 19 THE FUNDAMENTALS
- Aug 2 FINDING STELLA
- Aug 16 COVER2COVER
- Aug 30 THE BUZZTONES
- Sep 6 DELTA DOGS



.. It's going to be another **GREAT** season!!

Sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission and the following businesses:



The Fundamentals... 70s disco and pop covers



Finding Stella! 70s and 80s rock sound with a contemporary flare



Cover2Cover!! Music from 5 decades



The Buzztones...60s British Invasion



Old favorite...Delta Dogs!

**OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE**  
May 24

Sheila's Daycare Jun 7

**DOWNTOWN PLEASANT HILL**  
Jun 21

**AW ALLIED WASTE SERVICES**  
Jul 5

**FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP**  
Kevin Hennessy, Jul 12

**THE KENSINGTON**  
SENIOR SENIOR LIVING Jul 19

**Champlin** Aug 2

**Dawn Block & Michael Harris** Aug 16  
"Welcome Pleasant Hill!"

**Dallimont's Italian Restaurant** Aug 16  
lunch • Dinner

**Casey Strand Chiropractor** Aug 16

**Schroder Insurance Services**, Aug 30

**RESTAURANT ROCCO'S** Aug 30

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Clip our this flier and keep for the season! And visit [www.pleasanthillconcerts.com](http://www.pleasanthillconcerts.com) for all concert information.

**Agency Showcase Award**

On Thursday, April 2, 2009, District 3 of the California Parks and Recreation Society awarded Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District with an Agency Showcase Award. This award was for a program that best exemplifies the spirit of creating community through people, parks and programs by promoting participation, strengthening community image, and facilitating community problem solving.



Representing the Recreation & Parks District, Supervisor Katrina Hunn and Police Chief Peter Dunbar for the City accepted the award at the annual awards dinner in recognition of the successful **Garage Bands Concert Series at City Hall.** ♣

**NEW! Friday Family Swim Nights at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park**

Pleasant Hill residents of all ages look forward to warm summer evenings all year. Now there's something to make those balmy Friday nights even more special—Friday Night Family Swimming!

On six Friday evenings, beginning June 6, the pool and Sprayground will be open from 6–9pm. Public swim rates apply (\$3.50–\$4.00 per person, or use your season swim pass). Join us June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28. For more information, contact Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, 682-0896. ♣



**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 February 2009**

**321 Photobooth**  
3478 Buskirk Ave., Ste 000  
925-932-7023

**A New Day Skin Care With Jan**  
1571 Oak Park Blvd.  
925-518-5558

**A Suddenly Slender You**  
(Mineral Body Wraps)  
1571 Oak Park Blvd.  
925-932-4542

**Barbara Mayne**  
(Hairdresser at Chateau)  
2770 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-766-9475

**La Petite Galleria** (Thrift store)  
2375 B Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-689-2343

**Law Office of Benjamin Johnson**  
3478 Buskirk Ave., #265  
925-472-0232

**Light Touch Chiropractic**  
140 Mayhew Way, #200  
925-667-6105

**MOA Korean BBQ**  
508 Contra Costa Blvd, "Q"  
925-288-0005

**Monument Gas**  
2300 Monument Blvd.  
925-674-1133

**Pleasant Hill Vacuum**  
1660 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-671-1206

**ShaadZee**  
(Bakery/bistro restaurant)  
60 Crescent Drive  
925-687-8200

**Vitale Therapeutic Massage**  
2261 Morello Ave., #C-2  
925-818-6897

**Angel's Novedades** (Religious products/party supplies)  
925-349-4531

**Diablo Digital Printing**  
925-963-2388

**Kids Create**  
(Online sale of children's crafts)  
925-335-9832

**Kostadin Guerguinov**  
(Cleaning services)  
925-360-3078

**Mrs. Julie Bookselling**  
(Book Sales on Internet)  
979-997-6047

**Shinobi Glass** (Internet sales for collectible glass art)  
925-808-9718

**New businesses March 2009**

**Atipat Food & Co.**  
(Food vendor catering)  
3 Donegal Ct., #C  
415-646-5824

**Celtica Jewelry**  
(Jewelry sales at DVC only)  
321 Golf Club Road  
510-689-6473

**Chef Choy Chinese Restaurant**  
548 Contra Costa Blvd., #W  
925-671-0655

**David Bills** (Massage therapist)  
2367 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-550-9930

**Skin By Eleni** (Skin Care)  
2625 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-719-0033

**Victoria's Massage Therapist**  
101 Gregory Lane, Ste. 39  
925-565-2886

**Diablo Valley Handyman Service**  
925-570-34200

## City Meetings



WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 4 7:30pm	City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Wed 6 9:30am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 6 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 7 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 12 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 12 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 14 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 18 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Thu 21 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 26 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 27 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	Sequoia Middle School
Thu 28 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
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Mon 8 6:00pm	Joint meeting PH Recreation & Park Distict Board and City Council	City Hall Large Community Room
Thu 11 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 15 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Thu 18 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 23 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 24 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room
Thu 25 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 25 7:00pm	Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room



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Vice Mayor Karen S. Mitchoff

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David E. Durant  
John Hanecak  
Terri L. Williamson  
City Manager June Catalano  
City Clerk Marty McInturf  
Treasurer Mark W. Celio

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 Jul/Aug is June 8. Ideas are always welcome. Local non-profit groups may submit articles to the Public Information Officer at 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. For information, call Martin Nelis at 671-5229, fax to 680-0294, or email to [mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).

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#### Important Phone Numbers

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Police (Business) 288-4600  
Fire (Business) 930-5500  
Public Services Center 671-4646  
Chamber of Commerce 687-0700  
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PH Bayshore Disposal 685-4711  
PG&E 800-743-5000  
Senior Center 798-8788  
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#### Pleasant Hill seeks commission applicants

The City is seeking applicants to serve on the Redevelopment Advisory Commission and the Commission on Aging. To receive an application or more information, contact Linda Stehr by phone at (925) 671-5284 or e-mail to [lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).

### It's time! Start planning your entry for our 4th of July parade

The Fourth of July will soon be here, and residents of Pleasant Hill are encouraged to begin planning their parade entry.



You don't need a float to be in the parade. Decorate your car or bike, ride your horse, or drive an antique car or tractor. Get together with your neighbors, coworkers, or family and march in tie-dye shirts or even build a float around this year's theme – America the Beautiful. All types of entries are encouraged. Just join in the fun!

The day begins at 7:30am with a 5K Fun Run, followed by the parade at 9:30am. After the parade is over, head to Pleasant Hill Park for music, games and food with special activities for children. In the evening, enjoy the spectacular fireworks show and live music performed by the Diablo Valley College Pops Band at College Park High School football field. Go to the Commission's website at [www.phjuly4.com](http://www.phjuly4.com) for more information about the Fun Run and parade entry forms.

The Fourth of July Commission is a volunteer organization that relies on donations. Your financial contribution is greatly appreciated and donations can be made online at the Commission's website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 23272, Pleasant Hill, 94523.

Also, we are also seeking volunteers to join the Commission and to

assist us on July 4th. We will need close to 100 volunteers to help with all of the events. Contact the Fourth of July Commission's website or call the Commission's volunteer coordinator, Joanne Lee, at 933-6809.

This year the Commission will be honoring local Veterans. Commission members are working to identify and select two representatives from each of America's conflicts who reside in Pleasant Hill to be the Grand Marshals for the 2009 parade. If you know a local Veteran, please submit his/her name to the address above and identify their branch of service along with a sentence or two about their military service. ♣

### Save these dates... for more community fun!



**Community Service Day**  
**September 26**

[www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/csd](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/csd)

**Senior Summit**  
**October 16**



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