

the OUTLOOK



of Pleasant Hill, California



The City celebrates Independence Day!

In the tradition of celebrating the Fourth of July in a small town fashion, the Pleasant Hill Fourth of July Commission has a terrific day planned for the City's residents and friends.

Farmers' Market open on Saturdays!

Read more about their new vendors on page 7.

Save these dates... for more community fun!

Community Service Day
September 26

Volunteer or submit your project at...



Less talk. More action!

www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/csd

SENIOR SUMMIT
Pleasant Hill 2009

Senior Summit
October 18

www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/seniorsummit

ONLINE SURVEY on the City's website

We want your feedback on City programs, services, and projects.

- Give us your opinion about the Outlook newsletter...
- What news and events do we need to cover?
- What can we all be doing to go green, reduce waste, recycle more and reduce greenhouse gases?

Tell us what you think—go to...
www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/2009survey

Firecracker 5K Fun Run

The day begins with the 5th annual running of the Firecracker 5K Fun Run, brought to you by Fleet Feet Sports, the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, and Allied Waste. As in the past, all proceeds will be distributed to a Pleasant Hill school designated by each registered runner. Race Chair Allen Vinson states, "If you hurry and register online (www.phjuly4.com), you will enjoy a break in the registration fees." Same day registration will also be available in front of Fleet Feet Sports. The starting gun sounds in front of Fleet Feet Sports for the 100-yard dash for kids 7 and under at 8am. The 5K Run starts immediately after the kids' dash.

Fourth of July Parade

The parade kicks off at 9:30am, winding its way from Woodsworth Lane, down Contra Costa Blvd, and onto Crescent Drive. This year's theme is "America the Beautiful." Local vet-



erans of various American conflicts will be honored in the parade this year. The 191st US Army Band and the Concord Blue Devils will contribute their "toe-tapping, patriotic, heart-thumping" excitement to the pleasure of those lining the parade route.

Festival at Pleasant Hill Park

Immediately following the parade, Pleasant Hill Park comes alive with live entertainment, games, root beer floats,

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Celebrate National Night with PHPD

National Night Out is a nation-wide celebration of the partnership between local communities and their police departments. Held annually across the country on the first Tuesday evening in August, National Night Out gives citizens and police officers the chance to interact in a relaxed atmosphere to celebrate our accomplishments.

This year's National Night Out takes place at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill on August 4, 6-8pm. It will feature a free BBQ catered by our local Outback Steakhouse, music on the City Hall stage, a bouncy house for the kids, a fire truck from our local Engine 5, and a K9 demonstration. In addition, numerous police officers will be present to answer questions or just to chat. Do not miss out on this great opportunity to spend a relaxing evening with your family while getting to know your local police officers, listening to some great music and enjoying delicious Outback BBQ. ♣



You can make a difference!

The City is seeking candidates to serve on the following Commissions...

■ ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION

The primary goal of this five-member Commission is to review site plans, architectural structures, and signing related to new development in Pleasant Hill. Candidates must have demonstrated talent and interest in aesthetics and architectural design through training, education, or occupation. Pleasant Hill residency is not required. The Commission meets at City Hall (100 Gregory Lane) on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00pm.

■ REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

This Commission advises the Redevelopment Agency on projects designed for the redevelopment areas of Pleasant Hill. It is preferred, but not required, that candidates reside, be employed, or own property in a redevelopment project area established or administered by the Redevelopment Agency. Commission meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at City Hall.

■ COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging studies and makes recommendations to local agencies on programs of benefit to aging citizens in the community. The Commission on Aging meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00am at City Hall. ♣

For an application or more information, please contact Linda Stehr by phone at (925) 671-5284 or e-mail at lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

Electric car charging stations

The City of Pleasant Hill is considering installing electric charging stations at three locations: the City-owned parking garage on Crescent Drive, the City Hall parking lot, and the Public Services Center (to be used by City vehicles). Pleasant Hill will be joining other cities, such as Walnut Creek, San Jose, and San Francisco, to offer Coulomb Technologies Public Network charging stations for electric vehicles. The charging stations are available to drivers who subscribe to the ChargePoint Network, which makes it possible for drivers to find unoccupied charging stations via web-enabled cell phones. There is a \$3.00 fee for each charging session, and stations offer both 110 and 220 voltage. As more electric cars come into the market, the City will support the infrastructure to accommodate these vehicles.

Electric vehicles are less costly to operate—about \$0.05 per mile for electric as opposed to about \$0.12 per mile for gas-powered vehicles. Several auto makers are beginning to introduce plug-in cars, such as the Chevrolet Volt, the Ford Edge, the Saturn Vue, the Nissan Renault, and the Toyota Prius. The City of Pleasant Hill supports the efforts to promote the use of electric vehicles as an alternative to fossil fuels. ♣

For more information, see the US Dept of Energy website on Alternative Fuels: <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/electric.html>



If you have questions or would like more information please contact:

Officer Peter Agnost
Community Resource Officer
Pleasant Hill Police Department
288-4637, pagnost@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.



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Protect your home with proper seismic retrofitting

The City has recently adopted a new policy to help Pleasant Hill residents secure their homes in the event of an earthquake. Recommended by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the plan—which is known as the Residential Seismic Strengthening Standard Plan Set for Wood-Frame Homes—provides a valuable tool to help homeowners understand seismic retrofitting for single family homes.

Scientists estimate that there is a 67% probability of a major earthquake occurring in the San Francisco Bay Area over the next 30 years. Given this scientific data, ABAG has focused its efforts on the long-term mitigation of earthquake hazards by helping to improve the safety and structural integrity of structures.

Directions on how to carry out a retrofit (including the kind and number of bolts, feet of plywood, types of nails to use, and number of anchors) are contained in ABAG's Residential Seismic Strengthening Standard Plan Set for Wood-Frame Homes.

ABAG's Residential Seismic Strengthening Standard Plan Set for Wood-Frame Homes is a "blueprint" version of a prescriptive ("cookbook") standard for strengthening homes to better withstand earthquake shaking. When approved by the local Building Official, the plan set may be used to strengthen older homes without the need for costly site-specific plans and design calculations. This plan set provides a low-cost method to help improve an older home's chances of surviving an earthquake. Homeowners can use the plan set to get bids from contractors, or, if experienced, can do the work themselves.

The revised standard plan set was developed by numerous committees both state and nationally wide and copies of the standard plan set are available in the Building Division at City Hall.



More information can also be found at www.abag.ca.gov/bayarea/eqmaps/fixit/plansets.html.

Should you choose to go in this direction, a set of plans with an application will be required and a permit will be issued. ♣

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Building Division at 671-5200.

Letter to homeowners from the City Building Crew

SWIMMING POOL OR NO SWIMMING POOL...

Draining pools, spas, and fountains into storm drains can pollute creeks, the Delta, and the Bay with copper, chlorine, sediments, and other contaminants. Regular cleaning, maintaining proper chlorine levels, and maintaining water filtration and circulation will prevent algae problems and reduce the need for draining.

Please make sure that when the pool, spa, or fountain is being drained it goes into the sanitary sewer cleanout AND NOT the street, gutter, or storm drain. And as always, the pool needs to be secured with a fence no lower than 54 inches with self closing and locking gates and the width of the fence openings no larger than 4 inches.

There are more permits being issued to demolish residential swimming pools than there is having new swimming pools built. Yes, a permit is required. The homeowner needs to submit a plot plan showing the location of the pool on the lot and describe the type of demolition they are going to provide.

This means the swimming pool can be totally removed from the property. Clean fill with compaction is then required (this will ensure that if the homeowner wants to build in this area it will be acceptable). The other type of swimming pool demolition is to cave in the sides of the pool, drill holes into the gunnite at the bottom of the pool, and fill and compact with clean dirt (this type of demolition restricts any type of building in this area. Both types are acceptable and require permits and inspections.

For more detailed information please contact your City's Building Division at 671-5200 or the Central Sanitary District Clean Water Program 229-7288.

Sincerely,

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



City adopts process for reasonable accommodation requests

Federal and State Fair Housing laws ensure that individuals with disabilities have rights to equal housing opportunities. These laws require that cities take affirmative actions to eliminate regulations and practices that deny equal housing opportunities to disabled individuals.

City's land use and zoning regulations are causing barriers to equal housing opportunities as a result of this disability. The City will then consider the request through the process established by the ordinance.

Why did the City adopt a reasonable accommodation ordinance?

The City is required, by Federal and State requirements, to take affirmative steps to eliminate regulations and practices that deny equal housing opportunities to individuals with disabilities. The State Attorney General has also encouraged California cities to implement and adopt reasonable accommodation ordinances to establish a process for such requests. In addition, the City of Pleasant Hill General Plan includes Goals (4 & 7) and Policies (4A & 7A) to encourage equal opportunities in housing and to consider housing accommodations for individuals with special needs. Providing a reasonable accommodation process through adoption of an ordinance addresses these goals and policies and also helps to inform the community about the availability of this process for assisting the disabled. The ordinance establishes application submittal requirements, review authority and procedures, standards, limitations, and public noticing requirements. If a formal ordinance describing the reasonable accommodation process had not been adopted, the City would still be required by law to process and consider requests for reasonable accommodation. More information can be found at these

website links: www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd and www.usdoj.gov/crt/housing.

What are some examples of reasonable accommodations that can be considered?

A simple example would be an accommodation modifying the City's standards regulating lot coverage and front yard setbacks for a ramp needed by a disabled person for access to their residence. Another example includes an accommodation to reduce lot coverage and/or setback requirements for a building expansion for a larger restroom that may be needed for a disabled person.

I am interested—or think that this might apply to my individual situation. How do I apply?

An application and analysis form to request a reasonable accommodation can be downloaded from the City website at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or you can come to City Hall and Planning Division staff can assist you in making the application. Some of the required submittal requirements include plans showing the accommodation request, a fee (currently \$123), basis for the claim (identification of the disability), and any other supporting information. Once you have completed the application forms and other necessary information, you can submit them to the Planning Division where they will be reviewed and processed as specified by the new ordinance.



For more information on the Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance, please call the Planning Division at 671-5209

or visit the City website at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us and click on the "Contact Us" button on the City website. ♣

This includes requiring flexibility in the application of land use and zoning regulations if necessary to provide "reasonable accommodations" to assist individuals with disabilities. In April 2009, the City Council adopted a new ordinance to establish a process for considering reasonable accommodation requests.

What is a "reasonable accommodation"?

A reasonable accommodation is a determination by the City to provide a disabled person with a modification or an exemption from the regulations and procedures related to City land use and zoning regulations. A disabled person means a person who has a medical, physical, or mental condition that limits a major life activity. It does not include a person who is currently using illegal substances, unless he or she has a separate disability.

A reasonable accommodation may include modifications to building height, building setbacks, the amount of a lot that can be covered by the building, the amount of the front yard area that must be landscaped, parking requirements, and similar land use standards. In order to establish the need for a reasonable accommodation, the applicant must provide documentation of disability, and an explanation of which specific provisions of the



Backyard composting workshops at City Hall

The City of Pleasant Hill is hosting FREE backyard composting workshops and offering residents high-quality compost bins for \$40 (retail \$129) for those who attend a workshop. Composting your yard trimmings and food scraps is easy, great for your yard and garden, kind to our environment, and good for you too! Save money, save water, and conserve natural resources.

Find out how—attend a free workshop—register now by calling Annette Kaufmann at 671-5265 or go to www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/compost.

Compost bins are regularly \$75 for residents and \$100 for non-residents but residents who attend a composting workshop only pay \$40.

Dates for upcoming compost workshops at the Large Community Room at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane are:

- Tuesday, July 21, 7–9pm
- Tuesday, August 18, 7–9pm
- Tuesday, September 22, 7–9pm

How to keep the mosquito population down

The City Maintenance Division is currently taking steps to address areas where mosquitos can survive and breed. The most visible areas for the annoying pests are in the creeks and the storm drains throughout the city. There are over 150 miles of storm drain pipes below Pleasant Hill and more than 1,500 catch basins and inlets.

Crews are busy cleaning these pipes to remove debris that is clogging the system. There are also nearly 15 miles of public and private creeks in the City that crews monitor to help clean. In addition, we're coordinating efforts with the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control to maximize resources.

You can do your part to help keep the storm drain system clean and minimize the mosquito population. Any debris that is left in the streets eventually ends up in the storm drains and flows into the fresh-water creek system and even into the Bay. By following some simple steps, you can have a big impact on keeping water from accumulating in the storm drains.

- Keep all debris out of the street.
- Promptly clean up landscape trimmings and trash of any kind.
- Don't wash paint into the street.
- Don't let automobile oil spill into the street.

- Sweep debris into trash cans, not into the street or storm drains.
- When contractors are working in the neighborhood, be on the lookout for construction garbage, papers, cans, soil, gravel, wet concrete, or paint that may blow into the street.
- Don't allow gravel and extra soil to be stored in the street where it can be washed into the storm drains.

All of these things will help keep the storm drains from getting clogged. When the pipe system becomes blocked, water can't drain. Standing water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitos, which potentially could carry the West Nile Virus.

Let's all work together to keep the Pleasant Hill waterways clean. ♣



Electronic waste recycling

July: Due to the Fourth of July Holiday weekend, there will be no events held by Electronic Waste Management (EWM) in Pleasant Hill for the month of July 2009.

August: Summer is here!!! EWM can help recycle old, unwanted electronic equipment at a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event happening at Diablo Valley College, located at 321 Golf Club Road (Overflow parking lot #7) in Pleasant Hill, on Saturday, August 1, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The event is open to any California resident, business, school, etc. This is a monthly event that takes place the first Saturday of each month. Items accepted include TVs, monitors, computers, and more—with no limit!

For upcoming event information go to www.noEwaste.com or call toll free (866) 335-3373.



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 Café Milano, under new ownership.

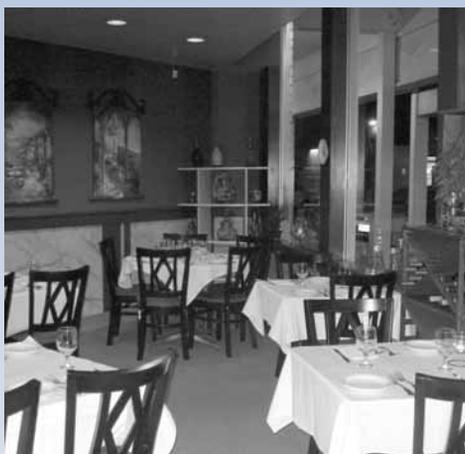
Café Milano of Pleasant Hill, “The Pasta Lover’s Paradise,” has been in the same location for over 12 years at the corner of Contra Costa Blvd and Golf Club Rd, serving lunch and dinner with inside and outside seating and providing catering services for all occasions. The owners, Shaw and Laleh Wadpey, took over their new venture in September 2008—but Shaw has been a restaurateur in the East Bay and Marin County for over 25 years, specializing in Italian, French, and Continental cuisine.

The lunch menu consists of the best homemade minestrone soup served in the area, salads, sandwiches (on fresh baked bread), pizzas, and pastas that are out of this world. The dinner menu is exquisite. They have special entrées such as Angel Hair Pasta with Shrimp, Veal Piccata Chicken Parmesan, with unsurpassed Cioppino and Seafood Jambalaya.

Café Milano offers a fantastic wine list with a variety of labels along with a mouth watering dessert menu to complement your fine dining experience. Families with children are always welcome, and there is an excellent children’s menu with all traditional favorites so the little ones can enjoy their dining experience as well.

“When we took over the establishment we decided to leave the previous menu as is, since every item seems to have its own spectator,” Shaw says. “What I have done is improve the quality and freshness of our ingredients, create new specials, and keep in direct contact with our guests.”

Shaw says “Café Milano has assembled the ultimate food experience, beautiful ambience, friendly service, and reasonable prices under one roof.”



Their lunch prices are \$7.95- \$12.95 (ala carte), and dinner prices are \$10.95-\$18.95 (soup or house salad included).

Monsoon Masala brings Indian cuisine to Pleasant Hill

A standard bearer for authentic Indian cooking in the minds of many, Monsoon Masala, located at the corner of Contra Costa Blvd and Boyd Rd, remains vital not for its traditionalism but rather its innovation. The clean-cut, casually appointed main dining combines festive vertigo floors, sleek black tables, swinging stainless-steel doors and hovering mango chandeliers to create a culturally provocative design scheme. Though well versed in traditional Indian (chicken tikka masala, saag paneer), Monsoon Masala continues to stir interest in their cooking by championing colorful updates like shrimp stuffed papadams and palak chaat—a combination of crispy spiced fresh spinach garnished with mango chutney. Serving lunch and dinner seven days a week, Monsoon Masala is open from 11am to 10pm.



Chef-owner Abhay Kumar may be in Pleasant Hill, but his heart remains firmly planted in Goa, India. Abhay and his wife, Priyanka, fell in love with the coastal region known for monsoon winds and a cuisine dating back 500 years, heavily influenced by the French and Portuguese. Abhay’s enthusiasm for this soulful cuisine led him on a search for a place of his own, to share his passion for Indian coastal cuisine and his warm style of hospitality with his community in Pleasant Hill. He opened Monsoon Masala in May of 2007 to rave reviews and an enthusiastic welcome.

Like many chefs, Abhay Kumar fell in love with food and cooking in the kitchen of his family home in New Delhi, India. When he determined to make a career as a culinary professional, he headed to Australia where he was exposed to the creativity, culture, and cuisines of Australia and its Asian neighbors. Abhay received a degree in Hospitality Management at the Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE and immediately began his cooking career at an Indian restaurant in Melbourne. Eager to travel and hone his hospitality skills, Abhay moved to California where he joined the highly acclaimed Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Over the next 10 years, Abhay collected awards and accolades for his work with prestigious companies such as Westin, Hyatt Regency, and The Argent hotels in San Francisco.

The menu at Monsoon Masala showcases a rich mix of traditional and contemporary Indian cuisine, including an array of seafood-inspired dishes from Goa, traditional comfort food recipes from the Kumar family, and the chef’s own contemporary style. ♣

Support Your Local California Farmers

Contra Costa Certified
Farmers' Market!

BE FRESH AT THE
**Pleasant Hill
Farmers' Market**

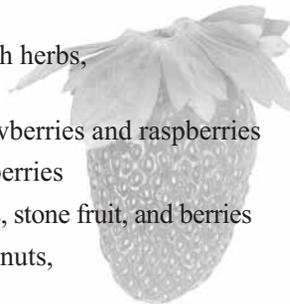
Saturdays 8am to 2pm
Opens May 2nd to November 14th
City Hall Lot, 100 Gregory Lane

Market Hotline 925-431-8361 www.cccfm.org
Celebrating 27 Years in Contra Costa County



Now in its 27th season, the Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market is in full-swing with an array of farmers selling in season, fresh and local produce. The vendors include:

- **C&M Farms** who has delectable fresh herbs, Asian vegetables, and greens
- **Medina Farms** selling delicious strawberries and raspberries
- **Triple Delight** selling beautiful blueberries
- **J & J Farms** selling vine ripe tomatoes, stone fruit, and berries
- **Roselane Farms** selling local honey, nuts, flowers, and heirloom tomatoes
- And fresh-cut flowers from **Ruvacalaba Flowers** and more.



Visit vendors showcasing their finest products, including two bakeries, Upper Crust and Edith's Baking; seasonal fruit jams and chutneys from Cottage Kitchen; Indian sauces, naan, and samosas from Quick n Eze and Afghan Bolani; and an assortment of dipping sauces from "East and West Gourmet—and many more! Don't forget to enjoy a bag of Incredible Kettle Korn.

New vendors this season (every other week)

- Olive oil fusions from "Bistro Blends"
- Smoked fish from "Glinmere Smoked Foods"
- Fresh pasta from "Il Pastaio Pasta"

First Saturday of the month

- Pleasant Hill resident and knife sharpener Bob Kattenburg of **Critical Edge**

The market has extended hours this market season (8am-2pm), to ensure you have ample time to get all your market shopping done! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Pleasant Hill Farmers Market is now accepting EBT (Food Stamps). Stop by the information booth to learn about what's going on in the community, enter the monthly raffle, and pick up complimentary fliers regarding farming, gardening, and sustainability!

For more information

Please visit the Contra Costa Certified Farmers Market website at www.cccfm.org or call the CCCFM Market Hotline at 431-8361. And visit the Pleasant Hill Farmers' Market *live* in the City Hall Parking lot at corner of Gregory and Trelany, each Saturday, 8am-2pm through November 14. ♣



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Library programs for summer...

"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 6th–12th grade. Parents and caregivers of babies from birth to 2 years are encouraged to earn prizes by participating in our early literacy-building Baby Reading Program. Readers ages 18 and up are invited to "Master the Art of Reading" by submitting a book review online at ccclib.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 visit us online at ccclib.org.

Fun for Everyone

■ **August 12, 7pm**

Everyone young and old can celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program with Benny's Incredible Magic Hat Show! Be amazed and amused as Benny uses one hat to become many characters. Join us for laughter and fun as music, magic, and Benny's fast-paced antics will have you rolling in the aisles!

Lego & Listen is back!

■ **Wednesdays, July 1, July 8, and July 15, 1:30–2:30pm**

Kids ages 4 and up. Come build with Legos while you listen to some funny, thrilling, and curious stories at the Pleasant Hill Library. (Sorry, nothing goes home but your happy memories! We will take pictures of your projects to post in the library.) No registration necessary. Free! Come to one or all of the Lego & Listen sessions. ♣

The Pleasant Hill Library is located at
1750 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Library opening times have changed as of
July 1, 2009. The new hours are as follows:

Monday 11am–6pm (July–September only,
thereafter closed on Monday); Tuesday 1pm–8 pm;
Wednesday 11am–6pm; Thursday 11am–6pm;
Friday 10am–5pm; Saturday 10am–5pm

Phone: 646-6434, Web: www.ccclib.org

Thriving high school club attends Interact Day at Pleasant Hill Rotary



The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill recently welcomed the College Park Interact Club for Interact Day at their lunch meeting. Interact is a service club for students, ages 14-18. The Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance—but Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting.

College Park Interact, a club which has grown rapidly since its birth, provides young people at the high school an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while building leadership skills and friendships.

At the meeting of the two clubs, Interact Advisor Dr. Michael Huguet, a Pleasant Hill Rotarian, honored outgoing seniors Mackenzie Covington and Kelly McBee for their outstanding leadership and service. The incoming seniors were also installed as next year's officers. These included incoming President Alisa Seng and co-Vice Presidents Kie Shidara and Melissa Smitheram. College Park Principal Barbara Oaks was on hand to acknowledge the new officers.

The growing club, now in its third year, was recognized for its outstanding service throughout the year and fund raising efforts. Projects included food and clothing drives, a flea market, and participation in Pleasant Hill Rotary's annual St. Patrick's fundraiser for various community and International charities.

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary, with more than 8,600 Interact clubs in some 110 countries, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Here in Pleasant Hill, the members of the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club are very proud of their younger counterparts in the College Park club. **Congratulations, College Park Interact!** ♣

FPHE awards first grants to Pleasant Hill Schools



On May 15 the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) awarded more than \$14,000 in educational grants to Pleasant Hill public schools. The grants represent the first significant endowment of funds since the Foundation was formed in 2008 to combat ongoing education spending cuts.

The 2009 FPHE grants were awarded based on a combination of criteria, including the number of students impacted and the contribution to or support of language arts, math, science, or other key curriculum areas. The Foundation received 18 grant requests and awarded 16 grants. Every school that requested a grant received one. Below are the grants awarded and the schools that received them:

College Park High School

Models for Writers non-fiction books	\$1,000
Subscription to NY Times current events magazine and <i>Who Am I?</i> class set	\$790
Personal computer workstation	\$1,000

Pleasant Hill Middle School

Troy Spencer Memorial Garden education supplies	\$1,000
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Sequoia Middle School

Math and Science Vernier Probeware	\$1,000
LCD projector for math and language arts	\$1,000
Microsoft Office instructional software	\$1,000
Dictionary/Thesaurus classroom set	\$525

Valley View Middle School

LCD projector for math program	\$1,000
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Gregory Gardens Elementary

Lawrence Hall of Science hands-on science workshop	\$1,000
Walk Through the American Revolution program	\$730
Thesaurus classroom set and audio visual cart	\$510

Pleasant Hill Elementary

Board Math materials and supplies	\$1,000
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Strandwood Elementary

Accelerated Reader expanded access program	\$1,000
Touch Math kit	\$667

PH Elementary Physical Education Program (6 schools):

Voice amplification system for outdoor instruction	\$1,000
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About FPHE

Founded in March 2008, the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education is a volunteer-led, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to providing financial support to all 11 public schools in Pleasant Hill. To make a donation or for more information, visit www.fphe.org or email generalinfo@fphe.org. ♣



Another successful golf tournament for our youth and seniors

The 9th Annual Pleasant Hill/Sunvalley Golf Classic, organized by the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation, took place on Monday, May 11 at the beautiful Contra Costa Country Club. All participants had a great time in the fantastic weather, and the Foundation made \$10,000 to support youth programs in Pleasant Hill, as well as the Senior Care Management program at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center.

Sunvalley Shopping Center was again the presenting sponsor; Allied Waste Services was the special event sponsor for the 9th year; and the major corporate sponsors included Diablo Trophies & Awards, Magoo's Grill of Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill Wine Merchants, and the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #104.

Hole sponsors were Diablo Press, Donaghu Graphic Designs, Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, and Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District.

Tee sign sponsors included Advanced Eyecare Optometry, California Grand Casino, David Deutscher Company, Leading Edge Pest Management, Luke Designs Associates, Michael Harris and Dawn Block, Oak Park Convalescent Hospital, Outback Steakhouse, and Pleasant Hill Lions Club.

The Foundation wishes to thank all of the volunteers who seemed to have nearly as much fun as the golfers themselves. If you would like to volunteer next year, please contact any of the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation Board Members, including Bob Berggren or Jim Nunes. You can call 687-8610 for more information.

The 2009 Award winners included:

- Sunvalley Flight Champions Rex Massier, Chris Bolton, Dino Forrestall, Obie Anderson; Foundation Flight Champions Susan Hurl, Tim Argenti, Christy Argenti, Matt Reinthaler
- Closest to the Hole winners included Dave Dunlap, Dave Monnes, Earl Yerina; Most Accurate Drive Steve Murphy; Longest Drive for Men Miles Bell; Longest Drive for Women Maria Laguna.
- Putting Champion for 2009 Marty Mankat; Longest Putt Clay Hall; Hit into the Pond Champion Gupta Etwartwu; Mixed Champions Janet Spears, Maria Laguna, Ted Winslow, Miles Bell.

Please mark your calendar for a very special golf tournament next year. It will be the 10th Anniversary of the Pleasant Hill/Sunvalley Golf Classic and takes place on May 10 in the year of 2010. Watch for special fun events to mark this special anniversary...and all those 10s!! ♣



Classic cars return to Pleasant Hill at the 8th Annual American Iron Car Show at the Community Center



Best 70s car

Celebrate America's passion for the automobile at American Iron Car Show Sunday, August 16, 10am–3pm. Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District is proud to present the 8th year of this summertime tradition in the parking lot at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. Enjoy a sunny day packed full with barbeque, music, and American made pre-1980s classic cars.

“American Iron” car show features awards, prize drawings, coffee from Awake Up Call, barbeque from Maverick's BBQ, lively music by Strawberry Fields, a bounce house for the kids, and lots of fun.



Best Beach Car

Best Truck

This family-friendly event is judged every year by spectators who vote for winners in creative award categories, including: best make-out car, best beach car, and car responsible for the oil crisis. Trophies will be awarded for best of each decade, best interior, best engine, and best of show.

The event is free for spectators, and just \$25 to enter a car. Deadline is August 7. ♣

For more information, contact the Pleasant Hill Community Center at 676-5200. Registration forms are available on the District's web site, www.pleasanthillrec.com.

Satisfy your curiosity at the Senior Center open house

Have you always wondered what happens at the Senior Center? Representatives will be available to answer questions on every activity, service, class and sport the Senior Center has to offer. Don't miss samples from the kitchen, chances to win door prizes, and an opportunity to see what you're missing!

Plan to attend the open house on Friday, August 21, 10am–noon at the Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane. ♣



Special weekday rates for picnic rentals at Pleasant Hill Parks

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District is offering a 10% discount on picnic rentals on weekdays! Summer days go fast, so pick a day or evening and make your reservations now.

There are three picnic areas available at Pleasant Hill Park, each with barbecue grills and picnic tables under the trees. You might even plan a game of softball or volleyball. Rodgers-Smith Park on Grayson Road also has bocce ball courts. Not familiar with the parks? Take a 360° tour at www.pleasanthillrec.com. Call Nancy Allison at 682-0896, between 11am–5pm and make your reservations today! ♣



Derby Day, July 17

Here's a challenge for kids and adults this summer. Build a boat entirely out of cardboard and recyclable materials for your team of two to eight boaters. Use your home made paddles, strap on a Coast Guard approved life vest, hop aboard, and paddle like mad in a race across the pool.

At Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's second annual Derby Day at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park, creativity, originality, recycling, and engineering all come together! Teams in five age categories will compete in boats with outrageous themes. Wear your swimsuit and prepare to get wet!

Derby Day is Friday, July 17 at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park, 147 Gregory Lane. Races begin at 2pm. Entry fee: \$5 per boater, pre-registration required. ♣

For rules and information, call 682-0896, or visit www.pleasanthillrec.com.



Taste of the Vine

Join a friendly group at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on Friday July 24 from 4–6pm for Taste of the Vine. Sponsored by the Chateaus of Pleasant Hill, this gathering features a variety of red and white wines in addition to light hors d'oeuvres. (Food from the Pleasant Hill Senior Center is always tasty!) Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. It all takes place at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane., Bldg 2. ♣



Presale tickets: \$6 (includes 2 tasting tickets) / \$3 per additional ticket / \$3 non-alcoholic ticket

At the door: \$8 (includes 2 tasting tickets) / \$4 non-alcoholic ticket

S.T.A.G.E. Troupe presents Tumbleweeds—a Musical Production

Don't miss Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's award-winning teen theatre company's production of Tumbleweeds, based on the comic strip by Tom Ryan, with music by Arne Christiansen. S.T.A.G.E. Troupe presents this fun comedy great for the kids and whole family about when the West was wild! Enjoy this laid-back, fun fantasy featuring a zany, but lovable cast of characters. Show runs July 30–August 8 at the Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For show times and tickets call (925) 682-0896 or visit www.pleasanthillrec.com.

Local resident directs STARS 2000 teens in performance of Guys and Dolls

STARS 2000 will present the ever popular American classic, GUYS AND DOLLS, beginning July 24 through August 2 at San Ramon Valley High School's Performing Arts Center, 501 Danville Blvd., Danville.

STARS 2000, calling Pleasant Hill their home, has successfully produced large scale Broadway musicals such as GREASE, INTO THE WOODS, HOW TO SUCCEED and LES MISERABLES. Diane Kamrin, a Pleasant Hill resident, has been producing, directing, and choreographing musicals in Contra Costa County for over 30 years. Diane takes pride in her many accomplishments, but none so great as to see "her kids" (STARS 2000 alumni) pursue their careers in theatre in New York and Los Angeles.

GUYS AND DOLLS, based on the stories of Daman Runyan, is "a perfect classic with strong characters, wonderful music, and lots of humor." Musical numbers include: Luck Be a Lady, I Love You A Bushel and A Peck, Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat, and I've Never Been in Love Before. This show ideal for audiences of all ages.

General admission tickets are \$14; Student & Seniors are \$13. Tickets are available through the Leshner Center Box Office at 925-943-SHOW (925-943-7469). ♣

For more information about STARS 2000, contact Diane Kamrin at 944-0900.



What's happening in the community....4th of July

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and food from Back 40 Texas BBQ... and special activities for children. The Petting Zoo also makes its third appearance. There will be raffle tickets available at the park for the chance to light off a firework in the evening. The winning ticket entitles two people to share a very unique experience.

Pyro spectacular fireworks at CPHS!

The fireworks display begins at approximately 9:15pm at the College Park High School practice field. Beginning at 8:30pm, the **Diablo Valley College Pops Band** will make their second annual appearance and provide live orchestral entertainment for the assembling crowd. Feeling hungry? Super Dogs will be providing on-site hot dogs, chips, and drinks for the crowd.

Many thanks to the additional “star-span-gled” sponsors for helping the Pleasant Hill Fourth of July Commission make this a great hometown event—Allied Waste Services, Campbell Security Equipment Company, The Chateaus, the City of Pleasant Hill, the Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission, Comcast, Downtown Pleasant Hill, Don and Norma Flaskerud, Fleet Feet Sports, John F. Kennedy University, the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, and Safeway. This special day simply wouldn't be possible without such broad community support!

Need more information about our Fourth of July festivities? Want to volunteer or make a donation? Check out the Fourth of July Commission's website at www.phjuly4.com designed by the computer class at College Park High School. Come join the fun! ♣



1st Annual Pie Eating Contest

A new event has been added this year that is sure to be a crowd pleaser—the First Annual Fourth of July **Pie Eating Contest**. Participants should dress to be a mess and be prepared to be videotaped. This event is scheduled to begin at approximately 1:00pm at the park.

Our rockin' community! Events for July and August 2009

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jun 4	4th of July Celebration	Crescent Dr and PH Park	4th of July Commission	938-5433
Jun 8-Aug 17	"Be Creative" Reading	PH Library	CC County Library	646-6434
Jul 1, 8, 15	Lego & Listen	PH Library	CC County Library	646-6434
Jul 5	Sunset By the Lake Summer Concert	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Jul 17	Derby Day	PH Aquatic Park	PH Rec & Park District	682-0896
Jul 17	Garage Band at the Lake	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill/Rec & Parks	682-0896
Jul 21	Composting workshop	PH City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Jul 21	Sunset By the Lake Summer Concert	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Jul 24	Taste of the Vine	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jul 24-Aug 2	Guys and Dolls	San Ramon Valley HS	STARS 2000	943-7469
Jul 30-Aug 8	Tumbleweeds	Winslow Center	S.T.A.G.E. Troupe	682-0896
Jul 31	Garage Band at the Lake	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill/Rec & Parks	682-0896
Aug 1	E-Waste Recycling Event	DVC parking lot	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Aug 2	Sunset By the Lake Summer Concert	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Aug 4	National Night Out	PH City Hall	PH Police Department	288-4637
Aug 14	Garage Band at the Lake	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill/Rec & Parks	682-0896
Aug 16	Sunset By the Lake Summer Concert	City Hall lawn	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5229
Aug 18	Composting workshop	PH City Hall	City of Pleasant Hill	671-5265
Aug 12	Fun for Everyone	PH Library	CC County Library	646-6434
Aug 16	American Iron Car Show	PH Community Center	PH Rec & Park District	676-5200
Aug 21	Senior Center open house	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788

To the City of Pleasant Hill... "I attended the concert by the lake last evening [June 7] in Pleasant Hill and wanted to tell you how GREAT it was... There were 7 people in our group, none of us live in Pleasant Hill, but we'd heard about The Bell Brothers playing and had to go. What a wonderful evening we all had... The setting, the people, the totally relaxed atmosphere, the band, the facilities (bathrooms)... everything was great. We will surely return for more shows, and really wish our town would put on events like this." —Kit Ohlman, Benicia, CA



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



Enjoy the
sounds
at the...
2009



Cover2Cover!!
Music from 5 decades



Time Outs for the kids!

Sunset By The Lake



The Fundamentals...
70s disco and pop covers



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

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

Free! Summer Concerts

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

Gregory Ln & Cleveland Rd

LIVE Music 6-8pm!

- 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



The Buzztones...60s British Invasion



Old favorite...Delta Dogs!



.. It's been a
GREAT season!!

OUTBACK
STEAKHOUSE®
May 24

Sheila's
Daycare Jun 7

DOWNTOWN
PLEASANT HILL
Jun 21

AW
ALLIED WASTE SERVICES
Jul 5

THE KENSINGTON
VINTAGE SENIOR LIVING
Jul 19

FARMERS
INSURANCE
GROUP
Kevin Hennessy, Jul 12

Champlin
wireless communication
Aug 2

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

Dallimont's
Italian
Restaurant
Lunch • Dinner
Aug 16

Casey Strand
Chiropractor
Aug 16

Schroder Insurance
Services, Aug 30

ROCCO'S
RESTAURANTE
Aug 30

Heart
Sep 6

Clip our this flier and keep for the season! And visit www.pleasanthillconcerts.com for all concert information.

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

April 2009

Airintel

(Aviation Information Publisher)
395 Taylor Blvd., Ste. 101
925-689-2402

Blue Moon Massage Therapy

2049 Contra Costa Blvd., "B"
925-914-9240

CLN Art

(Poster/Art Sales-DVC Only)
321 Golf Club Rd.
323-404-1090

FHG Finance, Inc.

(Real Estate/Mortgage Broker)
548-F Contra Costa Blvd.
925-798-1939

Hiroshi's Catering

102 Glenbridge Ct.
510-290-6769

Juste Le Debut, LLC

(Quick Serve Restaurant)
35 F Crescent Dr.
925-687-4553

Law Office of Vrej Garabedian

101 Ellinwood Dr.
925-285-1748

Lisa M. Kaplan, MFT

140 Mayhew Way, #702
925-942-3500

Mr. Sandwich, Loard's Ice Cream

(Ice Cream/Deli)
1966 Contra Costa Blvd.
510-677-8007

Pho Lee HOA Phat

(Vietnamese Restaurant)
508 Contra Costa Blvd. #D
925-680-8135

The PMP Alliance

(Technical Recruiting)
3478 Buskirk Ave., #1000
925-930-3902

Sarah Wilson (Airbrush Tanning)

1300 Contra Costa Blvd. #26
925-262-3313

Stephanie Solar, MFT

395 Taylor Blvd., #117
925-258-9611

Toni's Collectibles (Warehouse/

Showroom-Dolls, Figurines)
2493 Estand Way
925-798-2700

Yogurtland (Frozen Yogurt)

2390 Monument Blvd, Ste. C
510-459-9388

Capital Properties

925-352-3739

Elaine Bush

(Educational Consultant)
925-699-2348

Icomventures, LLC

(Home Internet Business)
510-520-4954

New businesses

May 2009

Anew Day Spa (Massage Therapy)

670 Gregory Ln., "E"
925-939-2639

Duke & Duke Charity Auctions

(Consulting for Charity Auctions)
3355 Vincent Rd.
925-930-6728

Enterprise Wireless Solutions

(Sprint/Nextel Service & Sales)
967 Contra Costa Blvd
925-849-6135

Helen Zink, MFT

2255 Morello #121
925-788-0021

Just By Touch (Massage Therapy)

609 Gregory Ln., #220
510-375-0071

Kinetic/Latitude Group, Inc.

(Promoting & Marketing)
61 Chilpancingo Pkwy #201
925-825-2479

Lin Lin Fan (Massage Therapy)

670 Gregory Ln., "E"
415-248-6870

Music Bank Karaoke

(Rooms for Rent w/Karaoke Machines)
508 Contra Costa Blvd, L2
925-270-0900

Natalya Golovanov, N.D. (Naturopathic/Homeopathic Doctor)

395 Civic Dr. "C"
415-948-8999

Pampered Nails & Spa

1600 Contra Costa Blvd., "C"
925-686-5202

Restoration Systems

(Fire/Flood Damage Restoration)
2428 Estand Way
408-590-8377

Sharon Edge (Massage Therapy)

609 Gregory Lane, #220
785-550-4358

Subway

2360 C Monument Blvd.
925-826-5088

XSpace Consulting

(Computer Based CAD Drafting)
925-899-3715

Yumei Hawkins

(Massage Therapist)
670 Gregory Ln. "E"
925-699-9993

Harris Hawk Company (Print/Promotional Product Services)

925-768-8591

Paramount Mortgage

925-497-8142

Robert Wright Photography

925-212-3092

City Meetings



WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed 1 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 2 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Jul 6	4th of July Holiday—City offices closed	
Thu 9 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 13 7:30pm	City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Tue 14 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 14 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 16 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 20 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Wed 22 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	Sequoia Middle School
Thu 23 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 23 7:00pm	Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room
Tue 28 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 28 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers

AUGUST

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 3	City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting cancelled	
Wed 5 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 6 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 11 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 11 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 13 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 17 7:30pm	City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Thu 20 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 25 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 26 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room
Thu 27 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 27 7:00pm	Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room



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Terri L. Williamson
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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 Sep/Oct is August 7. Ideas are always welcome. Local non-profit groups may submit articles to the Public Information Officer at 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. For information, call Martin Nelis at 671-5229, fax to 680-0294, or email to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

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PH Bayshore Disposal 685-4711
PG&E 800-743-5000
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City seeks commission applicants

The City is seeking applicants to serve on the following commissions:

- Architectural Review Commission
- Redevelopment Advisory Commission
- Commission on Aging

See page 2 for more information.

Community Focus comes to Pleasant Hill!

A new monthly newspaper launches in August with Pleasant Hill in the spotlight!

Keep an eye out for the new *Community Focus*, a monthly newspaper beginning in August covering happenings, events, and topical matters in and around the City of Pleasant Hill.

The Focus will highlight the Pleasant Hill community with features and articles on businesses, calendar of events, schools, organizations, and city residents. It will serve Pleasant Hill and parts of Martinez, Pacheco, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek, and will be direct-mailed, free, to residents and businesses, with a circulation of over 30,000.

The publishers aim to create a paper that will be retained by the residents for its features, community calendar, business profiles, city news and issues, local sports and academics, restaurant reviews, and travel tips. The Focus will give readers a forum to voice their opinions, remind them that a great place to eat may only be a few blocks away, or read about one of the many talented residents featured in the paper's human interest section.

The paper will be entertaining and informative and be of interest to all age groups, from

teens to seniors. They want to draw attention to and encourage support for all areas of the city's vibrant and innovative town. Look for the paper in your mailbox the first week in August, 2009.

For more information on how to contact the publishers, you can email: publishers@pleasanthillcommunityfocus.com or call: 925-890-4861

