



We need YOU for Pleasant Hill Community Service Day!

Residents and businesses in Pleasant Hill are busy planning and organizing the third annual Community Service Day which is slated for Saturday,

September 15. All residents and local businesses are invited to give back to their community in various ways—planting a garden at a school, sprucing up a neighborhood, repairing bicycles, donating blood, taking a meal to a sick friend, spending time with an infirm senior, or other individuals who need company, or reading to children.

Community Service Day begins at 8am at Pleasant Hill Park at the corner of Gregory Lane and Cleaveland Road with a free breakfast by the Pleasant Hill Lions Club. The first 400 volunteers also will receive a free T-shirt.

Volunteers will check in before branching out into the community to work at various sites on beautification, repair, and goodwill projects. Local businesses and residents of all ages and abilities are urged to register on the City web site.

There are opportunities for individuals and groups; participants can spend an hour or half a day on one or more projects while working side-by-side with

you friends, neighbors, and fellow employees.

Visit www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us to register as a volunteer or submit a community project needing volunteers. For more information call 671-5205. ♣



For their project last year, the Lion's Club served breakfast to a few hundred volunteers!



Teen concert was a big hit Downtown

On Friday, July 13, Downtown was the site of a new event that was a big hit for teens in Pleasant Hill.

The first "Teen Scene Presents: Garage Bands at the Lake" was held at City Hall and attracted a fun crowd of alternative music fans. The concert featured local bands: The Derps, At the Helm, My Unsaid Everything, and Axe Effect. Approximately 150 teens and adults came by to support the local musicians. Many danced, while others sat back with their picnic dinner and simply enjoyed the music. One group of music fans even brought their own luxury seats—a couch strapped to the top of their Jeep (we love our teens)! The show sparked so much interest that two additional concerts were planned for August 17 and August 31.

Event collaborators hope to offer activities and entertainment downtown for teens who would otherwise just be hanging out with nothing to do. To get involved, sponsor an event or for information about future concerts and activities, contact Katrina Hunn at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, 682-0896. ♣

What is the Traffic Safety Committee?

The City's Traffic Safety Committee was created by the Pleasant Hill City Council in 1977 for the purpose of studying and finding resolutions for traffic noise, vehicle speeding, and general public safety concerns about the City's Right of Way.

The Committee has eight members, including four resident citizen members (from whom a Committee Chair and Vice-chair are chosen), the Chief of Police, and the Director of Public Works and Community Development. The City's Traffic Engineer staffs the committee and prepares all of the meeting materials and follow-up tasks.

Since the inception of the Traffic Safety Committee 30 years ago, the City has experienced a number of changes in its traffic patterns and development strategy. Today, the focus is no longer to meet the demands of traffic growth by increasing roadway capacity, but to maintain and maximize the use of the existing roadway network.

In 2000, the Traffic Safety Committee adopted the Citywide Traffic Calming Policy and Procedures that specifies the various levels of evaluation, enforcement, education, and engineering efforts to be conducted for all traffic calming issues in the city. The policy also established specific criteria for stop sign and vehicle speed hump installations on public roadways. Nevertheless, given the unique nature of each traffic related issue, and the benefits and drawbacks associated with every traffic improvement device, the Traffic Safety Committee has the authority (in special circumstances) to approve or deny traffic improvement requests despite the meeting of the necessary criteria. To download a copy of the Citywide Traffic Calming Policy and Procedures, please visit the City's Traffic Engineering website at www.pleasanthill.ca.gov/PublicWorks/traffic.cfm.

Some of the recent projects that the Committee completed include:

- Traffic calming shoulder striping along Elderwood Drive between Alhambra Avenue and northern city limits.
- Traffic calming shoulder striping along Mercury Way.
- Traffic calming shoulder striping along Lucille Lane between Taylor Boulevard and Maureen Lane.
- Traffic calming shoulder striping along Skyview Drive.
- Traffic signal coordination along Contra Costa Boulevard between Taylor Boulevard and Monument Boulevard. (Contra Costa Boulevard Signal Coordination Project—Phase 1)
- Traffic signal coordination along Contra Costa Boulevard between Golf Club Road and Taylor Boulevard. (Contra Costa Boulevard Signal Coordination Project – Phase 2)
- Traffic calming effort along Morello Avenue between Taylor Boulevard and northern city limit.
- Traffic calming effort along Boyd Road.
- Traffic calming effort in the neighborhood along Twinview Drive, Cortsen Road, and Greenwich Drive.
- Traffic circulation improvement along Boyd Road near the Sequoia Elementary and Sequoia Middle schools.
- Traffic safety enhancement at the Gregory Lane/Kahrs Avenue intersection.

Some of the projects that the Committee is currently working on include:

- Traffic signal coordination along Contra Costa Boulevard between Golf Club Road and Taylor Boulevard. (Contra Costa Boulevard Signal Coordination Project – Phase 2)
- Traffic calming effort along Morello Avenue between Taylor Boulevard and northern city limit.

The Traffic Safety Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the City Hall Community Room. Pleasant Hill residents are welcome to attend each Committee meeting and address the Committee with their traffic related concerns. Meeting agendas are posted on the city website (www.pleasanthill.ca.gov/index.cfm) the week prior to the respective meeting date. Any questions regarding the Traffic Safety Committee can be forwarded to Eric Hu, City Traffic Engineer at (925) 671-5203. ♣



Join aging advisory council—make a difference!

The City is seeking candidates for an opening on the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging. The Council advises the County Area Agency on Aging on all matters related to the development and administration of senior programs throughout the County. The Council is comprised of 40 members, appointed by the County Board of Supervisors in partnership with the local cities.

The Advisory Council on Aging meets the third Wednesday of each month from 9:30am to noon in Concord. It is preferable that candidates reside in the City of Pleasant Hill. Mileage expenses to and from meetings are reimbursable.

For an application or more information, please contact the City Clerk office by phone at 925-671-5284 or e-mail at lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

FREE workshops make composting easy

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

The City of Pleasant Hill is offering free compost workshops on Wednesday, October 17 and November 7. These workshops start at 7pm and will be held in the Large Community Room at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane.

The City also will have Smith & Hawkins compost bins for sale. The bins sell for \$75 each for residents and can be purchased with cash or check. For more information or to sign up for the workshops, contact Annette Kaufmann with the Public Works and Community Development Department at 671-5265. ♣

What is your coverage?

Front yard coverage, that is. Are you aware that if you live in a single-family home the City has a front yard coverage limitation? For example, have you ever seen a front yard that has a round (semi-circle) driveway and think that might be nice to have one yourself or maybe widen your current driveway to accommodate another parking space? Before taking that next step, take a little time to read the following:

What do you mean by “front yard coverage?”

Front yard coverage is most anything that is not natural, such as concrete, asphalt, stones, rocks, gravel, or any other type of paving material that is used to cover dirt or vegetation.

Ok, great. So what is the front yard coverage limitation?

The limitation is no more than 50% of your front yard setback.

Is the setback measured from the curb back to my house?

It depends. Not every home is built at the front yard setback and not every property begins at the back of curb or even sidewalk. To find out more information for your particular residence, contact the City Planning Division for clarification.

Does a walkway in my front yard count?

Yes, pedestrian walkways do count as part of your front yard coverage if they are on your private property.

Do I need to know anything else?

Yes, actually, if you want to expand a driveway or add another curb cut for a round (semi-circle) driveway, you will need to talk to the Engineering Division, as an encroachment permit will be required for modifications to the public right of way (i.e., curbs and sidewalks).

Where can I find more information on this subject?

Additional information can be viewed on the City website at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. Click on the yellow “Municipal Code” button and search for 18.20.040.G.1 – Additional Development Regulations – Planting Areas. If you have further questions you can contact the Planning Division at (925) 671-5209 or click the “Contact Us” button on the City website. ♣



Letter to Homeowners From the City Building Crew

SUMMER TIME! HAVE FUN IN THE SUN! GIVE A HOOT, DON'T POLLUTE!

Did you know...

? ...draining pools, spas, and fountains into storm drains can pollute creeks, the Delta, and the Bay with copper, chlorine, sediments, and other contaminants? Yes, in fact, storm drains flow directly into our creeks, the Delta and the Bay without treatment. Before draining, contact your local wastewater treatment authority.

? ...a properly maintained pool, spa, and fountain will reduce the need for draining? Regular cleaning, maintaining proper chlorine levels, and maintaining water filtration and circulation will prevent algae problems and reduce the need for draining.

? ...you should never clean a filter in the street, gutter, or in or near a storm drain? Instead, rinse cartridge filters with water onto a dirt area and spade filter residue into the soil. Backwash sand and diatomaceous earth filters onto a dirt area. Dispose of spent filter materials in the trash and keep backwash discharges out of the street and storm drain.

? ...a permit is required to install a pool, spa, or fountain deeper than 18"? A permit also is required to dispose of or demolish a pool. Whether it is totally removed or even caved into the ground, a permit is necessary because it's on record and clears your property for future property enhancements. Totally demolishing and removing all pool material from the property and replacing with clean soil and compaction will enable you to build onto the area. "Caving in" the pool remnants will allow you to landscape the area only, without the benefit of building a structure in the future.

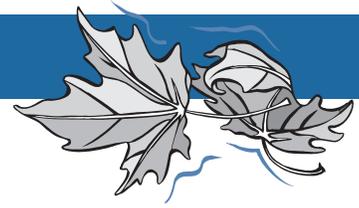
? ...a fence is required around a newly-installed pool or spa? This is for your own safety as well as your neighbors. If an alarm system is installed on all doors and windows accessing the backyard area, you are only required to have total fencing surrounding the property. In all cases, the fence shall not be lower than 54" with a self-closing and locking gate. The fence openings shall not be larger than 4" wide.

More detailed information can be obtained at your City's Building Division (925) 671-5200 or the Central Sanitary District Clean Water Program (925) 229-7288.

Sincerely,

Mike, Vicki, Ed, and Brent
City Building Division, (925) 671-5200

Maintenance is key to preparing for fall/winter seasons



It may feel like summer outside, but it's already time to start getting ready for fall. While you're raking your leaves and winterizing your home, here are some of the things that we can all do to help make sure that Pleasant Hill stays prepared during the fall and winter months.

- ▶ **Clean up debris and unwanted (invasive) weeds if you are one of 400 homeowners whose property is adjacent to one of the City creeks or waterways.** Each year the City needs you to monitor and clean up all debris and invasive weeds that could get in the way of water flowing in the creeks. City crews will physically inspect many of the sites and help homeowners identify what needs to be done. Proper timelines must be met by property owners to complete their creek cleanup responsibilities.
- ▶ **Monitor and maintain problem areas that are prone to heavy winter storm runoff.** City Maintenance crews keep all equipment in good working order throughout the year; but they pay special attention before winter. The pumps, tractors, and trucks are ready to roll at a moment's notice in the event of an emergency.
- ▶ **Emergency planning should be done now during this preparation time of year.**
- ▶ **Monitor hillside areas and install erosion-control fabric and wattles.** City Maintenance monitors many of the hillside areas, such as Reliez Valley, Taylor Blvd., or other areas that have had problems in the past. To reduce the likelihood of problems, we are installing erosion-control fabric and wattles (nylon-wrapped packages of straw and organic matter to absorb water) to reduce soil erosion into the storm drain creek system.
- ▶ **Utilize sandbag stations that will be available throughout the City.** CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers will prepare sandbags that are ready to use. In addition, homeowners will be able to fill their own sandbags; all materials will be available at the sandbag

stations. CERT volunteers will be in contact with City Maintenance so they can assist homeowners to help out in any areas of flooding, should that be needed.

- ▶ **Tune into weather watches, warnings, and advisories.** The City's website provides a summary of this type of critical information. Look under News and Updates.

City Maintenance is ramping up for additional street sweeping during fall. This is a time when Pleasant Hill sees a tremendous volume of leaf drop from the many mature trees throughout the City. All residents can help by keeping their yards clean and debris free.

Working together, the City and its residents can be prepared for the upcoming fall/winter storm season. Please call or email the Maintenance Division service desk at check@pleasant-hill.ca.us if you have any questions. ♣

Pleasant Hill's most prevalent code violations—don't let this be YOU!

BIG Vegetation—Wow, how the landscaping has grown! But, are bushes hanging over the sidewalk? Are tree limbs blocking the view at the corner? The only vegetation permissible to cross the street or sidewalk is tree limbs which are at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street.

Landscaping Materials—Make sure those bark dust, rocks, soil, and decking supply deliveries are deposited into your yard or driveway and not on the street or sidewalk.

Inappropriate Storage—Now is the time to clean up all odds and ends that you missed over the colder months. Get rid of those last bags of yard debris. Clean up the tree limbs and brush piles. Donate the extra appliances, furniture, and inoperable vehicles to charity or contact Code Enforcement for disposal. If you just can't bear to part with it, be sure it is in a

fully enclosed storage facility like a shed or garage.

Sheds—Need to put up a shed for all that extra stuff? Before you build, check with the Building Division on sizes that require permits, and check with the Planning Division about mandatory setbacks. Better to check now than to "un-build" later!

Sports—Want to play some sports? Mount your basketball hoop to your home or dig out a spot for it in your landscaping. You can even park it and your skateboard ramp at the end of your driveway. Just remember that it cannot be in the sidewalk area which includes the driveway skirt or in the street or planter strips.

Signs—Having a garage sale or selling a home? Remember that no signs are ever allowed in the public right-of-way. This includes but is not limited to sidewalks, streets, medians, planter strips, traffic control devices, and utility poles. Before

displaying any signs, visit the Planning Counter and look up the legal areas to place them.

Right-of-Way Maintenance—Did you know that the area of right-of-way adjacent to your home is your responsibility to maintain? This is true even if it is behind your home or outside your fence. To make sure you stay in compliance, look all of the way around your home. If you have a street or sidewalk on the side or back of your home, be sure you are monitoring this area in addition to the front for overgrown vegetation, weeds, garbage, and illegal signs.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact the City's Code Enforcement group at 671-5207. ♣

Developer Irvin Deutscher dies at 85

Friends, family, and colleagues mourned the July passing of well-known businessman and philanthropist Irvin Deutscher. Sometimes referred to as “Mr. Contra Costa,” Deutscher built a number of subdivisions in Lafayette, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek as well as low-income housing in Pittsburg’s Lido Square, several industrial parks, office buildings, and shopping centers.

“People wanted to put him on a pedestal, but he didn’t respond to that,” said his son David Deutscher. “He never liked the glory and he wouldn’t do things in the community for the attention. Rather, he would do something because it needed to be done.”

His significant contributions to the Mount Diablo Family YMCA in Pleasant Hill was only one example of his penchant for community work and causes. He also was a key leader in developing Walnut Creek’s Civic Arts program and served as its first president. Most people didn’t know he was the first person west of the Rockies to process FHA loans to make housing more affordable, especially for first-time homebuyers. In the early 90s, he worked with Jack Kemp, then Secretary of Housing and

Urban Development, to re-write the housing act, and built one of the first Head Start programs in the area.

“Dad was a big picture guy. He could be one of the most cordial, delightful, funny people,” David said, “He really believed when you live in a community, you should give back, and having a good healthy community is good for business.”

He also was incredibly well-read in world politics and economics and a perpetual traveler. He visited some 146 countries over the course of his life and really enjoyed studying a wide variety of topics.

Born in Indianapolis, Irvin lost his father at a young age and moved to Brooklyn to live with his grandmother after the family tire business went bankrupt. To help make ends meet, Irvin sold hot dogs on Coney Island while attending High School in New York City. After school he exercised, played squash and hung out at the local YMCA.



Irvin, 85, and great grandson Dominic.

At 19, he knew he was going to be drafted, so he moved to California and enlisted in the Air Force for pilot training. He flunked out. “He got motion sick,” said David. “That was a godsend. All of the pilots in his group were assigned to an airplane with a design fault—they all crashed into the Atlantic on their

way to Africa and Burma on a mission to disrupt the flow of Japanese war materiel.”

Instead, Irvin Deutscher became an officer and bombardier/navigator for B-24s, known as The Flying Fortress, with a group known as the “Flying Tigers” out of Burma.

Once out of the Air Force, Deutscher spent time in Berkeley, started in the real estate business, returned to playing squash at the local YMCA and met his wife, Ludell, in Oakland. He opened Sunrise Realty, a real estate brokerage where he sold real estate and insurance in Pleasant Hill in 1948, renaming the company to Irvin Deutscher Co. in 1950. ♣

Free!

Sunset By The Lake

Summer Concerts

Don't miss KEY LIME PIE at the LAST concert of this great season on September 2... 6-8pm

On the lawn, by the lake at Pleasant Hill City Hall (Gregory Ln & Cleveland Rd)

Unique San Francisco institution **Key Lime Pie** dishes up a musical stew sure to please the senses. Blending classic rock with soul, R&B and modern pop, this talented group will delight anyone tired of hearing the same old thing. Songwriter Evan Palmer grew up influenced by Steve Miller, Little Feat, Fleetwood Mac and the Grateful Dead, and brings those classic influences to bear on his songcraft while bringing the band's sound into the twenty-first century.

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What's new at the Park District?

New expansion plans revealed for the Pleasant Hill Senior Center

Thanks to the generous contributions of Tom and Ruby MacDonald, a new set of plans for the Pleasant Hill Senior Center is available for viewing.

The new plans for this 20,800 square-foot facility include a dining room, a very large meeting room that could double as a second dining room (capacity 250 persons), exercise room, and large outdoor deck with a view of Pleasant Hill Park.

“There will be larger rooms for classes and activities, more parking, and more space for the Pleasant Hill Senior Center’s unique programs, such as small appliance repair,” said Kendra Luke, PHR&PD Supervisor of the Senior Center.

“Tom has always been an advocate for the Senior Center and instrumental in moving forward with plans for a new building,” Luke said. The MacDonalds own three Pleasant Hill retirement communities: Chateau Pleasant Hill, Chateau II, and Chateau III. Tom and Ruby are serving on the Pleasant Hill Senior Center Committee that includes representatives from Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, the City of Pleasant Hill, the Chamber, local businesses, and the community.

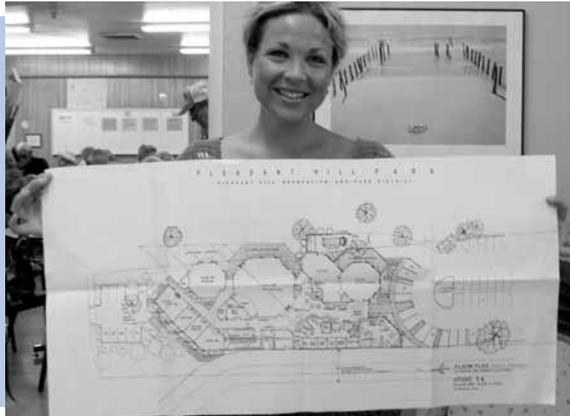
“The members of the Pleasant Hill Senior Club have so many ideas for new classes and programs and so many needs,” Luke said. “It’s unfortunate, but space is such a problem, I have to tell them, ‘I’m sorry, but I don’t know where we’d fit that in.’”

The Senior Center Committee is mounting an educational campaign to encourage seniors to talk to friends, neighbors, and family about the value of the Pleasant Hill Senior Center and the need for a new, larger, and more up-to-date facility. They are inviting the community to visit the Senior Center to see the current facility. “The committee and I are sure people will be astonished at how much activity we are able to pack into this small space,” she said.

“To me, the Pleasant Hill Senior Center is the best one in Contra Costa County—with the exception of the buildings,” said Tom MacDonald.

“We are all getting older,” he added. “We need to make sure people understand how valuable the Senior Center is and the number of services available there, especially for low-income seniors. Once people understand the value and the need, I’m sure they will support efforts to fund a new facility for Pleasant Hill’s future senior population.”

To view the new plans and take a tour of the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, visit 233 Gregory Lane any weekday. For more information, call the Senior Center at 798-8788 or the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District office at 682-0896. ♣



“Come view the new Senior Center plans,” says Kendra Luke.

PHR&PD welcomes Joseph Hurd to the Board

At the July 26 meeting, the Board of Directors of Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District unanimously voted to appoint Joe Hurd as the newest member of the Board. He will fill the seat vacated by Greg Smith, who resigned in June.

Hurd and his family have been residents of Pleasant Hill for 28 years. He is now retired after a career in banking, finance, and the telecom industry. He brings to the board impressive skills in data analysis, economic forecasting, demographic analysis, and preparing short and long-term budgets. He earned a Bachelor of Science in economics from the University of Utah and a PhD in economics from UC Berkeley.

Bob Berggren, PHR&PD General Manager, has known Hurd for many years. “Joe and his family have been active in the community and in District programs. He has been a great supporter of the Recreation & Park District, and I look forward to working with him,” said Berggren.

“I have enjoyed the District’s products (swimming, soccer, softball, music, picnics, dancing, playgrounds, and all kinds of activities), and I would like to help make it as good as it has been or better,” Hurd said.

He also is interested in the upcoming renovation of the Senior Center. “The seniors are a rapidly growing part of the population, and it is a wise move to make their Center a more accessible and useful facility.”

His appointment will remain in effect until the 2008 election in November. The public is always welcome to attend Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District board meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7pm at the District Office, 147 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. ♣





Library Launches new "reading recommendation services"

Read it, hear it: check it out.

Need a good book to read or listen to? Wondering what recent additions are in the library's collection? The Contra Costa County Library is making it easier for people to find what to check out next with the addition of e-newsletters containing reading recommendations and automated lists of newly received materials.

Get reading recommendations delivered to your inbox

Sign up for a free subscription to any of the Contra Costa County Library's e-newsletters and get great reading suggestions by email. These newsletters, currently available in 20 popular genres and topics, contain an intriguing mix of new releases and older items. Newsletters are sent monthly or bi-monthly and each includes up to 12 recommendations. Each title is accompanied by a short description and a link to the online catalog so that users can see if the item is available and place a hold on the title.

To subscribe, simply go to the newsletter sign-up page from the library's web site. You may sign up for as many subject lists as you like, and you will immediately receive the most recent issue. Watch your email this fall for additions to their e-newsletter selections, including: children's materials, books in Spanish, and Library News & Events.

Find titles that have recently been added to the collection

The Contra Costa County Library is now providing links to the online catalog of newly received materials in the following areas: adult, teen, and children's fiction, biographies, non-fiction, audiobooks, music, and DVDs. The lists of titles also are available as an RSS feed so you can stay up to date on recent additions to the collection.

For more information about the recommendation services, contact the Pleasant Hill Library at 925-646-6434 or visit the Library's Web site at <http://ccclib.org>. ♣

National Friends of Libraries Week Oct 21-27

Pleasant Hill Library thanks its Friends of the Library group for the ongoing support they provide in supplementing the library's materials budget, funding children's and adult programs, and organizing book sales. The proceeds come back to benefit the library.

The Friends also provide funding for all of the paperback books given away as prizes for the Children's Summer Reading Program. We salute them for making it possible for the library to provide more books, programs, and services to the Pleasant Hill community!

If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library, please visit their on-going book sale in the library for more information. ♣

Upcoming Programs

► School-Age Specials

3rd-5th graders!

Jumpstart your school year by attending the **Library Web Wizard Workshop**. Students accompanied by a parent or guardian are invited to join and explore the many library resources available 24 hours a day from their home computer. Monday, October 1 or November 5 from 7-7:45pm. Registration is limited. Sign up by visiting the library or by calling 646-6434.

2nd-5th graders!

Creep into the library for a scare at the **Halloween Program** on Monday, October 29 from 7:00-7:45pm. No registration required. **Be there if you dare!**

► High School Students— get ready to take the SAT

Attend a free SAT* preparation workshop on Wednesday, October 24, from 6:30-8:00pm at the Pleasant Hill Library. This strategy session will provide tips and tricks about scoring your best on the SAT and is presented by staff from The Princeton Review. Seats are limited. Registration is required. To register, please call 925-646-6434 or stop by the Information Desk at the Pleasant Hill Library beginning September 24, 2007.

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Pleasant Hill Library, 1750 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Hours: Monday 12-8, Tuesday 12-8
Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 12-8
Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6

Phone: 925-646-6434
Web: <http://ccclib.org>

Adult Education accepting enrollments for fall

Well, the shopping for school supplies and new clothes is pretty much over, and chances are your children are back in the classroom. But there are lots of adults heading back to school, too, and there is still some time for you to join them. Numerous classes are open for adults interested in enrolling at Mt. Diablo's Adult Education program this fall. Classes are offered day and evening at the Pleasant Hill Education Center conveniently located at One Santa Barbara Road near the public library. Classes will include: cooking, painting, jewelry-making, cultural studies, yoga, water exercise, sewing, computers, woodworking, foolproof organizing, and more.

Pre-registration opened Monday, August 20 with classes beginning the week of September 10. Please visit our website at www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/adulted for a complete listing of courses including descriptions, dates, and fees.

Do you have an idea for a new course? Judith Sosnowski, Program Coordinator, would love to hear from you at 925-682-8000, ext. 3911. ♣

Follies Brassiere offers comedy, song, and dance



Back by popular demand, Jest 4 Fun announced its latest installment of musical mayhem, "Follies Brassiere!" You will be busting at the seams at this uniquely original, fast-paced musical revue that provides a comic glimpse into the hilarious, intimate inner workings of sisterhood at its best.

Six women and the supporting cast of colorful characters comprise this irreverent production of supportive, uplifting, and intimate bosom buddies. From the horrors of aging, weight loss strategies, and dating to the delights of a male strip club and the tragedy of losing a loved one, the show explores the many facets of women's lives through scenes, monologues, song and dance. This show is sophisticated, bawdy, funny, and insightful—a surefire hit!

"Follies Brassiere," in association with OnStage theater, plays at The School House Cultural Center, 2050 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Performances will be held Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6 (8:30pm) Sunday, October 7 (2pm and 7pm) and Monday, October 8 (7pm). Tickets are \$20. For ticket reservations, please call 925-944-9006. (Not suitable for children under 14.) ♣

Halloween festivities

Ghosts, goblins, and just ordinary, normal folks will have plenty to do this fall at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District.

Haunted House

Produced and implemented by the Pleasant Hill Teen Council, the award-winning haunted house will be open this year October 19–30 at Pleasant Hill Park. This year's theme, "Poltergeist Palace," has captured the creativity of teen and adult volunteers who will spend countless hours constructing and painting sets, setting up spooky lighting, preparing makeup, and acting the part of scary characters.

The Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Haunted House attracts a loyal public that comes from Livermore, Vallejo, and San Francisco because "it's always good." Scary performances are held in the evenings and not-so-scary matinees in the afternoons, with guides who are trained to adjust the "level of scare" to the audience, adding humor when necessary.

Scary evenings are available for grades 4–adult from 7 to 8:30pm on October 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29, and 30. Not-so-scary afternoon performances are showing from 1:30–3pm and will be held October 20, 21, 27, and 28. Tickets are available for \$5, and hot popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit teen programs. ♣

"Share the Magic"

This family-friendly performance promises to be "an evening filled with fun, mystery, and excitement—with illusions, card experts, close-up performers, and clowns." Similar to last year's show, young magicians from the Pleasant Hill Chapter of the Society of Young Magicians (SYM) will perform along with professional magicians who are members of the internationally known Society of American Magicians.

"Share the Magic" will be held on Friday, October 19 at 7pm (doors open at 6pm). at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. Admission: \$8. Pre-registration is required. Call 676-5200. ♣

Save the date for the 27th Annual Boosters charity gala

The Mt. Diablo Region YMCA is proud to announce the celebration of the 27th Annual Boosters Gala. The gala is set for Friday, October 19, at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, cocktail reception, a silent and live auction, and a seated three-course dinner featuring current and former Oakland Raiders as celebrity waiters.

For the past 26 years, the YMCA has hosted these galas to benefit the Strong Kids Campaign and other programs within the YMCA. All net proceeds will benefit the community members who would not otherwise be able to afford to participate in their programs.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the planning committee or if you can provide sponsorship or auction opportunities, please call Aida Lucha at 925-887-4645. It is not too early to reserve your table for this year's Boosters event. For more event information, please call the Mt. Diablo Region YMCA at 925-609-9622. ♣





New president for Rotary Club



President Ken Jacobson started his year true to his goal of supporting the community. At the 4th of July parade he helped distribute the Sammy Rabbit savings books to kids. The Rotary Club was one of four sponsors who paid for the purchase and distribution of the free books encouraging children to start saving at a young age.

As a new year began for Rotary International, so did a new presidency for the local club. The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill welcomed long-time member Ken Jacobson as their new presiding officer. He has served in many other positions in the club and received the esteemed Rotarian of the Year award in 2003.

After receiving his Bachelor, teaching credential, and Master's degrees from Chico State College and Cal State Hayward, Ken spent 18 years teaching in Bay Area school districts. He then left Mt. Diablo School District to attend law school and thereafter practiced law in the Bay Area for another 18 years. His last office was located in Pleasant Hill. Ken has been married to his wife Shelley for 43 years. They have two children, the oldest one living in Pacheco and youngest living in Philadelphia and three grandchildren, the youngest being 2 years old.

Ken's goals for the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club this year include:

- Serving the youth of the community by providing scholarships to Pleasant Hill students, sending a number of kids to camp, promoting youth sports, supporting local scouting groups, supporting local school programs, and supporting "Star Quest."
- Serving the local community by supporting local projects with both labor and grants, including School House Theatre, Fourth of July Commission, Rodgers Ranch, and Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District.
- Serving the international community through participation in the Paul Harris Foundation, Exchange Programs, and the Prosthetic Hand Program.

All these goals are to be met while having fun!! Good luck, Ken—you're sure to have a terrific year!

To the Wonderful Pleasant Hill Rotary Members:

Nearly four weeks ago I packed my bags, boarded a bus, and embarked on a journey to the northern California location of Camp Royal. I had no expectations and, with the exception of a single classmate, no other friends. A week later I boarded the same bus to make the journey home, but under entirely different circumstances. By the time I was leaving Camp Royal, I had more than 100 new friends, a new optimistic outlook on life, and a week-long experience that I will never forget.

I really can't thank Rotary enough for giving me the opportunity to attend Camp Royal. After all, how can one express enough gratitude for a life changing experience? I only hope that my words can even begin to convey how meaningful Camp Royal was to me and therefore show you that, because of it, my life has been altered for the better. The combination of the pristine location, the kind, supportive counselors, and the amazingly intense and real speakers truly affected me. Because of Camp Royal, I feel ready to face the future of the world, no matter how daunting it may be. I was also inspired by Camp Royal regarding my future career choice, and I can proudly proclaim now that when I grow up, I want to be a police woman.

So, once again, thank you, Pleasant Hill Rotary, for granting me the opportunity to attend Camp Royal and not only discover a group of amazing teens and adults, but also discover myself.

Sincerely,
Roxanne Calimeris

Camp Royal students return

The Pleasant Hill club annually sends two students to Rotary's leadership camp, Camp Royal. This year Roxanne Calimeris and Tim Nottage made the journey. Roxanne's letter to the club upon her return (on left) is more descriptive than anything that could be written here!

Pleasant Hill AAUW Festa Italiana

"From Grapes to Glass" is the theme of this year's Festa Italiana sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Branch of the American Association of University Women. This annual autumn event is always a grand way to spend an October afternoon among friends and neighbors in the midst of the Viano Winery in Martinez. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 6th from 3:30-6:30pm.

Wine tasting will be co-hosted by the Viano Winery with their complimentary and engraved wine glasses. A fine Italian dinner follows the wine tasting. Tickets for the event are \$30 each. Proceeds from this event provide funds for our educational foundation which provides fellowships for graduate women to achieve higher academic degrees and for women who find it necessary to change careers.

Reservations need to be made before October 1 by contacting Sandy @ 228-2633 or Marlene @ 934-4171. ♣



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

Our hope is that you will learn about a new business in the City that provides goods/services that you may need or find useful. The City of Pleasant Hill is committed to enhancing the viability of the business community and improving communication and service among business, government and residents. Please contact Kelly Calhoun at (925) 671-5213 for additional information on locating or expanding your business operations in the City of Pleasant Hill.

New businesses in June 2007

Air Cloud Communications

(Wireless Internet Service Provider)
3478 Buskirk Ave.
925-260-4119

Alma Obegi Moin

(Holistic-Reiki Energy)
1100 A Pleasant Valley Dr.
925-917-0100

Chit Chat Wireless (Cell Phone Equipment, Supplies, Repairs)
2360 C Monument Blvd.
925-288-0081

Dawn M. Ryan, LMFT

(Psychotherapy)
3490 Buskirk Drive, Ste. A
925-947-4357

FedEx Kinko's

2380 Monument Blvd., Ste. B
925-798-0496

Hair By Cheri Giannini

1926 Oak Park Blvd.
925-934-2427

Harbor Freight Tools

535 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-689-7235

Inspiring Wellness

(Nutrition, Tai Chi for Arthritis)
140 Mayhew Way, #202
925-945-0645

Lynette Aylsworth

Massage Therapy
140 Mayhew Way, #100
925-757-1037

Michele Passos (Hair Stylist)

101 Gregory Ln., #24
925-285-8174

MTRO Servicing Co., Inc.

(Escrow Account Holder)
3478 Buskirk
925-915-1337

Peggy Ann Marie Roach

(Skincare, Facials, Manicurist)
2601 Pleasant Hill Road
925-287-1108

Remember When

(Scrapbooking Supplies-Retail)
607 Gregory Lane, #150
925-938-1700

B&H Landscape Services

925-586-9495

Bridgewater Capital Group, Inc.

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925-570-8279

Buddha and the Beast (Seminars)

925-639-4333

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(Care Giver Agency)
925-270-6226

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925-825-0806

SP Portraits (Photography)

925-818-6337

To Your Satisfaction

(Web-Based Business Consulting)
925-349-9396

Visible Pixtel (Computer

Repair/Website Service)
909-380-1933

Well Placed Promotions

(Promotional Items Distributors)
925-337-3314

New businesses in July 2007

Amanda Dougherty

(Massage Therapy/Chiropractic)
1610 Oak Park Blvd., #2
925-934-5088

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2800 Pleasant Hill Road, #125
925-465-2161

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3333 Vincent Rd., #102B
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925-360-0855

Thuy Tien Hong Huynh

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925-363-7723

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Help save energy with FREE lightbulb!

Every household can receive a free compact fluorescent light (CFL) to replace an existing light bulb during a PG&E Energy Star's "Change-a-Light" campaign giveaway from 4-6pm, Thursday, October 25, in the Small Community Room at City Hall.

With your participation, Pleasant Hill can reduce energy consumption and green house gas emissions. Each year in October, National Community Planning Month, events are held to raise the visibility of planning efforts contributing to the creation of communities of lasting value. One challenge of every great community is maintaining a balance between demands of growth and change and residents' needs and desires—especially true in terms of energy usage and global warming. ♣



City Meetings

SEPTEMBER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 3	CITY HALL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	
Wed 5 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 5 2:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Wed 5 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 6 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 10 7:30pm	City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Tue 11 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 11 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Mon 17 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 18 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 19 2:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 20 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 25 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 27 7:00pm	Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room

OCTOBER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 1 7:30pm	City Council-Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
Wed 3 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 3 2:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Wed 3 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 4 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 8	CITY HALL CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY	
Tue 9 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 9 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Mon 15 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency-City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 16 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 17 2:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 18 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Tue 23 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 25 7:00pm	Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room



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Thursday 8:30am–6:00 pm
Friday 8:30am–1:00 pm



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It's almost Art, Jazz & Wine time again!



Mark your calendar now for the 5th annual Art, Jazz & Wine Fest sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce! This 2-day event, held this year on October 6, 10am-6pm, and October 7, 10am-5pm, is a high-water mark in the area—not only for the arts and crafts exhibits, but also for excellent wine and jumpin' music. From banjos and tubas to smokin' hot blues guitars to silky smooth vocalists over the two days, there will be a musical style that will capture your imagination.

Continuing from years past is the Premium Wine Tent, an opportunity to enjoy tasting some great premium wines. Wine and beer, along with collectible logo glasses and T-shirts, are also available on the street. Kids' entertainment will be held again in the plaza on Crescent Drive. And, of course, there will be quality arts and crafts from all over the area for festival-goers to check out and buy.



After the success of the first Saturday Night Concert last year, plans are well underway for a repeat this year with a return of Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet and a popular band new to Pleasant Hill—Johnny Nitro and the Doorslammers. It all starts at 6:15pm after the street booths close. Come out in the cool of the

evening, enjoy a glass of wine or beer, and tap your toes or dance to great music—and when it's all done you can grab a bite to eat at one of the many fine food establishments in the Downtown.

Watch for this event on Saturday, October 6, and Sunday, October 7, on Crescent Drive and don't miss it! For more information about this or other Chamber events, you can call 925-687-0700 or visit them on the web at www.pleasanthillchamber.com. ♣



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