

the **OUTLOOK**

of Pleasant Hill

**Keeping our neighborhoods attractive**

**Is your boat or RV being a good neighbor?**

If you have a boat or recreational vehicle (RV), or if you know a neighbor who owns one, then you'll be interested in some useful information to help keep Pleasant Hill's neighborhoods both scenic and safe.

*Does the City regulate boats or RVs on private residential properties? Yes!* And here is a brief rundown of those regulations:

- Boats and RVs are allowed to be parked on private residential properties.
- Parking must be on a hard surface (paved) and not on the lawn or landscaping. (Remember, at least 50% of a front yard must be maintained in landscaping.)
- Boats and RVs must be parked entirely on private property and cannot extend into the street, shoulder, or the sidewalk.
- Any boat or RV with a valid state vehicle or trailer license may park on any city street where allowed (observe any street parking signs) for

up to, but no longer than, 72 continuous hours before it must be moved.

- Boats and RVs must be operable and cannot have any obvious damage or be dismantled.
- Going beyond the regulations, here are some practical suggestions to ensure that your boat or RV is being a good neighbor:
- Clean your boat or RV when not in regular use and keep it free of dirt, dust, and cobwebs, etc.
  - If you use a covering, try one that has a neutral, unobtrusive color and maintain it in good condition. If it's faded, tattered, or torn, it's probably time to buy a new one.
  - If you must temporarily park your boat or RV on a public street, try to park it in front of your own property and not your neighbor's.
  - Never block a neighbor's driveway—even if it's for a "few minutes."
- For additional information, contact the Building Division's Code Enforcement Section at 671-5207, or visit the City's website at [ww.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](http://ww.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us) and click on the "Contact Us" button. ♣



Enjoy the good life, but be a good neighbor!

**Enforcement of new smoking and tobacco regulations now in effect**

The City Council adopted an ordinance that went into effect in February which prohibits smoking at the following places within the City of Pleasant Hill:



- in any place of employment;
- in any enclosed area adjoining a workplace that has a common or shared air or ventilation space;
- and in any outdoor area within 20 feet of the main entrance, exit or operable window of a workplace.

*Read more about this on page 2!*

**Students organize Climate Action event**

On Saturday, April 14, College Park's Help Your Planet Help Yourself (HYPHY) Club will host an event at City Hall to honor the National Day of Climate Action. The HYPHY club focuses primarily on raising awareness of global warming and will present various ways to help address the problem within the community. Free BBQ food, guest speakers, and live performances by Cover2Cover will be available from 1 to 4pm. The event is free and will be open to all ages interested in participating.



Looking back at 2006, serious crime in Pleasant Hill was down 18% compared to 2005. Part of this is due to the precautions that you take at work or home to ensure the safety of your home and family. The Police Department utilizes crime-mapping to determine crime trends and our response to any increase in crime. As neighbors, you have called to report suspicious behavior or something out-of-place. Congratulations on keeping our city safe!

However, the crimes of robbery and auto burglary showed increases from the previous year. Robberies are considered a “crime of opportunity” when an offender sees a victim in a location where they feel they have an advantage over the victim. This crime triangle—victim-offender-location—is something we utilize to deter crime by making victims and locations unattractive to criminals. You can also break the triangle by not walking alone at night in dark areas and reporting suspicious people to us.

In 2006, there was an increase of 11% from 2005 or 48 more auto burglaries in

2006 than 2005. While officers diligently patrol during all hours, including the nighttime hours when many auto burglaries occur, the Police Department still needs your help to reduce auto burglaries. Many of these crimes are also “crimes of opportunity” and the actions you take can help reduce the likelihood you will become a victim.

Following are some auto burglary prevention tips:

- Always be sure to leave your car’s windows rolled all the way up and the doors locked. Remember to shut your garage door if you are able to park in a garage.
- Do not leave anything of value, such as purses, computers, backpacks, and other items in plain view in your car’s interior even if it is locked. Often the difference between a car which is targeted by thieves and a car which is left alone is what is visible to the thief inside the car.
- Try to park in well lit areas, including shopping centers. If you park your car in your home’s driveway, consider the installation of motion sensitive outdoor lighting.
- Consider the purchase of a car alarm. While it is fairly common to

hear an alarm sounding, many thieves target cars without alarms.

Many of the above tips also apply to auto theft prevention. There were 175 auto thefts reported in Pleasant Hill in 2006, a 19% decrease or 42 fewer auto thefts than in 2005.

In addition to these tips, please consider the following:

- Use anti-theft devices like electronic systems designed to prevent the car from starting or hardware which attaches to the steering wheel of the car.
- Do not leave your car unattended and idling when going into stores or in your driveway.

If you see suspicious persons frequenting an area or your neighborhood, call the Pleasant Hill Police non-emergency line at 288-4600 or the emergency lines at 9-1-1 or 680-7000 depending upon the circumstances. Crimes which you actually observe, such as seeing someone break into your car, may be reported on the emergency lines but more routine matters should be reported on the non-emergency lines. Your help is vital and we can work together to reduce auto burglaries and auto thefts. ♣

### Enforcement of new smoking regulations

Highlights of the ordinance include:

#### Restaurant outdoor smoking

The regulations allow smoking in up to 25 percent of an outdoor restaurant seating area, provided that the smoking section is designated with signs.

#### Bars and outdoor smoking areas

Bars are allowed to provide outdoor smoking areas, provided that these areas are at least 20 feet from a doorway and an identification sign is provided.

#### Motels and hotels

Motels and hotels in the City are required to maintain a minimum of 75 percent of rooms as nonsmoking.

#### Greater control

A property owner, landlord, employer or business entity may prohibit smoking in any area in which smoking would otherwise be permitted.

#### Requirement to install signs

Each employer, business or property owner who controls property which is regulated by the ordinance must conspicuously post either a No Smoking or Smoke Free sign with letters at least one inch high, or the international No Smoking symbol.

A six-month grace period was provided from the date of the ordinance’s adoption to the start of enforcement. This was approved to allow time for

word of the new ordinance to get out into the City’s business community. An information letter was provided to all of the City’s major employers and to the Chamber of Commerce. Enforcement of the ordinance provisions began in February. Violations of the ordinance can be reported to the Police Department by calling their general business line at 288-4600. A full copy of the Tobacco Products and Smoking Prohibition Ordinance is available at the City’s web site at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us). If you have questions, contact Casey McCann at 671-5218 or by email at [cmccann@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:cmccann@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us) for assistance. ♣

### What you should know before hiring a contractor

If you intend on hiring a contractor for a project, here are some tips to help you in the process.

#### Do your homework

Californians spend more than \$39 billion on residential construction each year. Many homeowners have discovered that improving their present residence with an updated kitchen, an additional bathroom, new windows, or a new roof can be a more prudent investment than purchasing a new residence. However, adding a room or updating a kitchen, etc., can cost more than a new car, so consumers should take some time and care in planning for a costly home improvement project. Unfortunately, most consumers spend less time choosing a contractor than they do choosing a car.

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is an excellent source of information for the consumer who wants to make sure the job is done right. Booklets are available at the City's Building Division counter.

#### Select a licensed contractor

There are 43 different types of contractor licenses, including general and specialty contractors. General building contractors usually oversee projects and coordinate the specific subcontractors for a job. Specialty subcontractors usually are hired to perform a single job. For example, if you want only roofing or plumbing work, you may want to hire a contractor licensed in that particular specialty.

#### Check the contractor's license

Is the contractor properly licensed? In California, anyone who contracts to perform work that is valued at \$500 or more for materials and labor must hold a current, valid license from the Contractors State License Board in the specialty for which he or she is contracting. Ask to see the contractor's pocket license and some additional form of identification. The

name on the pocket license should be the same as the name of the contractor or business name the contractor is working under.

#### Check the contractor's references

One of the best ways to select a licensed contractor is to seek out personal recommendations from friends or relatives who recently had similar projects completed and were satisfied with the job. When speaking to the contractor's customers, ask such questions as:

- Did the contractor keep to the schedule and the contract terms?
- Were you pleased with the work and the way it was done?
- Did the contractor listen to you when you had a problem and seem concerned about resolving it?
- Did the contractor willingly make any necessary corrections?

#### Make sure the contractor has workers' compensation and liability insurance coverage

**Contractors licensed bonds:** All contractors are required to have a contractor's license bond of \$10,000.

**Contract bonds:** A contract bond guarantees both job completion and payment of all labor and materials.

#### Get competitive bids for the project

Solicit at least three bids for the work you need; do not automatically accept the lowest. If you are like most homeowners, you may not be familiar with the current price of building materials and labor costs. The three-bids rule helps you decide if the bids are reasonable or not.

#### The contract—don't sign anything until you understand and agree

Be sure to ask questions until you fully understand the contract and what the work will look like. Before signing anything, you may wish to discuss the proposed contract, plans, and specifications with an attorney.



Remember, California law requires that the amount of the down payment for any home improvement contract (except for swimming pools) may not exceed \$1,000 or 10% of the contract price (excluding finance charges), whichever is less. The down payment for a swimming pool shall not exceed \$200 or 2% of the contract price (excluding finance charges), whichever is less.

Before you sign anything, check the CSLB web site, [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov), or call the Contractors State License Board at (800) 321-CSLB, to make sure the contractor is properly licensed in the class for the work to be performed, and the license is in good standing. ♣

### City's Senior Van Program needs volunteer drivers

Do you enjoy people who appreciate you? Can you spare just four hours a week? Are you a fun loving adventurous person? Do you enjoy volunteering? If you can answer yes to any or all of these questions, then call 671-5272 and find out more about becoming a volunteer driver for the award-winning Pleasant Hill Senior Van Service.

Don't delay. Call the Senior Van Program sponsored by the City of Pleasant Hill. We would love to hear from you! Remember, call 671-5272. ♣



### What am I supposed to do with those old household batteries?

Did you know it is illegal to dispose of used batteries in your regular trash? Household batteries contain more than 20 toxic substances including lead, mercury, cadmium, silver, nickel, chromium, lithium, copper, manganese, selenium, and corrosive acids. If thrown in the trash and disposed of in landfills, these heavy metals can leach into the soil and contaminate the groundwater.

As of February 8, 2006, California law categorized used household batteries as Universal Waste. This means batteries must be treated in the same way as other types of household hazardous waste, including such household items as fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermometers, household cleaning products, automotive care products, garden products, paint and electronics. Special disposal treatment of these types of products helps prevent them from polluting our environment and waterways.

Disposing of used household batteries is easy at many convenient locations...and it's FREE!

#### All types of household batteries (single-use and rechargeable)

- Central Contra Costa Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez (800) 646-1431, [www.centrcs.org/services/hhwcf.html](http://www.centrcs.org/services/hhwcf.html)

#### Rechargeable batteries (Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) only)

- Best Buy, 3260 Buskirk Avenue 988-0256
- Bill's Ace Hardware, 1530 Contra Costa Boulevard 682-5000
- Radio Shack, 1691 Contra Costa Boulevard 825-7422 ♣

### Planting soon? Expert advice and plants are just around the corner at DVC

Soon the cold weather of winter will be just a distant memory, and it will be time to get back into the gardens and flowerbeds. Get a head start on your gardening with plants from the DVC horticulture program's plant sales.

Grown by students in the horticulture program, the plants generally include annuals, perennials, tree, shrubs, and native plants. Plant sales are scheduled for 9am to 1pm Saturday—March 3, April 12 and May 19—at the horticulture and greenhouse area. This is located on the east side of the campus near the physical education facilities. Prices range from 50 cents for four-inch annuals to \$10 for trees, vines and shrubs. All proceeds from the sale are used for horticulture facility improvements.

DVC horticulture classes cover such topics as horticulture basic skills and practices, indoor and container plants, California native plants, tree and shrub identification, regional herbology, plant pests and diseases, and plant propagation, to name a few. Whether you're an expert or a novice, the DVC horticulture program offers a wide spectrum of classes, from tips and basic education for the backyard gardener, to in-depth study and training for those who want to pursue gardening and landscaping as a career. Enrollment fees are just \$20 per unit.

"A lot of homeowners don't have a clue about how to care for their landscap-



ing," said Kathy Echols, a plant propagation specialist and instructor at DVC. To change that, we offer classes that provide basic information on cultivating and propagation while also teaching responsible gardening.

Many horticulture students take classes that lead them into a new career. The program prepares students for numerous state licenses and industry certificates, such as landscape contractor, pest control operator, nursery person, arborist, landscape technician, irrigation designer, and others. Career choices include plant breeder, greenhouse grower, nursery technician, nursery manager, garden center manager, and others. The public can enjoy the fruits of these horticulture students' labor through the program's annual plant sales. The mailing list to alert past buyers of the sales has topped 4,000, and customers often line up at the gates before the sale opens. But there are always plenty of plants available.

For more information about the sales or about classes, contact Kathy Echols in the horticulture department, phone 229-1000, ext. 1958, or email her at [KEchols@dvc.edu](mailto:KEchols@dvc.edu). ♣

### FREE Compost Workshops

Composting yard and garden waste has never been easier, thanks to the help offered from the City's Home Composting Education Program!

The City of Pleasant Hill is scheduling two free composting workshops for residents who want to learn more about this valuable environmental program. These workshops will be offered on Wednesday, March 14 and April 11, and will be held at 7pm in the Large Commu-

nity Room at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane. The City has made arrangements to have Smith & Hawkins compost bins available for sale at the workshops. The bins are priced at \$45 each and can be purchased with cash or check. To sign up for the workshop or if you have questions about the compost bins, contact Annette Kaufmann with the Public Works and Community Development Department's Engineering Division at 671-5265. ♣

## STOP JUNK MAIL!



Did you realize it takes 100 million trees and over 28 billion gallons of water to produce the amount of junk mail that is sent in the United States in just one year? Junk mail is a huge waste of natural resources, as well as your time. Sure you can recycle junk mail, but it's even better to stop getting it. It has been estimated that it takes up to 234 minutes a year to sort through daily junk mail, whereas completing a Stop Junk Mail Kit takes only 2 minutes!

The Stop Junk Mail Kit provides easy steps to get off junk mail mailing lists and prevent new junk mail from finding its way to the mailbox. The kit provides all the information you will need, as well as tips on how to assure that names and addresses do not get traded, rented, or sold to companies that send unsolicited mail. Go online or call and request the FREE Stop Junk Mail Kit by going to [www.StopJunkMail.org](http://www.StopJunkMail.org) or call, toll free 877-STOPWASTE (786-7927). ♣

### Gary Bogue pays March visit to the Lindsay Museum

Gary Bogue will speak about the wildlife in our own backyards at the DVC Emeritus College Lindsay Wildlife Museum tour, lecture, and luncheon, Monday, March 5, at the museum. A lunch is included following the tour, and proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit both the Lindsay Museum and Emeritus College. Tickets are \$25 per person.

The museum tour provides a backstage look at the wonderful native California animal rescue center and museum located in the heart of central Contra Costa County. Participants will have an opportunity to meet some of the resident critters whose lives have been saved by the dedicated staff. Director Loren Behr will present future plans for the museum, and naturalist and well known local columnist Bogue will speak about how to get along with the wildlife in our own backyards, and how to either encourage or discourage their visits. The museum is located at 1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek.

To register or for more information, contact Emeritus College at 906-9106; or via email at [EmeritusCollegeRegistrar@dvc.edu](mailto:EmeritusCollegeRegistrar@dvc.edu). ♣



### Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks plan projects and meets in April

The Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks (FOPHCreeks) will hold its next meeting on April 4 at 7pm. The agenda for the April meeting will include a discussion of their efforts with the Boy Scouts to organize the Annual Earth Day Ellinwood Creek Clean-up and Restoration project on April 21. The Boy Scouts and the Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks invite you to join them on Earth Day, Saturday April 21, for creek clean-up and restoration projects on Ellinwood Creek. Sign in begins at 8:30am near the Scout office at 800 Ellinwood Way in Pleasant Hill. The work party will work from 9am to noon followed by a free BBQ provided compliments of Outback Steakhouse.

Anyone who wishes to continue working after lunch is invited to stay longer. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, work boots or sturdy shoes and work gloves. Non-Scouts will be asked to sign a release of liability. If you have loppers, bring them but put your name and phone number on the handle so it can be returned if they get misplaced during the project work. RSVP to Lilli at [remer@isp.com](mailto:remer@isp.com) or 935-8707; or to Bill at [fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org](mailto:fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org) if you plan to come. Thanks to Allied Waste Management for donating the use of dumpsters and to Outback Steakhouse for providing lunch.

FOPHCreeks and Land for Urban Wildlife Inc., in cooperation with The Urban Creeks Council, will also host a free Hands-On Erosion Control Workshop on Saturday, March 31 from 10am to 3pm. For more information or to RSVP to attend this free workshop, contact Sharyn F. Galloway at 969-1140 or via e-mail at [msfortune1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msfortune1@sbcglobal.net). You may also contact Bill at [fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org](mailto:fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org).

For information on their Saturday creek clean-ups, featured speaker for their meetings, and other FOPHCreeks items, you may visit their website at [fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org](http://fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org). They encourage you to sign-up with their electronic mailing list to receive pertinent e-mail postings on creek related issues and FOPHCreeks announcements. You will find a link to the sign-up page on their website or you can write to [fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org](mailto:fophcreeks@land4urbanwildlife.org) and request to have your e-mail address added. You may also write to them about any creek-related issues or questions you may have. ♣



## Library responds to community needs

Since the Joint Library Study was contracted by the City of Pleasant Hill and the Contra Costa County Library in 2002, the Library has been responding to the wishes of the local community. A brief overview of the changes made in response to community input was provided by County Librarian Anne Cain to the City Council in February.

Through surveys, focus groups, community forums, and a citizen Steering Committee, Pleasant Hill residents overwhelmingly indicated their priorities for a local community library that is an educational organization for life-long learning and a leader in the community to encourage reading on all age levels. While adults want more programming for adults, they place an especially high value on services for children and teens. Respondents want their library to be a gateway to other resources and support independent exploration. Self-service options are also significant on the list of strong preferences for services both on-line and in the library. Here are some of the changes to date.

### ► New Senior Branch Librarian

Former Central Library Manager Janet Hildebrand has taken on additional centralized services functions, and new Senior Branch Librarian Debbie Tyler is now placed in the Pleasant Hill Library with a focus on the local community. Though newly promoted, Tyler is not new to the Pleasant Hill Library where she worked for three years in the Reference Department and provided leadership in the development of the

County Library's annual Teen Reading Program. She also served as acting Senior Branch Librarian for 12 months at two other community libraries, and now returns to Pleasant Hill Library to stay, bringing enthusiasm, talent, and commitment to continuing to improve library services locally.

### ► Increased Programming

Over the last three years, programming for all ages has increased. Regular programming for adults has included annual book talks for good summer reading picks, author programs, small business workshops, and civic engagement programs, as well as a book club that has met monthly for the last year and a half. Pleasant Hill teens continue to show high participation levels in the annual Teen Reading Program, and the local kick-off program and prize-drawing event. Also well attended by teens and their parents, Princeton Review staff periodically present SAT Strategy Sessions at the library. Several innovative new programs were added to the Children's Services offerings, including Lapsit storytimes for children starting at 6 months old, Saturday morning storytimes easy for working parents, and a Lego® and Listen storytime series last summer that drew a room full of little

boys listening intently to stories while building away. Currently, the popular new Web Wizard Workshop for 3rd through 5th graders and their parents will be offered again on Tuesday, March 6, from 7pm to 7:45pm in the library's computer lab, and pre-registration is required. To check out the upcoming library programs, visit the

Pleasant Hill Library program page on the Contra Costa County Library website at any time at [ccclib.org/programs/phl.html](http://ccclib.org/programs/phl.html).

### ► Expanded Self-Service Options

In 2004, the Pleasant Hill Library introduced the convenience of self-service check-out of materials and reserved materials arranged for self-pickup and fewer lines. Many other self-help options have been added during this time for all county residents, such as self registration from home for an e-card that gives access to library databases, and self-registration in the library for a regular full-service library card. Either card gives full access 24/7 to the growing number of library databases that support students Kindergarten through community college level, including Live Homework Help and databases on science, social studies, opposing viewpoints, history and more. Other self-help opportunities added include:

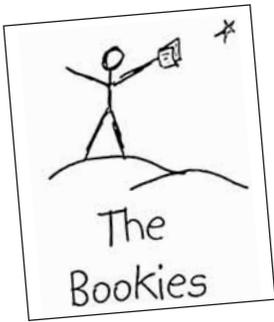
- Courtesy e-mail notification of holds, overdues, and upcoming due dates;
- RSS feeds to inform of Library News, Friends of the Library book sales, and Library Jobs;
- Wireless access at all library locations;
- And easier renewal of library materials on-line and by touchtone phone.

Watch for more improvements in the future! Though the community library is now referred to as the Pleasant Hill Library, dropping the former name of Central Library, the open hours and collections of the library remain the same. Library open hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 12 to 8pm; Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10am to 6pm, and you may call during open hours for more information at 646-6434 or visit the library website at [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org). ♣



Senior Branch Librarian Debbie Tyler

## And more library activities



### Project Second Chance supports adult literacy program

The 7th Annual Bookies Award Dinner, a Celebration of Books and the People Who Love Them, benefitting Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program, will be held on Thursday March 29, at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Tickets are on sale

at Fremont Bank, 1735 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek, during regular business hours. They may also be purchased by phone by calling 510-723-5810.

This year's special guest author is Lolly Winston. Her first novel, "Good Grief," was a New York Times best-seller, as was her second novel, "Happiness Sold Separately," published in August 2006. Tickets are \$50 each and include admission, dinner, dessert, and Rosenblum Cellars wines.

More than 35 different book club reading lists will be on display at the event. New this year will be a silent auction including tickets to the Contra Costa Times Book Club Gala. In addition there will be an "After Party Coffee" at the Lafayette Book Store, with 20 percent of all book sale proceeds to be donated to Project Second Chance.

The evening will conclude with the announcement of the Book Club Book of the Year Award. The nominated titles are: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See; *Any Bitter Thing* by Monica Wood; *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls; *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen; and *A Short History of Tractors in Ukraine* by Marina Lewycka. For more information about the event or to receive a ballot to vote for your favorite title, call Project Second Chance at 927-3250 or visit [ccclib.org/psc](http://ccclib.org/psc). ♣

### Read because you can teach someone who can't

"A candle which lights another candle does not lose its light."

Help an adult learn how to read, write, and spell better. Project Second Chance (PSC), the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program, will train volunteers to become literacy tutors. Call 927-3250, or email the library at [psc@ccclib.org](mailto:psc@ccclib.org) for registration information.

Training will be held at the PSC office at 75 Santa Barbara Road in Pleasant Hill. Training begins Wednesday, April 11, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, and continues April 14 and April 21 from 9am to 3pm. All 14 hours are required. ♣



### Small business workshops at the library

The Pleasant Hill Library and the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center will be co-sponsoring two business workshops in Pleasant Hill in April.

#### ► Saturday, April 14, 9am to 11am Using "Business Decision" to Start or Grow a Business

**Presenter:** Cindy Turner, Marketing Consultant Contra Costa SBDC & Valerie Zito, Business Librarian

**Location:** Pleasant Hill Library, 1750 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill

Topics to be covered include how to use the Library's new database "Business Decision," how to interpret the statistics produced by "Business Decision," how to understand and use reports to improve your business.

Pre-registration required with the Contra Costa SBDC. Space is limited.

#### ► Wednesday, April 25, 7pm to 9pm Web Basics for New Businesses

**Presenter:** Mark Westwind, Technology Consultant, Contra Costa SBDC

**Location:** Pleasant Hill Library, 1750 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill

Topics to be covered include technical things you need to know before you do anything, designing your website for maximum effectiveness, building and launching your site, and a brief overview of e-commerce strategies.

Pre-registration required with the Contra Costa SBDC. Space is limited.

Reserve space for the workshops by contacting the Contra Costa SBDC at 646-5377 or by sending an e-mail to [cjensen@contracostasbdc.com](mailto:cjensen@contracostasbdc.com), **subject line:** name of workshop. Send yourself a reminder from the Business Calendar Web page at <http://ccclib.org/business>. You will be notified if space is not available. ♣

## Pleasant Hill Sunvalley GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, May 14  
Contra Costa Country Club

### Tee up for the Youth of Pleasant Hill

Individual entry \$225  
Foursome \$850  
4-person  
scramble/handicap  
format Includes:  
green fees, cart,  
lunch, dinner,  
contests,  
prizes

Entry  
deadline:  
April 30!

INTERESTED? Call  
**682-0896**

SUNVALLEY  
SHOPPING CENTER



## Come get "healthy" at the Pleasant Hill Health & Wellness Fair

Health and wellness is not a fad—it is a way of life! That's why dozens of local health, fitness and wellness business are ramping up for Thursday, April 26, to provide the community with a high-energy, free event that will allow all ages to learn, have fun and feel empowered to improve their health.

More than 60 exhibitors will be on hand from 3 to 7pm at the Pleasant Hill Community Center to provide information, health screenings, and demonstrations for kids, teens, families, and seniors. Exhibitors will offer services, products or information on health services, nutrition/healthy food, health and fitness programs, alternative health therapies, kid's fitness and sports, senior health, sports equipment and products.

Presented by the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, the John Muir Health Foundation, ClubSport Renaissance, and Club50 Fitness Center in Pleasant Hill, the Fair will also feature healthy cooking demonstrations by local restaurants and vendors, a special "Kid's Fitness and Sports" zone, health screenings by health services providers and a wide-range of healing arts therapies such as massage and acupuncture.

"We really hope we can increase awareness of our local health services and resources," says Charley Daly, Executive Director of the Chamber. "It's important that Pleasant Hill is a "healthy community" where families, the greater community and businesses are committed to a vital, healthy lifestyle." For more information, contact the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce at 687-0700. ♣



Did you know Pleasant Hill has had their very own...  
**American Idol TALENT SHOW**  
for 15 years?? Don't miss it this year!

This year **Star Quest 2007** presents...  
**HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!**

Saturday,  
May 5, 7:00pm  
Sunday,  
May 6, 2:00pm

Reception & Art Show  
6:00pm (Saturday)  
and 1:00pm (Sunday)

DVC Performing  
Arts Theatre  
(Use Golf Club Rd  
parking lot)

Tickets (donation \$8.00 in advance, \$10 at door)  
available at: PHR&PD Office, PH Community Center,  
and PH Police Station

15th Annual Youth Talent Show  
"Searching for the Stars of Pleasant Hill"  
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill

FOR  
MORE INFO  
**682-0896**

## PHR&PD presents answers for well-being

### ■ Job fair for financial well-being

Whether you've been dreaming of finding the perfect job or looking for fulfillment in retirement, Pleasant Hill Recreation has just the ticket! On Wednesday, April 18, the **Partnership for Success Job Fair** welcomes job seekers and employers alike.

The event will be held from 10am to 1pm at Diablo Valley College. Sponsored by the Recreation & Park District and Diablo Valley College, this event is free to job seekers. Bring your resumé and get that job! Deadline for employers registration is March 22. Contact Katrina Hunn for information at khunn@pleasanthillrec.com.

### ■ Healthy living for seniors

Learn what healthy living means on Friday, April 13, as the Pleasant Hill Senior Center presents, **Laugh, Love & Learn**, a Senior Live Well Forum from 8:30am to 2pm. A combination of entertainment, humor, and education, this daylong event at the Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, includes morning coffee, pastries, and catered lunch. A fundraiser for the Pleasant Hill Senior Center's Care Management, this program is in its 16th year helping seniors to live independently and safely. In addition, a free Senior Housing Information Fair will be held simultaneously. Laugh, Love & Learn tickets are available for \$25 for general admission and \$20 for seniors 60 years and over. For reservations, call 798-8788. ♣

...reading, Easter, drama, and Irish fun!

### Celebrate literature in Pleasant Hill

Readers and writers will want to save Saturday, April 21, for Literary Women, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's award-winning festival of authors. This year's showcase features Yvette Bozzini, co-author of *I Love Parking in San Francisco*; Diane Wilson, author of *An Unreasonable Woman*; Karen Joy Fowler, author of *Sarah Canary*, *The Sweetheart Season*, and *Black Glass: Short Fictions*; and Rhys Bowen, author of *Constable Evan* and the Molly Murphy series of mysteries.



This enriching program has become a tradition for those in the know in Pleasant Hill. The day begins with coffee and rolls, includes presentations by each of the authors, continues with a boxed lunch, and wraps up with a one-on-one conversation and book signing with the authors. Books will be on sale throughout the day. Tickets are available for \$39 per person, or \$312 for a table of eight. Reservations are now being accepted. Literary Women will be held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. For information, contact the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District at 676-5200. ♣

### You are invited to a 7th annual NIGHT OF IRISH MERRIMENT!

On Friday, March 16, PH Rotary Club—and sponsors Houlihan's Restaurant, Black Diamond Brewery, and Irish Vinyards—once again invite you to celebrate St Patrick's Day and help your community. Enjoy an Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage, and Guinness meat balls. The Night of Merriment also includes Irish entertainment, silent and live auctions, raffles and door prizes.

Funds raised from the evening will go back to the community in the form of grants to local community groups and the LN-4 prosthetic hand project.

The LN-4 is just a simple \$50 spring-loaded plastic prosthetic hand, but it's changing lives in the Third World. PH Rotary funded initial research and development of the prosthetic, and club members, along with other Rotary clubs, are heading up fundraising and leading overseas trips to get this hand distributed, free of charge to countries in Africa and Asia. Find out all about this growing Rotary project at [www.LN-4.org](http://www.LN-4.org).

**What better way to celebrate St Patrick's Day with friends and family!** Tickets are available for \$40 per person by calling Rod Van Buskirk at 932-3289 or Mary Goldhoff at 935-5222. This evening is ALWAYS a sell-out, so call soon!! ♣



### Egg-Citing springtime activities at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park

Grab your basket and bonnet and head for Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane, on Saturday, April 7, for breakfast, a boutique, and an exciting Egg Hunt. Start off at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, Building 2, 233 Gregory Lane (right next door to the Park) for a fabulous pancake breakfast from 8 to 10am and Easter Boutique. You'll find great bargains on hand-made craft items and breakfast is just \$3 for adults, \$2 for youth, and free for toddlers 4 years and younger. Enjoy all the pancakes you can eat hot off the griddle, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and milk.

Starting at 10:30am, children up to 10 years old can join in the fun of the annual "egg" citing Egg Hunt presented by the Pleasant Hill Lions Club and the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. A jump house and face painting will also be part of the festivities. Reservations are required and the cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call 676-5200.. ♣

### STAGE Too presents You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

Join talented local fourth through tenth graders in this S.T.A.G.E. Too! musical production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Presentations begin Thursday, April 12, and run through Sunday, April 15, at the School House Theatre, 2050 Oak Park Blvd. Additional performances are scheduled for the following weekend at the Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road. As these loveable characters move from baseball season to lunch on the school playground, watch and learn that it's all about having faith in yourself. Advance tickets are \$10 or \$15 at the door. For reservations, call Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District at 682-0896 between 11am and 5pm. ♣

PH Rotary...Houlihans...Black Diamond Brewery...invite you to....

## St. Patrick's Night of Merriment!

Fri, Mar 16, 6:30pm

PH COMMUNITY CENTER

320 Civic Dr, Pleasant Hill

Traditional Irish Dinner...GREEN Beer

Irish singer, dancers, and bagpiper

Silent and Live Auctions and Raffle prizes!!

If you are not already Irish... you will be after this party!



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**\$40 Advance Tickets**  
Purchase at HOULIHAN'S at Sunvalley

call for tickets: 932-3289 (Rod) or 935-5222 (Mary)

## Pleasant Hill AAUW presents Sisters in Crime

When you read a mystery novel, do you try to solve it before you reach the end of the book? Do you enjoy choosing packages that have mysterious wrappings and unknown contents just to see if you can guess its contents? If so SISTERS IN CRIME is for you!

The Pleasant Hill branch of American Association of University Women will present this annual event of mystery writers discussing their new books and their method of trying to keep the reader off track until the final page. This presentation of local women mystery authors is held for the benefit of the Education Foundation of AAUW and aids women to further their academic goals.

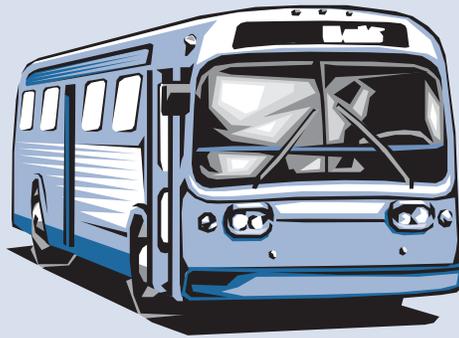
This year's women authors are Fran Wojnar, Hailey Lind, and Peggy Dulle. They will present an overview of their newest publications as well as their individual styles of writing. The event will be held at the Hillcrest Congregation Church, 404 Gregory Lane, on Saturday, March 10. Doors will open for light refreshments at 7pm and the program will begin at 7:30pm. Donation for the evening is \$10.

For more information or to purchase of tickets, call Kathy Searles at 228-5700 or Muriel Fry at 937-4709. ♣

## Pleasant Hill Garden Club makes donations

Donations totaling \$2,350 were recently made by the Pleasant Hill Garden Study Club (PHGSC) to five area nonprofit organizations that reflect the club's mission of community beautification. Recipients of the funds were: the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, Markham Regional Arboretum, the Gardens at Heather Farm, Life Garden and the Carquinez Regional Environmental Education Center. The donations were made possible by proceeds from the club's annual plant sale. The 2007 plant sale will be held Saturday, May 12, at the Winslow Center, located at the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Taylor Blvd.

The club meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except July and December) at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Eileen Housfeld at 944-4898 or visit the club's website at [www.phgsc.com](http://www.phgsc.com). ♣



## County Connection Board of Directors approve service enhancements

The County Connection Board of Directors approved the implementation of two new service enhancements in January that will take place beginning Sunday, March 11.

The three-year grant to operate the new services is available to County Connection through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Lifeline service program. Service enhancements consist of weekend service on Route 111 and introduction of a new limited area neighborhood shuttle service.

### ► ROUTE 111 WEEKEND SERVICE

County Connection will introduce Saturday and Sunday service to Route 111, which operates between Concord BART and Pleasant Hill BART via Monument Boulevard, Oak Grove Road, and Treat Boulevard in unincorporated Walnut Creek. Saturday service on Route 111 was eliminated in 2004 due to budgetary constraints. Reintroduction of weekend service represents the first time Sunday service has been available to residents and businesses along the Treat Boulevard corridor. Buses will operate from 7:30am to 7:30pm on Saturdays, and from 8:20am to 6:30pm on Sundays.

### ► MONUMENT COMMUNITY SHUTTLE

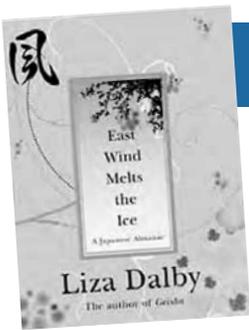
County Connection will also introduce a neighborhood shuttle in the Monument Corridor of Concord that will operate Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 7:45pm. ♣

## East Bay Artists Guild joins PHR&D

The Board of Directors of Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District (PHR&D) has agreed to co-sponsor a new organization, the East Bay Artists Guild. This new non-profit group is made up of artists in two and three-dimensional arts, including painting, photography, jewelry, and fine furniture. The mission of the group is to create, foster, and sustain art appreciation within the community.

The East Bay Artists Guild is the newest organization to be co-sponsored by Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. Currently, there are 21 clubs and organizations that extend the scope and reach of recreational opportunities offered by PHR&PD. The other artistic groups co-sponsored by the District include Las Juntas Artists, the Contra Costa Camera Club, the Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County, and Treadles to Threads. For a complete list of the organizations co-sponsored by the District, visit [www.pleasanthillrec.com](http://www.pleasanthillrec.com) or pick up a copy of the latest Spare Time Spotlight at the Community Center, Senior Center, District Office, Pleasant Hill Library, or local businesses.

The East Bay Artists Guild members exhibit their artwork in empty storefronts in Downtown Pleasant Hill and meet in the Conference Room at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District office at 147 Gregory Lane. For more information, contact Jeanette Fromm at 946-0843 or online at [EBAG.wordpress.com](http://EBAG.wordpress.com). ♣



## DVC activities

### Geisha author Dalby at DVC

Liza Dalby, anthropologist, author, lecturer and geisha, will be the featured speaker for the DVC Emeritus College 15th annual distinguished lecture.

The lecture will be at 7pm on Wednesday, April 24, at the Diablo Valley College Performing Arts Center in Pleasant Hill. Tickets are \$15, or \$13 for Emeritus College members.

Dalby is an anthropologist specializing in Japanese culture. While conducting research for her PhD from Stanford University, she became the geisha called Ichigiku, the only non-Japanese ever accepted by the geisha into their special world. She was later called upon to be a consultant for the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

Dalby has authored *Geisha*, *Kimono*, and *The Tale of Murasaki*, and her lecture will focus on her latest book, *East Wind Melts the Ice*. The book is an elegant and unique year's journal, a candid memoir, a gardener's diary, and an excursion through eastern and western cultures. The book is structured according to the seasonal units of an ancient Chinese almanac, and consists of 72 short chapters that can be chosen at random. In each, Dalby transports the reader from her Berkeley garden to the streets of Kyoto, Imperial China and points beyond. "It is a book packed with the wonder of loving two cultures, the intense inner life of each season, and the boundless curiosity of the scholar/child. This is a book to dip in and out of throughout the year," said Frances Mayes, author of *Under the Tuscan Sun*.

Immediately following the lecture, there will be a book signing, and an opportunity to meet the author and ask questions. For more information, contact Emeritus College at 906-9106. ♣

### DVC Dental Hygiene Program offers low cost dental services

Beautiful teeth begin with healthy gums, but having your teeth cleaned in a dental office can cost from \$85 up to \$1000 for a "deep cleaning."

The DVC Dental Hygiene Teaching Clinic offers a wonderful opportunity for people willing to spend some extra time in exchange for affordable preventive dental hygiene care.

At the DVC Teaching Clinic, prices for cleanings range from \$25 to \$55 and include an oral cancer exam and a fluoride treatment. Cleanings for children 12 and under are as low as \$10. The clinic also offers preventive sealants, radiographs (x-rays), teeth whitening for select clients, and nitrous oxide to ease anxiety.

If you have gums that bleed when you brush or floss, bad breath, "fuzzy" feeling teeth, or if you think your smile could look brighter, then you probably need a professional dental cleaning. At DVC's brand new state-of-the-art teaching clinic, students provide all dental hygiene services, while under direct supervision of a periodontist and a staff of registered dental hygienists. DVC is located at 321 Golf Club Road. The clinic is located in the LHS building and faces Viking Drive at parking lot four. For more information or to make an appointment, call 685-1230, ext. 2534. ♣

### Local families needed to host international students

The International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC@DVC) provides intensive English language programs for students from around the world. IEC@DVC is looking for local families to host international students on a temporary basis while they improve their English skills. Long or short-term placements are available. Last year, more than 300 international students were placed with local host families and this year they expect even greater enrollment numbers. Therefore, there is an immediate need to add additional families to the homestay registry.

Host families that participate in the program are paid a monthly stipend of \$650 per student. The requirements for being a host family are simple: provide two meals per day (three meals on weekends) and a private bedroom for the student - all within a supportive family environment; and be involved in the student's life and treat them as a family member.

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



Sharing your home with an international student offers your family a wonderful opportunity to learn about the way of life in a different country, as well as being able to introduce the student to living in America.

Learning about the culture, language, and customs of another country can be an exciting adventure, not to mention a rich and rewarding cultural experience that often results in lifelong friendships.

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



## 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 com-

mitted to enhancing the viability of the business community and improving communication and service among business, government and residents. Please con-

tact Kelly Calhoun at 671-5213 for additional information on locating or expanding your business operations in the City of Pleasant Hill.

### New businesses in December 2006

#### Prenatal Peek Sonogram Service

395 Civic Dr., Ste. C  
925-726-0400

#### Teresa Arieta (Massage Therapy)

1948 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-588-8202

#### Unique Motors/Unique Autoplex

(Used Car Dealer)  
171 Mayhew Way, Ste. 205  
925-819-6844

#### Jason Correia (Websites)

510-710-9544

### New businesses in January 2007

#### Aaron J. Feldman, MFT

140 Mayhew Way, #202  
510-986-9836

#### Accentcare Home Health of CA

2300 Contra Costa Blvd, #125  
925-356-6066

#### Ade Motors (Auto Sales)

171 Mayhew Way, Ste. 235  
510-551-5681

#### Allbrand Windows

959 Contra Costa Blvd.  
800-400-0797

#### American Auto Planet (Auto-Wholesale/Retail)

171 Mayhew Way, #230  
925-570-0099

#### Bay Area Surgical Specialists

401 Gregory Ln., #204  
925-798-4606

#### CC Korean-American Chamber Commerce

620 Contra Costa Blvd., #211  
925-798-7351

#### Cui Hong Tao (Massage Therapy)

1948 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-685-7822

#### Hanh Tuyet To (Nail & Skin Care)

89 Chilpancingo Pkwy.  
925-682-0858

#### Hassan Kabiri (Massage Therapy)

1100 Pleasant Valley Dr.  
925-451-7557

#### Marcie Marie Arata (Cosmetology)

1926 Oak Park Blvd.  
925-934-2427

#### Plaza Café

1912 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-827-2811

#### Wai & Connor, LLP (Law Firm)

2255 Contra Costa Blvd., #204  
925-609-2800

#### The W Auto Group (Auto Dealership)

3333 Vincent Rd., #209  
925-864-3993

#### Weisgerber Chiropractic Solutions

1610 Oak Park Blvd., #2  
925-595-0674

#### Wise Motors

3333 Vincent Rd.  
925-382-5564

#### The W Realty Group

3333 Vincent Rd., #209  
925-864-3996

#### Berg-Organic Soil Solutions

925-595-7133

#### Education & Business Resources

925-947-4974

#### Game-Warehouse.com

925-798-0412

#### Kim Brunelle Staging & Design

925-963-8725

#### Light Roadside Helper

408-768-5220

#### Medical Billing Professionals

925-323-7056

#### Molddiggers, Inc. (Home Inspection)

408-840-6653

#### Monarch Consulting

(Bookkeeping Services)  
925-708-9890

#### Summerlynn Designs

925-768-0699

### H.E.L.P (Helping Encourage Local Prosperity)

Are you a Home-Based or Small Business in the City of Pleasant Hill? The City is looking for you! Don't miss the next H.E.L.P. meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, at 9am in the Community Room at City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane. The City and the Chamber of Commerce are building a networking group of home-based and small businesses.

The goal of this networking group is to help local entrepreneurs and small businesses build viable, sustainable and profitable businesses by providing resources and information that are specific to the home-based and small business segment of the community. If you are interested in attending the next H.E.L.P meeting, call Wanda Graham at 671-5215 so we can save you a seat! ♣



# Try Route 70X for a whole month to the Tri-Valley FREE!

511 Contra Costa and Wheels want Pleasant Hill commuters to try something new in May. Begin a car-less commute with Route 70X along I-680. Avoid the peak hour traffic congestion and save money at the same time by letting Wheels do the driving for you on the carpool lanes. For a limited time, get unlimited rides on 70X during May with a monthly pass. See if Wheels is right for you and experience the Wheels way today...sign up with the application at back by April 23, 2007.

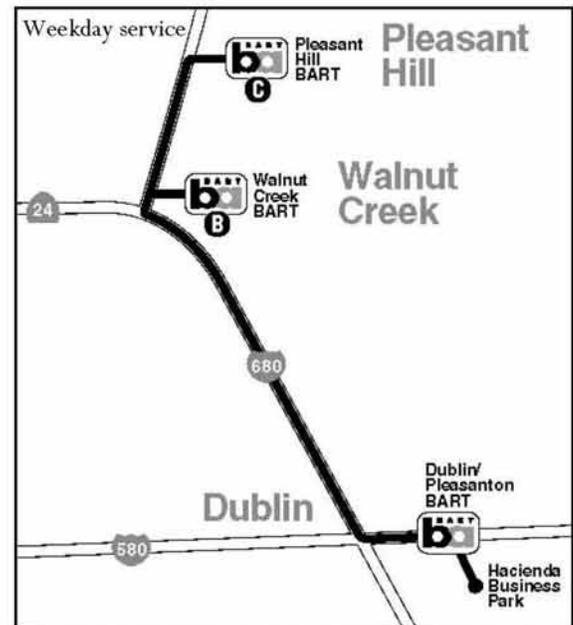
- Direct express bus service between Contra Costa and the Tri-Valley.
- Convenient service locations at Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek & Dublin/Pleasanton BART.
- Free parking available at the Pleasant Hill BART parking structure.

## AM ROUTE 70X

| Dublin BART | Walnut Creek BART | Pleasant Hill BART | Walnut Creek BART | Dublin BART |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 5:14        | 5:38              | 5:57               | 6:10              | 6:38        |
| 6:14        | 6:38              | 6:51               | 7:04              | 7:32        |
| 6:44        | 7:08              | 7:27               | 7:40              | 8:08        |
| 7:14        | 7:38              | 7:57               | 8:10              | 8:38        |

## PM ROUTE 70X

| Dublin BART | Walnut Creek BART | Pleasant Hill BART | Walnut Creek BART | Dublin BART |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 3:29        | 4:00              | 4:18               | 4:31              | 5:02        |
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| 4:59        | 5:30              | 5:48               | 6:01              | 6:32        |
| 5:29        | 6:00              | 6:18               | 6:31              | 7:02        |



For questions regarding this offer, phone 925-407-0352. Full route schedules can be obtained at [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com) or call 925-455-7500.

**HURRY!**  
Applications must be received by Monday April 23, 2007!

## Currently driving alone to the Tri-Valley?

511 Contra Costa is partnering with Wheels to offer a special promotion for Tri-Valley commuters who are willing to park their cars and try public transit for their commute through the I-680 corridor.

### Travel between Contra Costa County and the Tri-Valley on Wheels Route 70X during the month of May FREE!\*

\*Rides on Wheels valid for the month of May only. Bus riders may park at the Pleasant Hill BART parking structure. However, parking is limited and may be unavailable after 7:30AM.

**Eligibility Rules:**

- **NEW** riders only for commute to and from work. Previous recipients of any 511 Contra Costa program incentives are not eligible.
- The following employees in the Wheels Business Club Pass program are not eligible: Bernal Corporate Park, Creekside Business Park, Emerald Point, Hacienda Business Park, Hacienda Crossings, MicroDental and Koll Center.
- Must be currently driving alone to work.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must own or have access to a car.
- Must be at least 18 years of age to participate.
- Monthly pass must coincide with commute origin and destination.
- Must travel to or from Contra Costa County on Route 70X.

- Employers may be contacted to verify employment. Falsifying any information on this application will disqualify you from ALL 511 Contra Costa programs.

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## Route 70X Month of May Promotion

**YES!** I would like to try Route 70X for my work commute. Please sign me up to receive unlimited rides on 70X during the month of May with a SuperSaver Monthly Pass.\* Free pass is sponsored by 511 Contra Costa and made possible with grants from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's 1/2 cent sales tax for Transportation Improvement Projects.

**ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING**

1. Do you currently drive alone to work?    YES    NO
2. Do you have a valid driver's license?    YES    NO
3. Do you have own or have access to a car?    YES    NO

**MAILING INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address (P.O. Boxes not accepted) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER INFORMATION:**

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Site Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby verify that the information submitted above is true and correct.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail/Fax this application to:  
**Wheels Promotion**  
 c/o 511 Contra Costa  
 1407 Oakland Blvd., Suite 100  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
 Fax: 925-407-0356  
 www.511ContraCosta.org  
 Questions? Phone: 925-407-0352

\*Limit one free monthly pass per household while supplies last. Applications must be received by Monday, April 23, 2007 to qualify for this special offer. As a participant, please expect a follow-up survey from 511 Contra Costa and Wheels to determine the effectiveness of this program.

## City Meetings

### MARCH

| WHEN           | WHAT                                  | WHERE                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Thu 1 5:00 pm  | Architectural Review Commission       | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Mon 5 7:30 pm  | City Council-Redevelopment Agency     | Council Chambers                      |
| Wed 7 9:00 am  | Commission on Aging                   | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Wed 7 6:30 pm  | Civic Action Commission               | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Thu 8 5:00 pm  | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Tue 13 6:00 pm | Traffic Safety Commission             | City Hall Community Room              |
| Tue 13 7:30 pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing)  | Council Chambers                      |
| Thu 15 5:00 pm | Architectural Review Commission       | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Mon 19 7:30 pm | Redevelopment Agency-City Council     | Council Chambers                      |
| Tue 20 7:00 pm | Education/Schools Advisory Commission | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Thu 22 5:00 pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Thu 22 7:00 pm | Redevelopment Advisory Commission     | City Hall Large Community Room        |
| Tue 27 7:30 pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing)  | Council Chambers                      |

### APRIL

| WHEN           | WHAT                                  | WHERE                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 2 7:30 pm  | City Council-Redevelopment Agency     | Council Chambers                      |
| Wed 4 9:00 am  | Commission on Aging                   | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Wed 4 6:30 pm  | Civic Action Commission               | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Thu 5 5:00 pm  | Architectural Review Commission       | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Tue 10 6:00 pm | Traffic Safety Commission             | City Hall Community Room              |
| Tue 10 7:30 pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing)  | Council Chambers                      |
| Thu 12 5:00 pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Mon 16 7:30 pm | Redevelopment Agency-City Council     | Council Chambers                      |
| Tue 17 7:00 pm | Education/Schools Advisory Commission | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Thu 19 5:00 pm | Architectural Review Commission       | City Hall Small Community Room        |
| Tue 24 7:30 pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing)  | Council Chambers                      |
| Thu 26 5:00 pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Thu 26 7:30 pm | Redevelopment Advisory Commission     | City Hall Large Community Room        |



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#### CITY HALL HOURS

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



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for stories and story ideas for May/June is April 2. 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 Louie Gonzalez at 671-5229, fax to 671-5238, or email to [Lgonzalez@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:Lgonzalez@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).

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**Chamber holds 2007 Business Showcase**

The Business Showcase is an annual Chamber event that has been successful for many years. It brings more than 600 attendees and showcases over 70 businesses from Pleasant Hill and the surrounding area.

This year the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce will hold the Business Showcase on Thursday, March 29, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, from 4:00–7:30pm.

Entertainment, fun for all, and raffle prizes are included in the festivities. The Chamber is currently registering exhibitors and sponsors for this event. Space and sponsor opportunities are limited, so be sure to sign up early. Current Sponsors include Pacific Service Credit Union as a corporate sponsor, Allied Waste, KKDV, and the Contra Costa Times as an associate sponsor.

For more information, visit the Chamber website at [www.PleasantHillChamber.com](http://www.PleasantHillChamber.com), e-mail to [KSunseri@PleasantHillChamber.com](mailto:KSunseri@PleasantHillChamber.com), or call 687-0700. ♣



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