

the OUTLOOK



Pleasant Hill, California — Celebrating 50 Golden Years!

Join the 50th Birthday Party at City Hall!

The City's yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary will climax with a grand finale weekend of festivities on November 12-13—be sure to join in.

On Saturday, November 12, a Gala Dinner will be held at the Contra Costa Country Club. Tickets are now on sale at the City Hall finance counter for this event. Highlights include a “Hollywood” style champagne reception, surf & turf dinner with complimentary wine at each table, music by Michael Fender, and complimentary commemorative photos and history of Pleasant Hill booklet.

On Sunday, November 13, City Hall will host an Open House free to all residents. Included in this event are:

- ★ Historical Photographic Exhibit depicting 50 years of Pleasant Hill history
- ★ Music by the Decky Thornton String Quartet, Devil Mountain Men's Barbershop Chorus, and College Park Music Department

- ★ Art Exhibit by the East Bay Artists Guild
- ★ Display of winners of the Art, Writing and Photographic Contests
- ★ Free hotdogs, popcorn, cookies and drinks
- ★ Tours of City Hall & Award Presentations in the Council Chambers

Authored and edited by Margi Alkire, Karin Giblin and Faye Donaghu, a booklet on “50 Years of Pleasant Hill History” will be published by the City in December.

The City is grateful to all of the members of the 50th Anniversary Committee and the Civic Action Commission who have assisted in organizing the events and programs to celebrate the 50th birthday this year. ♣



Santa comes to Downtown Pleasant Hill

- Thursday, December 1, 2011
5:00–8:00pm
- Crescent Drive,
Downtown Pleasant Hill
- www.pleasant-hill.net/lutn

Join Santa and the Mayor of Pleasant Hill for the 4th Annual “Light up the Night” in Downtown Pleasant Hill this year on Thursday, December 1st beginning at 5:00pm. The event will include the lighting of a 25-foot decorated tree in the small Plaza on Crescent Drive at 6:30pm as

well as music and caroling on stage in the Downtown Plaza next to Sweet Tomatoes. Everyone is invited to celebrate the start of the holiday season with free horse drawn carriage rides, free cookies and hot chocolate, and a visit from Santa and his elves. There will also be merchant specials for store

drawings or opportunities to win special raffle prizes. Festivities begin at 5:00pm and continue until 8:00pm.

New this year, the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District will be hosting a Holiday Crafts Fair on Crescent Drive with lots of wonderful holiday gifts on sale. This event is jointly organized by the City of Pleasant Hill, Downtown Pleasant Hill, and Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. ♣

Light Up
The NIGHT!
in Downtown
Pleasant Hill

Hundreds turned out to "Make a Difference" once again during Community Service Day

More than 800 volunteers participated in the 7th Annual Community Service Day on Saturday, September 24. A special thank you goes to the Lions Club for breakfast, Allied Waste Services for donating bottled water, and the Contra Costa Times, KKDV and Comcast for their generous promotion of the event. And thank you to all of the many other businesses, organizations, schools, and churches who contributed so much to this wonderful event.

The Pleasant Hill Civic Action Commission is grateful to everyone for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to giving back to your community. You all 'Made a Difference' on September 24th and the commission looks forward to seeing you all again next year at the 8th Annual Community Service Day which takes place on September 22, 2011. ♣

It was a family effort for this couple and their two sons. They helped spread redwood chips and erect signage at Valhalla Elementary School.



The Pleasant Hill Rotary Club, including John Burgh, Jane Baxley, and President Bob Turcios showed up in force to help out with painting and general cleanup at the Contra Costa Interfaith Housing.



Members of the DVC Lacrosse team, more than 25 in all, worked diligently at a couple of locations, including Gregory Gardens Elementary School, where they did a major overhaul of the school's landscaping.

Volunteers needed for tax preparation

Do you like working with people? Are you good with numbers? Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Volunteers are trained by Tax-Aide and become IRS Certified tax counselors. Other volunteer positions are available.



If interested, call LaVerne Gordon, District Coordinator, at (925) 726-3199 for information and to apply. Orientation is in November and classes for tax counselors start in January 2012. ♣

Attention Pleasant Hill Homeowners!

3% Interest*

BEFORE

Is your home modernized and efficient?

AFTER

- ◆ Kitchen and Bath remodel
- ◆ Windows and Insulation
- ◆ Roofs and Gutters
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ Drainage
- ◆ Flooring and Paint

3% interest loans available to help homeowners fix up their home. Funds can be used for a variety of items.

City of Pleasant Hill

Equal Housing LENDER

For more information or to request an application, call the Agency Housing Coordinator, David Boatwright

925.671.5266

*Program has certain restrictions and qualification criteria

“How well do you know Pleasant Hill?” 50TH ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA TEST

Below are 20 questions which will test your knowledge and memory about people, places and happenings in Pleasant Hill over the past 50 years. There are no prizes for the winners so it’s just for your own amusement.

1. Who was the first Mayor of Pleasant Hill?
2. On what date did the City officially incorporate?
3. In what year did Interstate 680 open upon the completion of the final section between Monument Blvd. and Willow Pass Road?
4. How many City Managers have served at the City of Pleasant Hill? Bonus points—can you name them all?
5. Which store was the first anchor tenant at the Contra Costa Shopping Center (now called Crossroads)?
6. What was the first movie shown at the opening of Century 21 Theater (the Dome Theater) in 1967?
7. Which prehistoric animal’s teeth were discovered near Taylor Boulevard in 1964?
8. Which candidate for governor of California made the headlines in 1966 at the Contra Costa Shopping Center?
9. Who was the first Chief of Police in Pleasant Hill?
10. Who opened a dry cleaning store on Golf Club Road in 1969?
11. How many entryway “Pagodas” are there in Pleasant Hill?
12. What grand opening in May 1973 prompted City officials to arrive at the event in a stagecoach?
13. What popular restaurant previously occupied the site on which Black Angus is now located?
14. Who was the first woman elected to the City Council?
15. Which popular attraction gave way to the Pleasant Hill Plaza Shopping Center in 1978?
16. Which famous landmark first housed the Pleasant Hill Police Department?
17. What was the name of the float representing Pleasant Hill in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 1986?
18. In what year did the current City Hall complex open?
19. Which educational institution in Pleasant Hill began life in a former morgue?
20. Which historical preservation site still has wallpaper from the 1800s?

? **Answers on page 7.**

CERT offering quick disaster response course to neighborhoods

The Pleasant Hill Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) announces a terrific way for neighbors to help neighbors. *MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD* is a program designed by the State of Washington Office of Emergency Services to help small neighborhood groups prepare for disaster.

With the continuing activity in the Pacific Rim, now is the time to get together to learn how to help each other. *Map Your Neighborhood* will help you:

- Get to know your neighbors and learn to work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood during the first hour following a disaster.
- Learn the nine steps to take immediately following a disaster to secure your home and to protect your neighborhood.

- Identify the skills and equipment each neighbor has that would be useful in

an effective disaster response, and allow everyone to contribute in an effective way.

- Create a contact list that will help identify those with specific needs, such as the elderly or disabled or children who may be home alone during certain hours of the day.



At the recent Community Service Day, CERT Coordinator Jack Murphy demonstrated how to turn off a gas meter

The program runs about two hours and is presented by trained CERT personnel. It’s amazing how easily and how quickly safety measures can be learned! Contact Gordon Doughty at 933-3275 for information on how to get started in your neighborhood.

Members of the Pleasant Hill Community Response Team wish everyone a safe, happy, holiday season! ♣

City Maintenance Division prepares the city for winter storms

The Maintenance Division annually performs many storm preparedness tasks to ensure that the City's creeks, waterways, and storm drain systems are ready for the wet weather.

These annual tasks include:

- Sending annual creek inspection notices in July to more than 400 property owners abutting creeks within the City's. Property owners must adhere to the City's creek maintenance guidelines that address safe and best practices for a riparian waterway to handle the seasonal flow.
- Doing a second follow-up inspection in September to see if compliance has been accomplished. If needed, a final Notice of Abatement is sent to non-compliant property owners who then are billed for abatement work performed by City crews.
- Cleaning all City-owned and maintained areas, with City staff and sometimes help from the California Conservation Corps, during the months of September and October. The City also applies for permits from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Game, and the Army Corps of Engineers to access the right to enter and remove silt from under the bridges and along the creek banks. This assures the maximum capacity of water flow through the creeks.
- Providing year-round staff response and assistance to property and business owner about cleanup responsibilities. These could include:
 - Creek and bank maintenance including the removal of floating debris and silt buildup;
 - Tree branch and vegetation removal;
 - Trash dumping removal; and
 - High water mark identification.
- Storm watch patrol in the City's 10 designated zones or areas, during which City crews are assigned to a

zone to monitor. This allows staff to identify flooding hazards and take proactive steps to eliminate the hazard.

Please help us keep the creeks clean!



There are several ways that you can help to keep the City's creeks clean. They are:

- Always sweep or rake leaves away from catch basins and remove them for green waste disposal.
- Do not leave piles of leaves or debris in the street for the sweeper—it cannot remove them in bulk quantities.
- Prevent contractors and gardeners from blowing leaves and lawn trimmings into streets, storm drains, and creeks.
- Teach children not to throw trash or any debris into the storm drain system or creek.
- Share with neighbors and friends the benefits of keeping our creeks clean and absent of obstructions.
- Remove any debris in creeks throughout the year.



- Get involved with a volunteer group such as the Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks. For more information, email FOPHCreek@land4urbanwildlife.org. You can ask to be placed on their email list.
- Prepare sand bags at filling stations at strategic areas throughout the City for residents use in helping protect property during the flood stage.
- Increase street sweeping operations when the heavy leaf season starts to prevent drainage inlets, catch basins, grates and pipes from getting clogged.
- Do year-round monitoring and cleaning of storm drain catch basins. Remove blockages and silt buildups as necessary.

Through communication and cooperation, the seasonal winter water flows throughout the City can be an event that for which we are prepared. Through diligent reminders and annual creek cleanups we will be better prepared for the uncertainties that exist in our seasonal water systems. ♣



Drivers needed for Senior Van Program

The City of Pleasant Hill is currently seeking volunteer drivers for the Senior Van Program. The service operates throughout Pleasant Hill on weekdays (Monday-Friday) from 9:00am to 4:00pm. It also takes senior passengers to medical appointments in Walnut Creek on Tuesdays and in Concord and Martinez on Thursdays. The program needs volunteers to commit to as few as 4 hours per week driving the van. This is a fun and rewarding service for volunteers who enjoy driving and meeting other people. No special license is required and free training is provided.

Working together to reduce waste

—A guest column by Anne Baker

Every year, the City of Pleasant Hill files a recycling report with CalRecycle (the State agency which oversees solid waste and recycling) which describes all of our recycling programs and efforts to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. In 2010, this report found that, on average, every person in Pleasant Hill throws away 3.9 pounds of garbage every day.

While that may not seem like a lot, it certainly adds up. This means that you create 1,400 pounds of trash a year—and combined with everyone else in town, this adds up to a staggering 47 million pounds of garbage a year.

Estimates have found that 66-84% of this waste can be recycled. But why should we even care? Our planet sustains and supports our very lives. Our lives are interconnected with everyone and everything, whether we see and realize it or not.

Every choice we make, however small or seemingly inconsequential, has an effect somewhere. The food we eat, the water we drink, the clothes we wear, the cars we drive, the homes we live in, and all the things in our lives have a story. Being aware of the story, the connections between our choices and the effects they have on the lives of other people, animals, and our natural resources, is a key step to

living in greater harmony with each other and our home, the beautiful planet earth.

Awareness is important, but so is action. The simplest mantra to follow is “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle,” otherwise known as the 3 Rs. The more all of us incorporate these words into our daily lives, the more the great problems in our world will shrink. Think of this as a three-step process.

Step 1—Reduce

Think in terms of simplicity. Less is more—as in, the less we consume, the less we take from the earth and from each other, and the more we can restore harmony to our planet. Ask yourself what you truly need versus what you merely want for self-satisfaction. As a consumer, buy wisely. Avoid packaged items and buy in bulk wherever possible. Consider driving less or carpooling. What are some other ways you can reduce your impact on the earth through your everyday choices?

Step 2—Reuse

The goal of reuse is to conserve natural resources. Rather than throwing things away or even recycling them, consider reuse first. Same goes for buying things. Consider donating to and shopping at the great thrift stores in Pleasant Hill. Purchase items that can be reused over and over again, rather than single use items. Bring your own thermos to the coffee shop. Bring your own bag to the grocery store. Use both sides of a piece of paper before recycling.

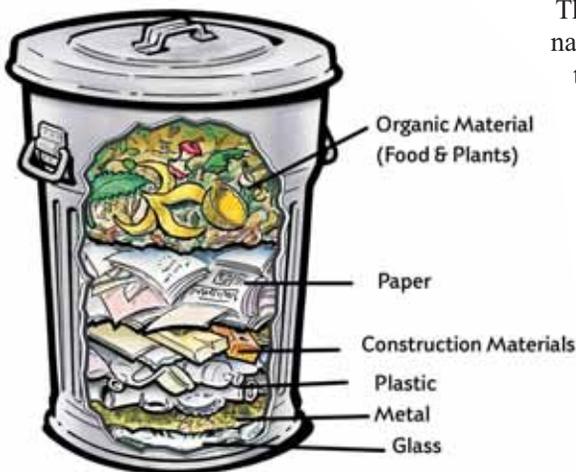
How else can you incorporate reuse into your life?

Step 3—Recycle

After you’ve reduced your consumption and reused as much as possible, recycle as a last resort. The reason? Recycling takes more energy and resources to create a new product from old resources. The good news is it is so easy to recycle in Pleasant Hill! All of your paper, plastic, aluminum, and glass goes into one cart. Plus it’s free to recycle! Old electronics are usually collected for free by places like Rapid Recycle, and hazardous waste like batteries, paint, and fluorescent bulbs can be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Martinez. Stop by their reuse room while you’re there!

In your journey to becoming more and more green and healing our planet, begin with a few small changes. After time, they will become habit. Congratulate yourself during the process for the work you are doing. Realize that even if what you are doing seems small, if we work together it adds up to make a big difference. If, by implementing the 3 Rs, we each reduce our garbage by just 1 pound per day, we will generate over 10 million pounds less garbage per year.

Anne Baker is the Recycling Coordinator with Allied Waste Services and can be reached at abaker@republicservices.com or by phone at (925) 671-5806.



The exposed bin shows items which make up about 80% of the average household trash, all of which can be either composted or recycled.

Composting workshop at city hall

Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm

The next home composting workshop will be held in the large Community Room at City Hall on Tuesday, November 15.

To sign up online go to www.pleasant-hill.net/compost. These free workshops will teach you everything you need to know about backyard composting. Composting bins will be on sale at discounted rates for residents who attend a workshop. ♣

Making history at Rec & Park...

In 2011, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District celebrated its 60th anniversary and has accomplished some new major milestones in its history of providing recreation for Pleasant Hill.



In an emotional, but happy ceremony earlier this spring, senior center members, District staff, and District Board of Directors gathered to say goodbye to the old, well used Senior Center.

In July the community celebrated the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Pleasant Hill Senior Center and the new Pleasant Hill Teen Center. Construction is well underway on the two buildings located on Gregory Lane. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 2012.

Plans for a beautiful and functional new Pleasant Hill Community Center were unveiled in September and may be viewed at www.pleasanthillrec.com/Videos.html. Demolition of the old building is ongoing and expected to be complete this fall, making way for construction to begin in the spring of 2012.

These projects were made possible by Measure E, a \$28 million bond measure approved overwhelmingly by Pleasant Hill voters in 2009. Measure E also includes sports field renovations to Pleasant Oaks Park and public restrooms at Pleasant Hill, Rodgers-Smith, and Brookwood Parks.

Looking ahead to 2012, grand opening celebrations will be held in the fall for the 23,000-square-foot Senior Center with two large multipurpose rooms, a professional kitchen, lounge with fireplace, computer lab, game room, meeting room, dance studio, and more.

The new Pleasant Hill Teen Center will have a large conference room to accommodate the Pleasant Hill Teen Council made up of 20+ teens from middle and high schools throughout the area. The building will have an open courtyard accessible to Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park and a kitchen with two snack shack windows open to the pool and to the front of the building. The center also will be available for private rentals when not in use by the Teens.

Also in 2012, a new accessible landscape plan will be designed for Pleasant Oaks Park, which is home to Pleasant Hill Baseball Association (1,700 players ages 4 to 17 years) and Pleasant Hill Martinez Soccer Association (2,400 players ages 4 to 19 years).

For project updates, visit www.pleasanthillrec.com/Bond.html, or attend a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in November and December, at 6pm, at the District Administration office, 147 Gregory Lane. ♣

Pleasant Hill Tennis Club— A community asset for 35 years

Anyone for tennis? Everyone, young and old alike, can sign up for the game of a lifetime!

That is the spirit of the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club (PHTC), a public nonprofit club co-sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District with 200 plus members. They offer a program of weekly fun mixers, social tournaments, and USTA League play throughout the year. Yearly dues are minimal. The club's "home courts" are at Pleasant Hill Middle School.

PHTC has been a strong supporter of the local tennis community through financial contributions to resurfacing the College Park High School and Pleasant Hill Middle School tennis courts, grants to the high school tennis teams, as well as new lights and windscreens at the middle and high school. They are proud to partner with the Recreation & Park District and Mt. Diablo Unified School District in these efforts.

Members have also donated funds to support the pre-school children's playground, the Sprayground at the PH Aquatic Center, the tile wall, and a PHTC bench at Pleasant Hill Park, as well as the campaign for Bond Measure E.

Now they need your help in raising funds to resurface the court at CPHS and PH Middle School. PH residents can assist this effort by sending tax-deductible donations to:

Pleasant Hill Community Foundation
P.O. Box 23673,
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

For more information, contact:
Jim Utz at 935-3365 or tns2sum@aol.com.



Happenings at the Senior Center

★ Get to know your cell phone

Do you own a cell phone? Having trouble checking your voicemail, programming numbers or changing your ringtones? Teens from PHRPD's Teen Council are at your service!



Register for a 30-minute one-on-one appointment to have your cell phone demystified and become the useful tool it's meant to be! Donations will be accepted and go toward supporting Teen Center Programs.

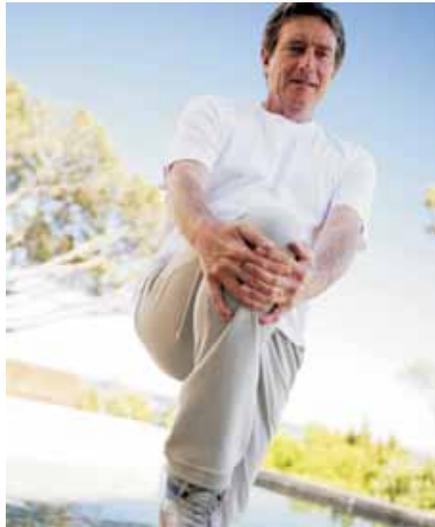
- Tuesday, November 22
- 10am–12pm, sign up for a 30-minute appointment slot (call 798-8788)
- Fee: FREE - Donations accepted
- VFW: 1919 Wendell Lane, PH

★ Holiday Boutique

Get an early start on your holiday shopping! Visit our Holiday Boutique and choose from a huge selection of handmade items—baby items, quilts, scarves, jewelry and much more! Quality made items at affordable prices.

- Saturday, December 10, 9am–1pm
- VFW : 1919 Wendell Lane, PH
- FREE Admission: All proceeds benefit the new Senior Center

★ Fall awareness



Learn how to prevent falls and strengthen your body. Presented by John Muir. Must register with the Pleasant Hill Senior Center. Space is limited, so call now! 798-8788

- Fee: \$10
- Location: Chateau III: 175 Cleaveland Rd., Pleasant Hill
- Time: 2-3pm
- Topics:
 - November 1: Risk Factors for Falling, Individual Health Concerns, Beginning Strength and Balance
 - November 8: The Activity Pyramid—a Balanced Exercise Program
 - November 15: Home Assessment, Medications, Stretching for Greater Comfort and Flexibility
 - November 22: Osteoporosis-Maintaining Strong Bones with Exercise, How to Fall (and get up), and Strength Training

Classroom in the Community

The first 20 people to register will receive a free lunch from our CC Café, compliments of SCAN Health Plan. If you are not one of the first 20 to sign up you may still reserve a meal for \$2. Lunch is served at 11:30am. Pre-Registration is required for lunch.

★ Healthy eating on a budget

With the holidays approaching we are all watching our wallets! The Pleasant Hill Senior Center and SCAN Health Plan have teamed up to bring you this presentation which includes information on Senior Nutrition Guidelines, nutritious and low-cost sample meals and snacks and Community Resources..

- Wednesday, November 2, 10-11am

★ Depression: when it's more than just the blues

The holidays can be a hard time for many people. Do you know what the signs and symptoms are of depression? This presentation will teach you the risk factors and the treatment options available to treat depression.



- Wednesday, December 7, 10-11am

Answers to trivia questions on page 3

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| 1. Lenard Grote | 5. Montgomery Ward | 10. Arnold Palmer | 16. The Old Schoolhouse on Oak Park Blvd. |
| 2. November 14, 1961 | 6. Dr. Shivago | 11. Ten | 17. Forest Fantasy |
| 3. 1964 | 7. Mammoth | 12. Pleasant Hill Bart Station | 18. 1991 |
| 4. Five – Leland Walton, Jim Alkire, Joe Tanner, Mike Ramsey & June Catalano | 8. Ronald Reagan | 13. The Nut Bowl | 19. John F. Kennedy University |
| | 9. Edward Kreins | 14. Dione Mustard | 20. Rodgers Ranch |
| | | 15. Pleasant Hill Motor Movies | |

Don't miss "The Bee"!

**Sunday, November 6, 2011, 12:00–5:00pm
Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane**

All children in Grades K through 5 are invited to participate in the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education's

(FPHE) annual spelling bee on November 6. Children from communities in and outside of Pleasant Hill are welcome to participate.



This is a fun event that gives students a positive experience in an environment that allows them to display the results of their hard work in school. Students will be asked to spell grade-appropriate words in a group setting. All grades will compete independently, except for Grades 4 and 5 which will compete together. Participants will receive a certificate and a small gift. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three spellers in each grade.

The event's schedule is as follows:

- Kindergarten 12:00–1:00pm (check-in 11:30am)
- 1st Grade 1:00–2:00pm (check-in 12:30pm)
- 2nd Grade 2:00–3:00pm (check-in 1:30pm)
- 3rd Grade 3:00–4:00pm (check-in 2:30pm)
- 4th-5th Grade 4:00–5:00pm (check-in 3:30pm)

Registration is \$5.00 per entry. To register visit www.fphe.org to print a registration form. Mail registration forms and payment to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Word lists will be available on www.fphe.org in late October. For questions, contact generalinfo@fphe.org.

Proceeds from The Bee go to FPHE to benefit the 2012 grant fund for Pleasant Hill public schools.

FPHE is a volunteer-led, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to providing financial support to all 11 public schools in Pleasant Hill. FPHE strives to create a quality educational experience that prepares students to compete and thrive both in and out of the classroom. Since 2009 FPHE has awarded \$80,000 in grant funds to Pleasant Hill public schools. Through grants, FPHE provides teachers and staff with resources to keep schools competitive, continue programs at risk of being cut, and add programs to enhance current curriculum. The Foundation functions independently of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the City of Pleasant Hill. ♣



Pleasant Hill Community Foundation approaching 25th anniversary

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2012.

Over the years, the Foundation has funded countless projects in Pleasant Hill from playgrounds to fireworks. It has spearheaded major projects including:

- the tiles at City Hall
- the playground at Pleasant Hill Park
- the renovation of the Pleasant Hill Education Center Pool
- the lights at the College Park High School tennis courts
- and the Sprayground at the Aquatic Park.



Hand tiles at PH Park playground

(See the "PHCF Projects" page of their website for more information.)

Nearly 300 Community Grants and Youth Grants have been awarded since 1995. The recent Pleasant Hill Golf Classic has been held since 2000 to fund these Youth Grants. In addition, scholarships have been awarded to twelve seniors from College Park High School since 2004. (See the "Grants & Scholarships" page of the website to learn exactly which of your favorite organizations have received support.)



Information kiosk at College Park High School.

The Foundation recently expanded its Board of Directors with the addition of Kendra Luke. Current President, Ted Winslow, stated, "We welcome Kendra to our Board with her enthusiasm for our community, as well as her compassion and dedication in working with all of our active Pleasant Hill residents at the Senior Center." If you are interested in joining the Board, please email them at info@PHCommunityFoundation.org. Check out their website at www.PHCommunityFoundation.org to learn more. ♣

Kitty Corner cat adoption service

Contra Costa Humane Society (CCHS), a private non-profit organization located in Pleasant Hill and focused on animal welfare issues, operates an innovative project in collaboration with Contra Costa County Animal Services—a private foster-to-adopt shelter called Kitty Corner.

Kitty Corner provides off-site shelter for adult, senior, and special-needs cats belonging both to Contra Costa County Animal Services as well as CCHS. These cats, which would otherwise be euthanized due to overpopulation and competition from younger kittens, enjoy a free-roaming atmosphere and spacious enclosures until their forever homes are found.

As the current economy has increased the volume of surrendered animals to public shelters while slowing the number of adoptions, Kitty Corner is a first-of-its-kind project within Contra Costa County, providing partnership with Animal Services in order to help lighten their animal load.

If you would like to help Kitty Corner, there are many ways to get involved. All of the cats are available for adoption and helping to direct adopters to Kitty Corner is of tremendous value. They are open Thursday-Saturday from 11am-2pm and by appointment. If you're not able to adopt, Kitty Corner also accepts donations and volunteers! All monetary and supply donations are tax deductible and can be brought to their office, mailed, or donated online through



our website. Needed supplies are updated regularly through our website. Volunteers are also needed for the daily cleaning of enclosures, as well as play and socialization of the cats.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact their adoption program volunteer department at (925) 279-2247, ext. 304.

PH 4th of July Firecracker 5K Fun Run \$\$ go back to PH schools

The Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission reports that the 2011 July 4th Firecracker 5K Fun Run generated \$11,200 that will be returned to Pleasant Hill schools. Fun Run Chair Allen Vinson stated, "This is the largest amount that the Fun Run has raised to date, and as a result, a total of \$59,000 has been donated to Pleasant Hill schools since the tradition started in 2005." Principals of the various schools will be presented checks in an upcoming meeting of the 4th of July Commission.

Register for the July 4, 2012 Fun Run and designate which Pleasant Hill school will receive the benefit of your registration fees. The more runners participating in the Fun Run results directly in more funds to Pleasant Hill schools. Keep an eye on their website at www.phjuly4.com and find them on Facebook (Pleasant Hill 4th of July). ♣

Chamber hosts Internet marketing workshops

The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce has launched a series of workshops designed to help marketers and business owners quickly achieve social media and internet marketing success.

- **Relationship Marketing – Direct Mail & Email Marketing Strategies**
Wed, Nov 9, 11:45am–2:00pm.
JFK University, 100 Ellinwood Way, Room S 104



Discover how to use an online greeting card program to build client relationships, increase referrals and get more repeat clients.

Set up an effective and automated email "drip system" to build a pipeline of prospects for your business. Presented by Karen Rice of Constant Contact®. Log on to www.Marketing4MainStreetAcademy.eventbrite.com for more info or to RSVP.

Then, mark your calendar for the following workshop...

- **Craigslist Marketing Strategies and Call Capture Systems**

Wed, Dec 14, 2011, 11:45am–2:00pm
at JFK University, Room S104.

Craigslist is a free source of prospects for your listings, products, services, events and promotions. Discover the most effective posting strategies, how to integrate call capture systems track and convert leads, use custom HTML ads with photos, videos and social media. Presented by Pete Sabine of Main Street Marketing (925) 297-5335. Log onto www.CraigslistStrategies.eventbrite.com for more info or to RSVP. ♣

An exciting year for the Library!

2011 was an exciting year for Pleasant Hill library patrons. Favorite programs came back, new activities were added, and the parking lot was fixed!

Family entertainment on Tuesday evenings continues to delight audiences with puppet shows, live music, story-telling and more. What will it be next month? Extra children's story times have been added to accommodate demand, allowing more children to enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. Adults can join the monthly evening book club discussions. Teens have been enjoying Wii Thursdays, exploring different Wii games and board games. They are also participating in the Teen Advisory Group, planning what they want to see happen in the library. At LEGO & Listen sessions during the summer, LEGO fans built fantastic models while enjoying audiobooks. Future LEGO & Listen sessions will be made possible by the generous LEGO donations of many people, including Jill Anderson of the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation and Laura Yasul of the Mount Diablo Mothers' Club.

With 2011 being the City's and the library's 50th anniversaries, this has been a great year for parties. In May, children cycled through a mini-city in the library parking lot, practicing their bike safety skills and learning basic bicycle maintenance at the Kids' Bike Rodeo. In August at the Harry Potter party, wizards of all ages got sorted, made wands and duelled. In October, Pleasant Hill read *James and the Giant Peach*, watched the movie at City Hall, and celebrated with a Peach Party at the library.

Other things to celebrate about the library were the fixing of the potholes in the parking lot and the changes made to the Fiction collection, which is now downstairs and looking splendid on the donated Border's shelving. All of this progress was made possible by the dedication, energy, and enthusiasm of the library staff and the support of volunteers—thank you!

Don't miss out on any of the upcoming events! Make sure to check the events calendar on the library website (www.ccclib.org) and enjoy pictures from past events and marvel at the LEGO creations. Or just pick up an event flier next time you visit the library. Here's to many more great years at our library!

Ways to Help

To become a library volunteer, pick up a volunteer form at the library. To join the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library, pick up a membership form at the Pleasant Hill Library.

Bring in book, DVD, CD and video donations for the Friends any time the library is open.

To donate LEGO for LEGO & Listen, contact Katherine Bracken at Katherine.bracken@comcast.net. To learn about the Pleasant Hill Library Fund, whose mission is a new library for Pleasant Hill, email info@PHCommunityFoundation.org.

► Komodo Jazz Concert

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30-7:30pm

Join us at the Pleasant Hill Library for a mix of live contemporary, Latin, funk, smooth, and R&B jazz rhythms with Komodo Jazz. Komodo Jazz is a local ensemble whose sound is reminiscent of jazz in the 70s—raw and nostalgic. This free music event was made possible by the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library.

► Nanette Clarke's Puppet Show

Tuesday, November 29, 6:30-7:15pm

Join us for another puppet show! Nanette Clarke presents a spectacular performance of "The Frog Prince" and "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs".



► Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library Book Sale & Free E-Waste Drop-Off Event

Saturday, December 3, 10:00am-3:30pm

Find the best bargains on books and support your library at the Friends' Book Sale, held in the parking lot behind the library. While you're down for the sale, bring your unwanted electronics to the Pleasant Hill Library Green Zone's FREE E-Waste Drop-Off Event. We'll take your batteries, TVs, phones, computers, printers and cartridges, microwaves, and more!



► A Winter's Gathering

Tuesday, December 20th, 6:30-8pm

Sip some hot cocoa. Snuggle up with a book. Decorate a cookie. Make your own snowflake. Wear your pajamas if you like, and join us for a cozy winter evening at the Pleasant Hill Library.

Music, Drama, Culinary Arts and much more at DVC this fall

Diablo Valley College has many exciting events coming up for the months of November and December!

► Storytimes

Every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 11:15-11:45am
New Friday Afternoon Storytimes 1:15-1:45pm

Prepare your young one for reading with songs, rhymes, movement, and stories! Come to Wednesday and Friday Mother Goose times for 0-3 year-olds, or Thursday's preschool storytime for 3-5 year-olds.

► Wii for Teens

Every other Thursday, 3:00-4:30pm

Come have fun, relax, and meet other teens at the Pleasant Hill Library while getting your game on! Come down to the Pleasant Hill Library or check the library's website (www.ccclib.org) for specific dates!

► Teen Advisory Group

Every second Wednesday of the month, 3:30-5:00pm

Teens can make a positive difference for themselves and their peers by participating in the Pleasant Hill Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG) starting this September. Come down to the library to meet other community teens and the young adult librarian to share and plan what you want to see happen at the library. This group is teen-only and welcomes ages 13-18.



For more information on any of the programs mentioned above, contact library staff at 646-6434.

Library Hours

- Sunday & Monday, closed
- Tuesday 1-8pm
- Wednesday & Thursday, 11am-6pm
- Friday & Saturday, 10am-5pm

★ Rock, Rhythm and Blues Ensembles Concert

Wednesday, November 9, 8:00-9:30pm
Performing Arts Center complex

★ Mt. Diablo Jazz Festival and The DVC Night Jazz Band Concert

Music from the Mt. Diablo Jazz Ensembles including the Mt. Diablo Honors Jazz Ensemble, plus the DVC Night Jazz Band.
Wednesday, November 16, 3:30-9:30pm
Performing Arts Center complex
Cost: free

★ CARMINA! Concert Choral and Chamber Singers Concert

Featuring Orff's Carmina Burana and Argento's I Hate and I Love.
Saturday, November 19, 8:00-9:30pm
Performing Arts Center complex

★ Culinary Arts Thanksgiving Holiday Buffet

Enjoy this delicious and imaginative holiday buffet in the Norseman Restaurant. Call 685-1230 for information.
Wednesday, November 23, 11:00am-1:00pm
Norseman Restaurant

★ Speech Night Performance

Public performance of award winning speeches presented by the DVC Speech and Debate Team.
Wednesday, November 30, 7:00-9:00pm
Performing Arts Center complex
Cost: free

★ Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Concert

Music from DVC's premiere Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble.
Friday, December 2, 8:00-9:30pm
Performing Arts Center complex

★ Drama event: Stand and Deliver

The second offering of the 2011-2012 Drama Season, Stand and Deliver, is a gritty and intensely emotional classroom drama that explores the hearts of teachers and students. The play explores the issues surrounding subcultures and class systems, current educational and cultural structures and the pursuit of the "American Dream." Directed by DVC advanced directing student, Alex Guerra.



December 2- December 11, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2:30pm
Arena Theater PAC complex
Cost: Single performance tickets and season tickets available. Call 925-685-1230, ext. 2084.

★ Night Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble and Rock, Rhythm and Blues Ensembles Concert

An exciting night of music from DVC jazz, rock, rhythm and blues bands.
Wednesday, December 7, 8:00-9:30pm
Performing Arts Center complex

★ Annual Messiah Sing-a-long Concert

Sing-a-long with George, Scholarship Fundraiser featuring the DVC Philharmonic Orchestra and Concert Choral.
Tuesday, December 13, 7:30-9:00pm
Off campus at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill.
Cost: \$10 suggested donation



'Tis the season for ...for holiday fun and frolic...

Holiday events

In spite of construction and new locations, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District still has festive holiday activities planned for the whole family!

► **Light Up the Night**

In lieu of the District's annual Holiday Festival this year, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District will join with the City of Pleasant Hill and downtown merchants for their annual "Light Up the Night" ceremony on December 1. The youth choirs, musicians, and dancers that perform at the Holiday Festival every year will be on hand, along with the craftspeople who put on the annual crafts show. Light Up the Night also includes horse-drawn carriage rides, a tree lighting ceremony at 6:30pm, and visits with Santa. Stage entertainment will also be provided by Studio A dancers and choral groups. Admission is free, and the festivities begin at 5:00pm downtown on Crescent Drive.



► **Breakfast with Santa**

Even better than a visit with Santa is a chance to share breakfast with him! Santa will be at St. Andrews Church (1601 Mary Drive) on Saturday, December 17. Make a holiday craft and receive a special treat from Santa. Register by December 14 for one of two seatings: 8:30am-10:00am or 10:30am-noon for just \$9 for adults and \$8 for children ages 1-8 years. Infants less than one year of age carried in backpack are admitted free. For information, contact the Park District, 682-0896.

► **Santa at Your Home**

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District has arranged for the Jolly One himself to visit with lucky Pleasant Hill families on December 22 and 23. To schedule a 10-minute visit at your home between 6 and 9pm, call Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District at 682-0896. An open heart and a \$30 fee are all that's required.

Check out the events at Rodgers Ranch

► **Open House**

Rodgers Ranch Open House will be Sunday, November 20 from 2pm to 4pm. This month the Friends of Rodgers Ranch will present the history of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce and discuss all that the chamber has done for businesses in Pleasant Hill. The Ranch is located at 315 Cortsen Road in Pleasant Hill.

► **Annual Holiday Boutique**

Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11, 10am-4pm

Get your last minute holiday shopping done while touring our 1867 farmhouse. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet you and the kids. Homemade and unique holiday gifts available.

For more information or to be a vendor go to www.rodgersranch.org or email Denise Koroslev at rodgersranch@yahoo.com. ♣

Pleasant Hill Dolphins Swim Team tree lot

Choose a beautiful tree and support the Pleasant Hill Dolphins Swim Team at the same time! Now in its 29th year, the lot opens on November 25 in the parking lot at Winslow Center, on the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Taylor Boulevard. ♣



VETERANS DAY
CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH

VETERANS OF ALL AGES & ERAS

You and Your Families are Invited to a
Veterans Day Celebration & Outreach
November 11, 2011
7:30am to 11:00am
(Breakfast served at 8am)
St. Andrew's Church
1601 Mary Drive-Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(across from Pleasant Hill Police Station)

Free Breakfast, Activities, Camaraderie, Resources for Vets

*** Transportation Provided, if needed ***

E-Waste collection at DVC

Doing a little extra house cleaning? We can help recycle old, unwanted electronic equipment at a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event happening at Diablo Valley College, located at 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill, on Saturday, November 5 and December 3, from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

The event is open to any California resident, business, school, etc. This is a monthly event that will take place the first Saturday of each month. Dropping off of your E-waste is FREE and items accepted include TVs, monitors, computers, and more—with no limit!

Visit www.NoEwaste.com or call toll free, (866) 335-3373 for electronic items accepted and detailed event info. Sponsored by Electronic Waste Management, a state-approved e-waste collector. ♣



Our rockin' community! Events for November and December 2011...

| Date | Event | Location | Organization | Contact |
|------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Nov 1 | Komodo Jazz Concert | PH Library | PH Library | 646-6434 |
| Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 | Fall Awareness seminars | Chateau IIIh | Pleasant Hill Senior Center | 798-8788 |
| Nov 2 | Healthy Eating on a Budget | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | Pleasant Hill Senior Center | 798-8788 |
| Nov 5-Dec 3 | E-Waste Recycling Event | Diablo Valley College | Electronic Waste Management | 866-335-3373 |
| Nov 6 | FPHE Spelling Bee | PH City Hall | Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education | www.fphe.org |
| Nov 9 | Internet Marketing Workshop | JFK University | Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce | 297-5335 |
| Nov 9 | Rock, Rhythm and Blues Concert | DVC Performing Arts Center | DVC | |
| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day Celebration | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | Pleasant Hill Rotary Club | 932-7011 |
| Nov 12 | 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner | Contra Costa Country Club | PH City/50th Anniversary Committee | 671-5229 |
| Nov 13 | 50th Anniversary Open House | PH City Hall | PH City/50th Anniversary Committee | 671-5229 |
| Nov 14 | Criagslist Marketing Strategies | JFK University | Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce | 297-5335 |
| Nov 15 | Composting Workshop | PH City Hall | PH City | www.pleasant-hill.net/compost |
| Nov 16 | Mt Diablo Jazz Festival | DVC Performing Arts Center | DVC | |
| Nov 20 | Rodgers Ranch Open House | Rodgers Ranch | Friends of Rodgers Ranch | www.rodgersranch@yahoo.com |
| Nov 22 | Get to Know Your Cell Phone | VFW | Pleasant Hill Senior Center | 798-8788 |
| Nov 23 | Culinary Arts Thanksgiving Buffet | Norseman Restaurant | DVC | |
| Nov 25 (opens) | PH Dolphins Tree Sale | Winslow Center | PH Recreation & Park District | 682-0896 |
| Nov 29 | Nanette Clarke's Puppet Show | PH Library | PH Library | 646-6434 |
| Nov 30 | Speech Night Performance | DVC Performing Arts Center | DVC | |
| Dec 1 | Light Up the Night | Downtown PH | PH City, Downtown PH, PHR&PD | 671-5229 |
| Dec 2 | Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble Concert | DVC Performing Arts Center | DVC | |
| Dec 2-11 | Stand and Deliver drama | DVC Performing Arts Center | DVC | |
| Dec 3 | Book Sale & E-waste Drop Off | PH Library | PH Library | 646-6434 |
| Dec 7 | Jazz, Rhythm and Blues Concert | DVC Performing Arts Center | DVC | |
| Dec 7 | Depression: when It's More Than Just the Blues | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | Pleasant Hill Senior Center | 798-8788 |
| Dec 10 | Holiday Boutique | VFW | Pleasant Hill Senior Center | 798-8788 |
| Dec 10, 11 | Rodgers Ranch Holiday Boutique | Rodgers Ranch | Friends of Rodgers Ranch | www.rodgersranch@yahoo.com |
| Dec 13 | Messiah Sing-a-long Concertt | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | DVC | |
| Dec 17 | Breakfast with Santa | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | PH Recreation & Park District | 682-0896 |
| Dec 22, 23 | Santa at Your Home | Your home! | PH Recreation & Park District | 682-0896 |

Economic Development/Business News in Pleasant Hill...welcome to new businesses!

The City of Pleasant Hill is committed to promoting and supporting the business community within the City. The economic vitality of Pleasant Hill is dependent on a strong business sector, and the City plays an important role in making this happen. To find out more about Economic Development efforts in Pleasant Hill or for additional information on locating or expanding your business operations in the City, please contact Kelly Calhoun at 671-5213 or Kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.



New businesses August 2011

Backstage Beauty Lounge (Esthetician)

101 Gregory Lane, #26
925-726-9172

Cheryl Brassfield (Skin Care)

101 Gregory Lane, #25
925-674-1667

Cloudsoft, LLC (Software Development)

3478 Buskirk Ave.
925-746-7100

Devil Mountain Diesel

(Auto Service & Truck Repair)
197 Mayhew Way
925-324-3735

Guzen Development, Inc.

(import/Export Food Ingredients)
1941 Oak Park Blvd., #20
925-783-1384

Happy Spa (Massage)

91 Gregory Ln., #8
925-915-1838

Henry Chorro, Jr. (Massage)

2367 Pleasant Hill Road
925-472-0852

JP Hair Designs (Hair Stylist)

2611 Pleasant Hill Road
510-866-4995

Pleasant Hill Smiles Dental (Dental Office)

2380 Monument Blvd.
925-363-4455

Pleasant Hill Massage Center

91 Gregory Lane, #8
925-915-1838

Ravenel Enterprises, Inc. (Admin Office –

Construction & Contractor)
171 Mayhew Way, #220
925-435-1762

Scrubz Pet Care (Pet Grooming)

2805 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-945-1396

Bay Area Prof. Bookkeeping, Inc.

415-577-5014

EKG On Wheels (Mobile EKG)

925-497-3425

Glorio Yulianto

(Importing/Wholesaler of Chinese Herbs)
925-222-8675

Green Light Events (Event Coordinator)

925-348-0748

Noack Financial Consulting

925-602-9929

TILC Concepts (Ecotherapy &

Ecoeducational Services)
925-917-9429

Vision Quest Educational Group Program

(Counseling/Educational Groups/
Workshops)
925-922-3357

New businesses September 2011

Cynthia Copperstein (Physical Therapy

Consultation)
3470 Buskirk Ave.
925-285-7553

Hair By Amanda (Hairstylist)

1607 Oak Park Blvd.
510-710-5626

Healing Hands Massage

2367 Pleasant Hill Road
925-472-0852

Illxotix (Retail Auto Sales/

Parts & Merchandise)
3313 Vincent Rd., #100
415-987-2064

Openhourz

(Website for Accurate Business Hours)
367 Civic Dr., #9
925-349-5844

Status Fitness (Personal Trainer)

1600 Contra Costa Blvd., #E
925-852-9692

SY Educational Institute, Inc. (Student

Registration/Placement/Support)
620 Contra Costa Blvd., #206
925-798-1000

All In Need Family Support (Respite Care)

1025 Hook Avenue
925-257-4246

Edmundo Martinez

(Housekeeping/Maintenance)
925-942-0155

Law Offices of Martha D. Alexander

925-932-2902

Longfin Sport Fishing, LLC

(Office – Sport Fishing/Whale Watching)
415-425-3800

Romero Consulting

(Business Management Consulting)
925-935-9666

Shahbaz Azari (Consultant)

925-382-7653

Shine Envy (Mobile Auto Detail)

925-891-4402

City Meetings

NOVEMBER

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Wed 2 9:30am | Commission on Aging | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Wed 2 6:30pm | Civic Action Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Thu 3 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Mon 7 7:30pm | City Council/ Redevelopment Agency | Council Chambers |
| Tue 8 6:00pm | Traffic Safety Commission | City Hall Community Room |
| Tue 8 7:30pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing) | Council Chambers |
| Thu 10 5:00pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Fri 11 | City Hall closed for Veteran's Day Holiday | |
| Thu 17 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Mon 21 7:30pm | Redevelopment Agency/ City Council | Council Chambers |
| Tue 22 7:30pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing) | Council Chambers |
| Wed 23 7:00pm | Education/Schools Advisory Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Thu 24 & Fri 25 | City Hall closed for Thanksgiving Day Holiday | |

DECEMBER

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Thu 1 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Mon 5 7:30pm | Redevelopment Agency/ City Council | Council Chambers |
| Wed 7 9:30am | Commission on Aging | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Wed 7 6:30pm | Civic Action Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Thu 8 5:00pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Tue 13 6:00pm | Traffic Safety Commission | City Hall Community Room |
| Tue 13 7:30pm | Planning Commission (Public Hearing) | Council Chambers |
| Thu 15 5:00pm | Architectural Review Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |
| Mon 19 7:30pm | Redevelopment Agency/ City Council | Council Chambers |
| Thu 22 5:00pm | Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing) | Planning/Public Works Conference Room |
| Mon 26 | City Hall closed for Christmas Eve Holiday | |
| Tue 27 | City Hall closed for Christmas Holiday | |
| Wed 28 7:00pm | Education/Schools Advisory Commission | City Hall Small Community Room |



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City Treasurer Mark W. Celio

City Council meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 28 on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Meetings are also available on the City website under "Council Webcast."

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 Jan/Feb is December 9. Ideas are always welcome. Local non-profit groups may submit articles to the Public Information Officer at 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. For information, call Martin Nelis at 671-5229, fax to 680-0294, or email to mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

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Recreation & Parks 682-0896
PH Bayshore Disposal 685-4711
PG&E 800-743-5000
Senior Center 798-8788
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Celebrate Pleasant Hill's 50th Birthday!

Gala Dinner!

Saturday, November 12, 6:00pm 'til LATE!
Contra Costa Country Club

Champagne reception—
Start off with a toast upon arrival

- ★ Complimentary dinner wine for each table of 12 people (cabernet and chardonnay)
- ★ Surf & Turf Dinner plus dessert (vegetarian option upon request when purchasing tickets)
- ★ Free commemorative photograph for each couple in theme folder
- ★ Free book — *50 Years of Pleasant Hill History*
A wealth of information about people, places, and events, with photos, over the past 50 years.

Entertainment by
Michael Fender and band

Tickets \$95 per person at City Hall
 Sales will end 4pm, Tuesday, November 8.

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Open House at City Hall!

Sunday, November 13, 2011, Noon-5pm

- ◆ Historical Photographic Exhibit— 50 Years of Pleasant Hill
- ◆ Art Exhibit by East Bay Artists Guild
- ◆ Art & Writing Contest Entries on display
- ◆ Display of the "Day in the Life of Pleasant Hill" Photography Contest entries
- ◆ Award Presentations to Winners of the Art, Writing and Photography contests
- ◆ Tours of City Hall
- ◆ Pleasant Hill Library Storytime

◆ Music by:

- ◆ College Park Music Department
- ◆ Devil Mountain Men's Barbershop Chorus
- ◆ Decky Thornton String Quartet
- ◆ Video of Rodgers Ranch Monthly Oral History Program

For more information, call 671-5229 or email mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us