

# the OUTLOOK



Pleasant Hill, California — Celebrating 50 Golden Years!

## Pleasant Hill Celebrates 50 Golden Years in 2011

Businesses and residents—sponsor a 50th Anniversary Banner along Contra Costa Blvd!

The City of Pleasant Hill is celebrating its 50th year in 2011, and we're planning a huge celebration! The City was officially incorporated on November 14, 1961. Over the weekend of November 12-13, 2011 the City will host a grand finale weekend of festivities including an Art & Photographic Exhibit at City Hall depicting 50 years of Pleasant Hill history, an Open House for all residents, and a dinner dance celebration at the Contra Costa Country Club.

Throughout 2011, the 50th Anniversary theme and logo will be prominent in City publications, events, and other activities. To kick-start the celebration, the Chamber of Commerce and 50th Anniversary Committee are offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for businesses and residents to sponsor one of only 50 street banners which will be erected early in 2011 along Contra Costa Blvd and will remain in place for most of the year.

The individualized 7 by 4-foot banners will be hung on street poles along the entire length of Contra Costa Blvd and will include the name of one sponsor on each banner. What's more, once the banners are removed, the sponsors will be given their banner as a keepsake and as a way to remember all of the 50th events and festivities during 2011!

The cost to sponsor each banner is only \$295. However, time is of the essence—the deadline for sponsorship (including payment) is January 10, 2011. To sponsor a banner, contact the Chamber at 687-0700 or email [cdaly@pleasanthillchamber.com](mailto:cdaly@pleasanthillchamber.com).

Additional information about the 50th Anniversary Committee activities is also available through Martin Nelis at 671-5229 or [mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us). ♣

## City Council elects new Mayor and Vice-Mayor for 2011

At its meeting on December 6, 2010, the City Council voted to appoint David Durant as Mayor and John Hanecak as Vice-Mayor for the remainder of 2010 and most of 2011. This is the third time that David Durant will serve as Mayor, having previously done so during 2001-02 and 2006-07.

At the same meeting, the City Council paid tribute to outgoing member, Terri Williamson, who stepped down after 25 consecutive years as a member of the City Council. Her position was then taken by newly elected member of the City Council, Jack Weir, who was sworn in by his brother Steve Weir, Contra Costa County Clerk.

Councilmember Michael Harris, who was re-elected in November, was not available for this meeting and instead will take the oath of office at the January 10, 2011 meeting of the City Council.

Outgoing Mayor Karen Mitchoff announced her intention to resign her seat on the City Council on January 2, 2011 in order to take up her new position on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. The City Council will then have 60 days in which to fill the vacant seat either by holding a special election or by appointment. ♣



### New street sweeping schedule for 2011

The City is making changes to the street sweeping schedule beginning in March 2011 in order to better serve all residential areas throughout Pleasant Hill. The main priority is to ensure that city streets and storm drain systems are clean and functioning properly.

Street sweeping will continue in residential areas every other month (odd-numbered months: 1-January, 3-March, 5-May, 7-July, 9-September, 11-November) plus an extra sweep during heavy leaf season (December), just as is currently being done. The following streets will continue to be swept two times each month: Morello Avenue, Putnam Blvd., Patterson Blvd., and Boyd Road. Major arterials, such as Contra Costa Blvd., will continue to be swept four times each month.

Starting March 2011, you will see the following two changes:

- The day of the street sweeping schedule will change for many residential streets
- All streets will be swept during the third week of the month.

The street sweeping contractor has verified that this new schedule will not conflict with Allied Waste collection days.

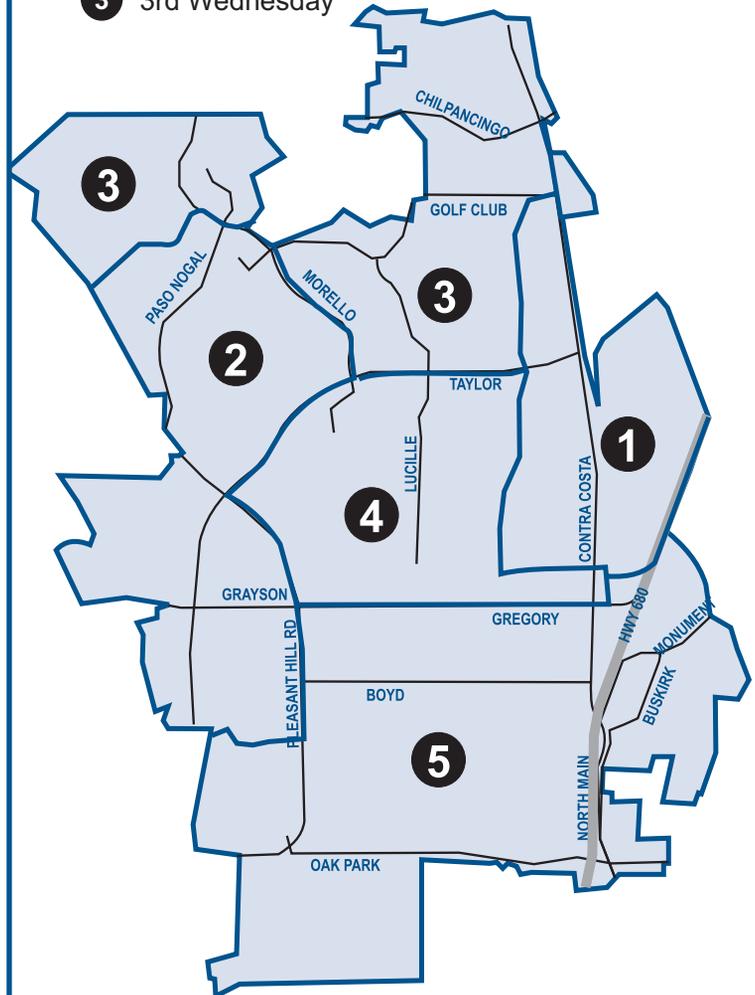
Street sweeping removes pollutants before they flow into storm drains, ditches, and creeks which eventually flow untreated into San Francisco Bay. Please use these guidelines to help keep your streets clean:

- Park your car off the street on your scheduled sweeping day. Sweeping around cars requires more time and can be dangerous.
- Keep your landscaping pruned back far enough to allow sweepers to sweep against the curb.
- Keep tree branches pruned to a height of 14 feet above the street to allow safe passage of sweeper.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the gutters or streets. Rake all leaves and debris onto your property and dispose of them in the proper green waste container. The sweepers are not capable of picking up large piles of leaves in the street.
- Remind gardeners and landscapers to avoid blowing and raking leaves and green waste into the streets, making it harder for the street sweeper to maintain clean streets.
- Remember, private streets are not swept by the City of Pleasant Hill.

By working together to keep our streets clean, Pleasant Hill streets and roadways will be safer for

### Pleasant Hill Street Sweeping starting March 1, 2011 (and every other month, plus December)

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 3rd Monday    | 4 3rd Thursday |
| 2 3rd Tuesday   | 5 3rd Friday   |
| 3 3rd Wednesday |                |



To see which day your street will be swept, please see the above map or check the City's website at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/streets](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/streets).

everyone—pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles alike. For more information about street sweeping in your area, check the Pleasant Hill website: [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/streets](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/streets) or call the Maintenance Division at 671-4646. ♣

## Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Public Meeting #2)

The second public meeting for the City's Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan project will be held on January 11 at 6:00pm at the City Hall Large Community Room.



The purpose of the Master Plan project is to provide an inventory of the City's existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and to identify new bicycle and pedestrian routes to connect residents to the various educational, recreational, commercial, retail, and transit facilities throughout the City. The Master Plan will also

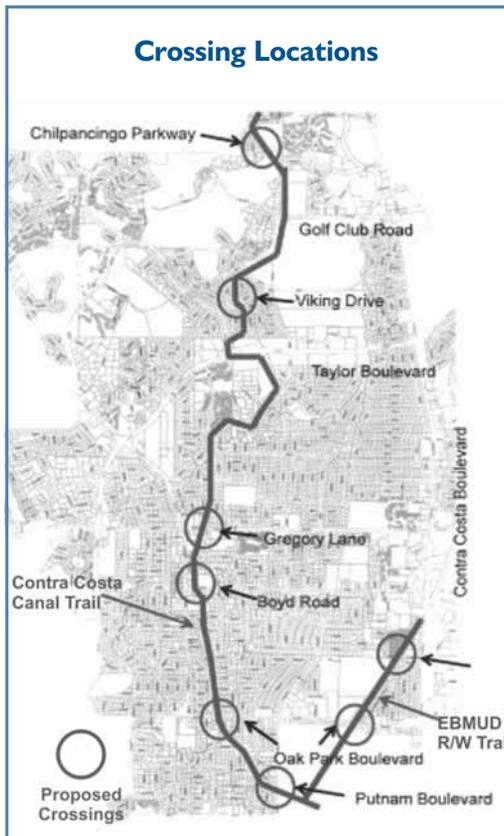
identify and prioritize buildable projects to implement the various new routes. The City hosted the first public meeting in September 2010 to gather public input for the project.

Based on this input and field review, the City's consultant has developed proposed bicycle and pedestrian routes.

The consultant will present the proposed routes and implementation strategies at the meeting on January 11. The Final Master Plan is scheduled to be approved by the City's Traffic Safety Commission and adopted by the City's Planning Commission and City Council by April 2011.

Information in regards to the project can be downloaded from the project website:

[www.walkandbikepleasanthill.com](http://www.walkandbikepleasanthill.com). If you have any questions in regards to the project, please contact Eric Hu, Associate Civil Engineer, at 671-5203 or email him at [ehu@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:ehu@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us). ♣



## Letter to homeowners from the City Building Crew

### WELCOME TO THE NEW BUILDING CODES...

The new 2010 California Building Codes have been adopted and are now in effect. The City adopted two additional codes (California Residential Code and the Green Building Code). The biggest difference with the old (2007) to new (2010) codes is the format; however, there ARE changes from the last code adoption of 2007. Some examples are:

	2007 (old)	2010 (new)
Minimum ceiling height for habitable living spaces:	7'	7'6"
Minimum ceiling height for bathrooms and half bathrooms:	7'	6'8"
Showers/tubs to be finished with non-absorbent material to:	70"	72"

AFCI-Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter:

2007 (old)	2010 (new)
Bedrooms only	Family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, or similar rooms or areas.
	California Green Code – New residential construction: Fire sprinklers/carbon monoxide alarms Additions and alterations: Carbon monoxide alarms

As seen in these examples, the changes are not dramatic but necessary. Hopefully, the contractors working in our City have already obtained their copies of the new codes to make your project run smoothly. If you have any questions the International Code Council (ICC) – 1-800-422-7233 is available, as well as, the City field inspectors for clarification.

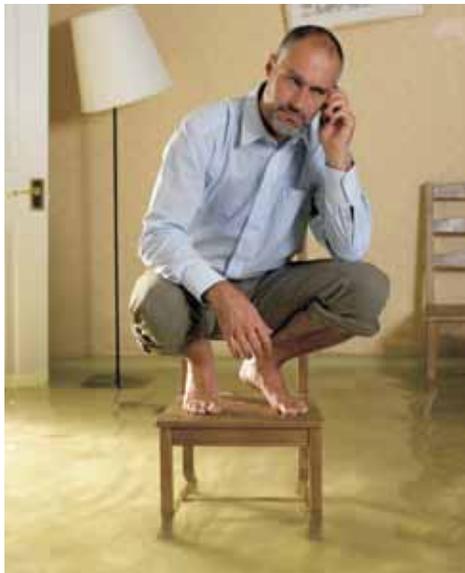
Sincerely,

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

Flooding during the winter can occur in some parts of Pleasant Hill. Here is a roundup of information that residents may need to be prepared in the event of flooding.

### Report a flooding problem

To report a flooding problem in your neighborhood, contact the City Maintenance Division simply by calling 671-4646 weekdays during regular business hours. If it is an emergency, please contact the Police Department at 911.



### Special Flood Hazard Areas

Certain areas have been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). There are currently approximately 700 homes within these flood zones. SFHAs are areas within the 100 year flood boundary as mapped by FEMA. A "100-year flood" refers to a flood level with 1 percent or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. There is a 26% chance that a structure located in a SFHA will be inundated by a 100-year flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. In comparison, the risk of fire is approximately 5% in the same time period. Smaller floods have a greater chance of occurring in any given year and can still create a significant hazard to life and property.

### Local flood hazard

Flooding in our City is generally caused by the following: a creek overtopping its banks, clogged catch basin or storm drains, poor site drainage, and mud and debris laden flows from the hills above Pleasant Hill. To find out more information on local flood hazards, or for information on any other flood related question, call the City's Floodplain Manager at 671-5261.

### City flood service

If requested, City staff will visit a property to review its flood problem(s) and explain ways to reduce flooding potential or help to prevent flood damage. Printed copies of flood maps and flood protection references are available at City Hall and at the Central County Library located at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant Hill (646-6434). Digital copies of flood maps can be obtained directly from FEMA's website at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov). Please also visit the City's website at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood) for more information.

### Drainage system maintenance

The City regularly cleans and maintains drainage channels. However, dumping debris into storm drains creates problems for everyone. Such dumping not only results in an expense to taxpayers for cleanup, but also can restrict water flow and create flood hazards. The dumping of debris into the City's storm drainage channels is prohibited by Municipal Code. To report cases of illegal dumping in channels call the Maintenance Division at (925) 671-4646.

### Property protection measures

There are several ways to help protect property from flood hazards. The following examples may or may not be economically feasible or practical for every situation:

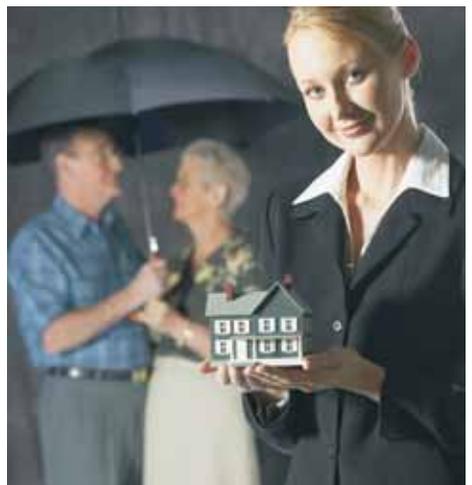
- Provide adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and appliances to an area that is less likely to be flooded.

- Move essential items and valuables to the upper floors of your home if flooding is likely.
- Keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, and plastic sheeting handy for emergency waterproofing. Sandbags can be obtained at the Public Service Center located at 310 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill and during the rainy season sandbag stations are also set up at City Hall (visitor parking lot) and Oak Park Boulevard/Monticello Avenue.
- Anchor the structure to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement.
- Elevate homes so that the lowest floor is a minimum of 1 foot above the base flood (100 year) elevation.

### Flood insurance

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes federally backed flood insurance available to everyone in the City, whether they are in a floodplain or not. Insurance is available for buildings (including walls, floors, and insulation) and contents (which is also available to renters). It is important to note that the standard homeowner policy that most of us have will not cover a loss caused by flooding. For information about flood insurance, call your insurance agent or the NFIP customer service line at 800-638-6620.

Please be aware that the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located within SFHAs. The minimum standard flood insurance coverage



## New lower cost insurance option

required by the federal government for a SFHA property is the less of the following: 1) the outstanding mortgage balance on the structure, 2) the replacement cost of the structure or 3) \$250,000 for a residential structure, and \$500,000 for industrial/commercial. This insurance coverage limit does not apply to property outside the SFHA.

### Elevation Certificates

An Elevation Certificate (EC) provides elevation information necessary to determine the proper insurance premium rate. If your house is at or above the base flood elevation, you could receive a substantial discount on your flood insurance premium by providing an EC to your insurance agent.

For properties in Flood Zone AO, an EC can be filled out by the property owner or the owner's representative. For all other flood zones, the EC will have to be prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer.

Copies of the form and instructions are available from the City Engineering Division or can be downloaded from FEMA's website [www.fema.gov/business/nfip/elvinst.sht](http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/elvinst.sht).

The City of Pleasant Hill maintains the Elevation Certificates of all new and substantially improved buildings in the SFHA. To obtain a copy of the certificates or for help in preparing one, call the City's Floodplain Manager at 671-5261.

### Flood warnings

- If flooding occurs, the County will warn citizens through radio, TV announcements, and emergency officials and vehicles.
- Know the flood warning procedures and plan escape routes to high ground.
- Monitor the level of water in the street or flood control channel.
- Stay tuned to your battery operated radio and local television channel for possible warnings.
- Turn off water and electricity in your home during flood emergencies; turn off gas only if you smell gas.
- Be especially cautious at night.

In June of 2009, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) adopted new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for all of Contra Costa County. These FIRMs updated the older maps, which had been effective since December 2003. Map changes were minor, including changing the map sheet layouts, updating the vertical datum (reference point) for measuring elevations, and inclusion of aerial photography. The flood zones were also digitally converted. However, since no new flood studies were conducted, the flood zones remain unchanged.

Since that time, the City has become aware that many residents have been contacted by their lender that they must obtain flood zone insurance. This most likely occurred because the new digital maps are being interpreted differently than the previous version. Inclusion of the aerial photo has provided lenders with more information which has led them to conclude that the property was or always had been in the flood zone.

For additional information on the City's flood warning and emergency response plan, contact the City Office of Emergency Services, Police Department, 330 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, 288-4600.

### Floodplain development permit requirements

Any development within the SFHA is subject to Federal and City Floodplain management requirements. Always check with the Engineering Division before you build on, alter, re-grade, or fill on your property. To report illegal floodplain development activity, call the City's Floodplain Manager at 671-5261.

- **Floor Elevation** – New residential buildings in the SFHA must have their lowest floor elevation (excluding garage) flood-proofed or raised above the 100-year Base Flood Elevation (BFE).
- **Substantial Improvements (SI)** – Substantially improved structures in the SFHA must meet the same

Unfortunately, while the property owner would have been eligible to buy a lower cost Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) if the insurance was purchased prior to the new map, any policy now required after the map was effective (June 2009) would have to be purchased at the more expensive standard rate. In other words, if you have been notified by your lender recently of your requirement to purchase flood insurance, then the rate you receive would be the more expensive standard rate.

Recognizing the financial burden this places on property owners, FEMA is extending the lower cost PRP rate for up to two policy years for eligible properties. In order to see if you are eligible for the lower cost PRP rate (beginning in January 2011), contact your insurance agent—it can save you potentially \$1,000 a year. They may require you to provide information on your flood map, which City staff can provide. Please contact the City's Floodplain Manager at 671-5261.

floodplain construction requirements as new buildings. SI is defined as any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the fair market value of the structure (excluding land value) before the start of the new construction.

- **Substantial Damage (SD)** – Substantially damaged structures (a structure damaged by fire, earthquake, flood and etc. so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's value before it was damaged) in the SFHA must also meet the same floodplain construction requirements as new buildings.

For additional information on the City's Floodplain Management Program, visit the City's website at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/flood) or contact the City's Floodplain Manager at 671-5261 ♣



### Going Green—good for business and the environment

Local business owners—you can improve your bottom line. Shoppers can make smart choices, get what they need, and reduce their environmental impact by buying green. One way to do all this is through the Bay Area Green Business Program, which has operated in the nine Bay Area counties for over 10 years.

In Pleasant Hill there are about 28 certified businesses and hundreds more throughout the Bay Area. Our business community can make great strides here, and locals can help by choosing certified businesses in Pleasant Hill and throughout the Bay Area as many local certified green businesses have an online presence. Through this program, business owners can learn simple ways of cutting costs in solid waste removal, energy use, and just by making more thoughtful choices about daily operations.

The program works through the use of a checklist which provides both mandatory and optional methods. Initially created to address pollution from auto repair businesses, the program has expanded over the years to include almost all business types. Large chain grocers, waste removal companies, consulting and financial firms, small businesses, and home-based businesses all can participate in the program. The Shoreline Amphitheater in 2010 became the first

major music venue to become a certified Green Business.

The program is important in two ways. First, it helps to educate and empower business owners to make direct environmental impact reductions.



For example, in the solid waste category certified businesses are mandated to stop providing bottled water to customers and employees. If the goal is

to provide a more comfortable or pleasant experience for patrons, a water dispenser and reusable cups—or even, dare we say it, a pitcher of tap water can demonstrate a greater attention to detail and to the customer’s experience. Find creative ways to make this an opportunity for customer service. It can also plant the seed of: “This business is different, why don’t they have water bottles here?” Second, as more businesses adopt the program, it will become the new normal. Clients and customers will come to expect it, and many will choose the certified business when trying

to distinguish between competitive options. Certification is not difficult, but does require some focus and persistence to navigate the checklist and coordinate the process. While anyone who can manage a business can understand the process, there is help available at no cost. Program staff can answer questions on the phone or via email and will visit your business to determine the best approach. Contact Claudia Pingatore at 335-3200 or visit the Greenbiz website: [www.greenbiz.ca.gov](http://www.greenbiz.ca.gov) and click on “Green Your Business.”

The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Green Business Committee also can provide free assistance to business owners through its mentor program. Contact Rob McKie, chairperson, at 472-0344 to find a mentor or call the chamber at 687-0700. If you’re interested in shopping with a difference, find certified green businesses at the above website and search by county, city, and business type. ♣

### Compost workshop

The City is hosting free home composting workshops during 2011 and offering residents high-quality compost bins for \$40 for those who attend a workshop. Composting your yard trimmings and food scraps is easy, great for your yard and garden, kind to our environment and good for you too! Save money, save water, and conserve natural resources. Find out how by attending a free workshop - register now by calling Annette Kaufmann at 925-671-5265 or online at [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/compost..](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/compost..)

The first two workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7pm and Tuesday, March 22 at 7pm in the large community room at City Hall. Please note that the March workshop will concentrate on worm composting with worm bins available for purchase at the discounted rate of \$50.

**3% Interest\*\*** **Attention Pleasant Hill Homeowners!**

**Is your home modernized and efficient?**

**BEFORE** **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.

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

City of Pleasant Hill  
EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

**925.671.5266**

\*Program has certain restrictions and qualification criteria

## Are you CERT qualified?

Do what about 300 of your fellow Pleasant Hill citizens are proud of—become a trained member of Pleasant Hill's COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT).

This is a “neighbor-helping-neighbor” program developed after the 1987 Whittier Narrows earthquake in Los Angeles, to allow us to help each other until police, firefighters, or medical professionals can take over rescue and relief efforts.

CERT members are people (age 16 and up) who are trained to prepare for disasters and to respond to the needs of their families and neighbors in the event of disaster. An earthquake is only one situation which CERT training teaches us to deal with.

When you take the 18-hour class (six 3-1/2 hour sessions, one night a week) you will learn to prepare yourself, your home, your workplace,

and even your car to support you through the first chaotic hours and days after a disaster. The CERT course covers: Disaster Preparation, Fire Safety and Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology, and safely reacting to acts of terrorism. The final class gives you an opportunity to put into practice what you have learned. Optional ongoing quarterly refresher drills and monthly meetings keep those skills honed and fresh in your mind.

Sound easy? It is! The classes are hands-on and participatory and always follow the first rule of CERT—keep yourself safe so you can help as many



people as possible. You decide how much you feel comfortable doing. CERT has a place for people of all skills and abilities.

To sign up for the next CERT class starting on Monday, February 7, 2010, go to [www.pleasanthillcertsignup.com](http://www.pleasanthillcertsignup.com). For more information about CERT, go to [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us) and click on Disaster Preparedness. You may also call the Pleasant Hill Police Department (sponsor of Pleasant Hill CERT) at 288-4600.\*

*\*To become enrolled in a Pleasant Hill Class you must be a resident of Pleasant Hill; there is also a \$20.00 fee for supplies, payable at the first class.*

## Make a difference—join the CCC Civil Grand Jury

Contra Costa County's watchdog agency, the Civil Grand Jury, is an arm of the Superior Court. Unlike a criminal Grand Jury, this jury does not hear cases, but is an investigative body. It devotes a year of dedicated service to keep careful watch over various aspects of our county government.

A new Grand Jury is selected every year. Grand Jurors devote a year of dedicated service to keep careful watch over a myriad of our county's services. They work to ensure that all parts of our county government are acting in the best interest for all citizens of Contra Costa County. They keep their eyes on our education system, health department, law enforcement, and fire fighting agencies and financial offices. When any of these agencies do not perform effectively, Grand Jurors ask the tough questions and make the recommendations that are needed to make changes.

Recent Grand Juries have uncovered questionable practices and issued reports on such things as the county's many pension problems, dwindling resources for elder care, foster children in jeopardy, truancy, and impropriety in local government. The Grand Jury also shines a

light on the good work being done by various entities within the county.

If you've ever suspected irresponsible, unethical, or wasteful practices in county government and wished something could be done about them, you may be interested in serving as a member of the Grand Jury. If you enjoy investigation, critical thinking and fact finding, you just may be the person Contra Costa County needs to help save taxpayer dollars and optimize county services.

### The qualifications for being a Grand Juror

You must:

- Be a citizen of the United States, age 18 or older and a resident of the county for at least one year.
- Possess ordinary intelligence, sound judgment and fair character.
- Possess sufficient knowledge of the English language.



- Never have been convicted of a felony, malfeasance or other high crime.
- Be able to commit to 20 hours a week to this undertaking.

It is beneficial to be able to work collaboratively and to feel a genuine interest and connection to the tasks at hand. Former Grand Jurors would assure you that this commitment is challenging and gratifying.

To apply, please fill out an application that you can download from the Contra Costa County Grand Jury website ([www.cc-courts.org/grandjury](http://www.cc-courts.org/grandjury)). The applications for the year 2011/2012 must be submitted by April 15, 2011. ♣

## Winter activities at the Senior Center

### ★ Taste of the Vine

Relax from your week and casually sip on a glass of wine with friends. We will have a variety of red and white wines for you to select from plus light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Non-alcoholic beverages available. Sponsored by the Chateaus of Pleasant Hill.

- ❑ Friday, Dec 10, 4 pm–6pm
- ❑ Senior Ctr.: 233 Gregory Lane
- ❑ Fee: \$6 presale/ \$8 at the door

### ★ Bunco

Potluck at 4pm, Bunco begins at 5pm. Fun & friendly atmosphere where no prior knowledge of the game is necessary! Buy your ticket at the Senior Center!

- ❑ Sunday, Jan 30, Feb 27, 2-5:00pm
- ❑ Senior Ctr.:  
233 Gregory Lane, Bldg. 2
- ❑ Tickets: \$4 plus bring  
potluck item to feed 4 people.

### ★ Crab Feed

Annual fundraiser! All you can eat fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert! Don't miss the 50/50 raffle and other chances to win! Buy your tickets early, this is a sell-out event!

- ❑ Friday, Jan 28, 6pm
- ❑ Senior Ctr, 233 Gregory Lane
- ❑ Tickets: \$35 Members/ \$40 General

### ★ Monthly Pancake Breakfast

The monthly pancake breakfast now features French Toast! Enjoy a bottomless plate of either one with eggs, sausage, and orange juice.

- ❑ 1st Sunday of every month /  
9am–11am (note that  
January is cancelled)
- ❑ Senior Ctr.:  
233 Gregory Lane, Bldg. 2
- ❑ Fee: \$3.50 ages 11 and up / \$2.50  
ages 5 to 10 / FREE ages 4 & under



### ★ Mardi Gras Celebration

Celebrate Mardi Gras, New Orleans Style. Come dressed in festive attire! Light appetizers and wine will be served. Sponsored by the Chateaus.

- ❑ Tuesday, Mar 1, 3-5:00pm
- ❑ Senior Ctr: 233 Gregory Lane
- ❑ Presale: \$6 (includes 2 tasting tickets)  
/ At the door \$8

## New Board of Directors for Recreation & Park District

At the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Board of Directors meeting on December 2, the Board welcomed newly-elected Board member Bobby Glover and expressed appreciation to Joe Hurd for his three years of service on the Board. Also congratulated on their reelection in November were Sandra Bonato and Cecile Shepard.

Sherry Sterrett, Board Chair for 2010, was honored for serving her fourth successful term as Chair and Sandra Bonato was elected to serve as Board Chair for the coming year.

Sterrett thanked fellow District Board members and staff for achieving a good number of goals and for continuing the District's successful regular programming, in addition to working on the passing of Measure E. "It was a busy year for staff," said Sterrett, "and the Board appreciates them immensely."

When Bonato took the gavel, she acknowledged the considerable challenges ahead in 2011—including the start of the new Senior and Teen Centers to be constructed. She also mentioned the design of the new Community Center and welcomed community input.

She continued, "The economy hasn't passed our District by and reduced tax revenues and budgetary constraints will be one of the first and primary challenges our Board faces in 2011. As we tighten our belts in ways that might be invisible to many, please stop our staff members when you see them and thank them for all they do."

The 2011 Board of Directors for Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District will be led by Chair Sandy Bonato, Vice Chair Dennis Donaghu, Secretary Bobby Glover, and members Cecile Shepard and Sherry Sterrett. Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7pm at the Park District Administration office, 147 Gregory Lane. The public is welcome to attend. ♣



**Pleasant Hill  
Recreation & Park District**  
People, Parks, and Programs since 1951  
[www.pleasanthillrec.com](http://www.pleasanthillrec.com)

## Puppets and Programs!

### Nick Barone Puppets presents

#### T-Rex Thunderlizard's Wild West Revue

Join us on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30pm for this musical comedy cowboy variety show of prehistoric proportions. A cast of over twenty friendly dinosaurs, dressed as cowboys, will entertain you with songs, jokes and skits. This fun-filled romp through the Wild West includes over a dozen different kinds of dinosaurs. It is chock full of dinosaur facts and it is lots of fun to boot! Saddle up for a rip-roarin' trip back to the Jurassic. YEE HAW!

Keep an eye on our calendar at [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org) for more performances this Winter for families. Parents also won't want to miss our weekly storytimes for babies and toddlers every Wednesday at 11:15am and for preschoolers every Thursday at 11:15am. For more information call the library at 646-6434 or visit us at 1750 Oak Park Blvd.

### Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Help an Adult Learn to Read!

Would you like to help an adult learn to read, write and spell better? Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program, announces training for volunteer literacy tutors. Training begins Wednesday, January 26, 2011 from 6:30–8:30pm and continues January 29 and February 5 from 9:00am–3:00pm. All 14 hours are required.

Registration for the training opens December 15th, and no previous teaching experience is required. For more information, please visit our website at [www.ccclib.org/psc](http://www.ccclib.org/psc) or call us at 927-3250. Together we can and do make a difference!

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

## Rentals available at Winslow Center

Looking for the perfect spot for an upcoming birthday, anniversary, or award celebration? Consider the Winslow Center on the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Taylor. It's one of the best and most economical party spaces available in the area at \$90/hour with a 4-hour minimum—and Pleasant Hill residents qualify for a 10% discount.

The spacious upstairs assembly room accommodates up to 100 with a scenic view of beautiful Mt. Diablo and the Mangini Farms. It's perfect for presentations or shows, with a small stage at one end. There is plenty of free parking, an elevator, and your choice of availability on Saturday nights or all day Sundays. For information, call Debbie Dent at Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District at 676-5200.

## News from JFK...

### JFK University spearheads support for entrepreneurs

In October 2010, John F. Kennedy University established the Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership (IEL) at its Pleasant Hill campus to create a collaborative, cross-sector program for supporting entrepreneurial development and job growth in Contra Costa County.



The Director for the Institute is Dr. Raul Deju, a successful and seasoned executive who has served as Chairman, CEO or COO of medium and large international public companies.

Entrepreneurship has become a driving force for job creation across the country. Growth in entrepreneurship has created a rising demand for training and resources among current and prospective entrepreneurs, many of whom are students preparing to enter the workforce.

The IEL aims to be an "agent of change" by creating interdisciplinary entrepreneurship and leadership linkages across business, government, and non-profit sectors. The IEL has formed partnerships with the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center, the Keiretsu Forum, and the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center of San Francisco. The IEL will offer entrepreneurs access to:

- Mentors who can provide real-life, practical advice in starting and growing businesses
- Business incubators and accelerators in the Bay Area
- Resources for starting a business, including facilitating access to financing
- Workshops/events bringing together lenders, investors, entrepreneurs, and community leaders

The IEL also has an education and training program at JFK University that provides entrepreneurs the skills they need to start up, thrive, and grow. This spring, JFK University will be offering:

- A specialization in entrepreneurship in the Master of Business Administration program in the College of Professional Studies
- A professional Certificate program in entrepreneurship through the University's Extended University Division

For more information about the IEL and its programs, visit [www.jfku.edu](http://www.jfku.edu) or call Dr. Deju at 969-3157. ♣

### Upcoming JFK University Events Pleasant Hill Campus—100 Ellinwood Way

- **Saturday, January 30, 10:30am Campus Open House.** Meet faculty to learn about the programs. Attend to receive an application fee waiver.
- **Thursday, February 3, 7pm Kennedy Lecture** – "Building Workforce Strength" with author and consultant Ron Elsdon

## Working towards a better community....



### Many organizations contribute to Veteran's Day celebration

A Veteran's Day Celebration and Outreach was held at the P.H. Community Center on November 11 and was attended

by over 300 Veterans, families, and friends. The event was to give local residents an opportunity to say "Thank You For Your Service" to both the vets and their families.

The event was hosted by the Pleasant Hill and Martinez Rotary Clubs, Pleasant Hill Lions Club, Diablo Valley College Veterans Club, Contra Costa County Veterans Services, Employment Development Department, Pleasant Hill VFW, Pleasant Hill American Legion, City of Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill Police Department, Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce and the California Employment Law Training Center.

Guests were served breakfast prepared by the P.H. Lions Club while enjoying the entertainment provided by pianist Steve Cram and Soloist David Chavez and the singing of the ABC Singers. The Lions were ably assisted by Cub Scout Pack 405 in preparing the breakfast.

Several local service organizations provided information booths concerning services for veterans.

The hosts look forward to a second annual event in 2011. ♣



### Active season for Rotarians

During the holiday season, members of Pleasant Hill Rotary kept very busy participating in Meals on Wheels deliveries, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Christmas for Everyone, and their annual sock drive.

The club meets weekly for a lunch meeting on Thursday. For information on becoming a member of Rotary or Interact, call President Tina Young at 676-5200. ♣

### Pleasant Hill Lions Club busy as always!

On December 8, 2010, the Lions served hamburgers and hot dogs and also sponsored one of the family activities at the Annual Pleasant Hill Holiday Festival at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. All funds raised were donated back to the community. Continuing the holiday theme, the Lions served a holiday luncheon on December 13, 2010, to the clients of the Diablo Valley Blind Center located in Pittsburg. The Club supports this Blind Center as well as the Center for the Visually Impaired in Oakland.

Coming up on Friday, January 21, 2011, is the Club's largest fundraiser of the year—the 38th Annual Crab Feed. Enjoy all the crab, pasta, salad and bread you can eat! There is also a raffle, silent auction, dancing and a \$400 cash door prize! This event usually sells out. For tickets, call Don Flaskerud at 676-5859. The ticket price of \$45 includes the dinner and dancing.

If you want to learn more about and/or join the Pleasant Hill Lions Club, call Ken Wombacher at 687-0858.

### Pleasant Hill Community Foundation awards youth grants

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation recently announced its 2010 Youth Grant Awards. The proceeds from the 10th Annual Pleasant Hill Sunvalley Golf Classic held last May provided the funding to fulfill all of their grant requests this year.

Health promotion projects, community organizations, recreation groups, music programs, youth theater, reading improvement projects, science programs and child care all benefited from the Youth Grant Awards.

Betty Geishirt Cantrell, President and Youth Grant Awards Chair, stated, "The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation is very thankful to all the people who have participated in a decade of our Golf Classics. Their generosity has enabled the creation of meaningful opportunities for the youth of Pleasant Hill. We are also very excited to have youth join us in evaluating the grant applications—one way we strive to build future philanthropists."

This year's Youth Grant Award recipients include:

- Contra Costa Sheriff Search & Rescue for "Youth Recruiting"
- College Park High School for "Reading Comprehension Intervention"
- College Park High School PTSA for "Growing Healthy Youth"
- Diablo Theatre Company for "Performing Arts Academy's Triple Threat Technique"
- Gardens at Heather Farms for "Natural Science Classroom"
- Gregory Gardens Elementary PTA for "Gators Achieving Confidence through Theater"

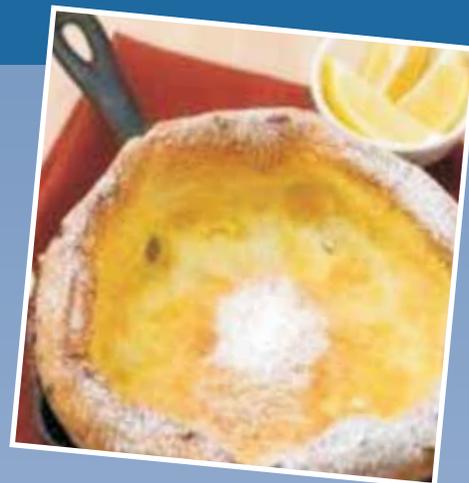
- Martinez Pleasant Hill Futbol Club for "Grass Roots Soccer"
- Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District for "KIDSTOP Storage Unit Upgrade"
- Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, Aquatic Program for "Pool Pace Clock"
- Sequoia Middle School Music Boosters for "PA System for Music Program"

The 11th Annual Pleasant Hill Golf Classic has been moved to October 2011 and the Foundation members invite everyone to join them for a fun day that supports the youth of Pleasant Hill. It will be accepting proposals for the Community Grant Awards in the spring of 2011.

Applications will be available at [www.PHCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.PHCommunityFoundation.org).

# THE CHEF IS IN

This column is intended to highlight the many fine restaurants in the city. In particular, it will feature recently established restaurants, new menus, or existing businesses. This month the focus is on a new restaurant in town—  
The Original Pancake House.



## The Original Pancake House opens for discerning breakfast connoisseurs

Founded in 1953, The Original Pancake House is now part of the Downtown Pleasant Hill landscape. On November 18, 2010, State Controller John Chiang along with Pleasant Hill Mayor Karen Mitchoff, Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce dignitaries, and others cut the ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of the restaurant.



With over half a century of time-tested recipes, The Original Pancake House has been a household name in 28 States coast to coast. It is a family-owned business that currently has more than 100 franchisees. The restaurant is considered a high-end pancake house serving breakfast and lunch. Their recipes demand only the very finest ingredients such as 93 score butter, pure whipping cream, fresh Grade AA eggs, hardwheat unbleached flour, and their sourdough yeast made in their own kitchen.

Their whipped butter is just that—nothing added. Their blueberries are the finest, plump berries available. Their lingonberries are imported from Sweden. Their coffee is specially blended just for their own use, developed to complement their customers' meals. Their orange juice is squeezed daily. Their pepper is cracked, not finely ground. Their ham and Canadian Bacon are sugar cured hickory smoked. Their link and patty sausages are their own special recipes.



The specialties of the house are numerous. The top two are the Apple Pancake and the Dutch Baby. The Apple Pancake starts with sautéing Granny Smith Apples peeled and sliced daily, then pure Sinkiang cinnamon and pancake batter is added to the pan before the pan is placed in the oven. The Apple Pancake is ready to be served when the apples on top develop a nice cinnamon glaze.

The Dutch Baby is a smaller version of a German Pancake. It is similar to a soufflé that is light, airy and fluffy. They serve the dish with fresh whipped butter, powdered sugar and freshly cut lemons. The balance between the sugar and the tartness does a dancing number on your palates!

The Original Pancake House was founded by Les Hight and Erma Hueneke. Drawing upon their many years of experience in the culinary field and their comprehensive working knowledge of authentic national and ethnic pancake recipes, they were able to create and offer without compromise unique and original recipes that have gained national acclaim and remain unchanged to this day.

The Original Pancake House is located at 2059 Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, at the corner of Contra Costa Boulevard and Gregory Lane. It is open 7 days a week from 7am to 2:30pm on Monday through Thursday and 7am to 3:00pm from Friday to Sunday. Visit [www.originalpancakehouse.com](http://www.originalpancakehouse.com) for the menu and further information. ♣

## 2010 Community Awards in Pleasant Hill....

The 40th Annual Community Awards Night was celebrated at the Pleasant Hill Community Center on November 17. This event is hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, City of Pleasant Hill and the Recreation & Park District each November to honor businesses and residents who have contributed in many ways to enhancing the Pleasant Hill community.

Listed below are some of the award highlights from a very successful evening.

### **Citizen of the Year: Sheila Cotruvo**

Sheila Cotruvo has been a long time resident of Pleasant Hill and has touched the lives of many families in this community. She currently volunteers at Valhalla Elementary, serves on the Civic Action Commission, the Blues & Brews Festival Committee, and the Art, Jazz & Wine Committee and continues to be a huge supporter of teen programs in Pleasant Hill. Sheila's energy and willingness to help organizations and people in Pleasant Hill is inspiring, and the title of Citizen of the Year is richly deserved.

### **Community Plus: Katrina Hunn**

This award is bestowed on an employee of one of the three sponsoring organizations of the Community Awards Night – PH Recreation & Park District, PH Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pleasant Hill. This year's recipient, Katrina Hunn, is the Teen & Events Coordinator for the Recreation & Park District. Katrina has been a driving force in recent years in promoting teen programs and activities throughout Pleasant Hill, and has led fundraising efforts to support these

programs including the Garage Band Series Concert Benefit and the inaugural Blues & Brews Festival.

### **Business Person of the Year: Chris and Victoria Bankerd – Pleasant Hill Wine Merchants**

Chris & Victoria Bankerd, owners of Pleasant Hill Wine Merchants, have contributed generously to the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation Golf Tournament, Lions Club Crab Feed, College Park Boosters Crab Feed, Taste of Pleasant Hill, Christ the King Crab Feed, and many other events. Without their support none of these events and programs would be as successful as they have been in recent years.

### **Teen of the Year: Michaela Bogert**

Michaela worked as a student volunteer in the Primary Care department at Kaiser Permanente in Martinez, CA. She assisted facility staff with patients and administrative duties and was very friendly and caring, always wanting to go the extra mile for Kaiser members.

### **Educator of the Year: Lila Salem**

Lila Salem, Valhalla Elementary School teacher, has been teaching for 25 years. During that time, she has touched the lives of over 600 individual children, not to mention those she has tutored in the

Reading Lab and after school at Valhalla Elementary. Lila is best described as kind, considerate, dedicated and always consistent with student behavior and expectations.

### **Mayor's Award: Tim Flaherty**

Mayor Karen Mitchoff chose Tim Flaherty to receive the 2010 Mayor's Award. In doing so, she paid tribute to his leadership as chair of the Civic Action Commission which organizes the Summer Concerts by the Lake Series, Community Service Day, and is currently heading up efforts to celebrate the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in 2011. Tim is also a member of the Planning Commission and a long time resident in the Poets Corner neighborhood.

### **Other award winners**

- Chamber Board Appreciation Award: **Faye Donaghu & Michelle Kaus**
- Ambassador of the Year Award: **Rod Harris**
- Business Hall of Fame Award: **Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District**
- Community Service Award (Recreation & Park District): **Allied Waste Services and Preschool Parent Committee**
- Recreation & Park District Board Appreciation Award: **Sheila and Paul Cotruvo and Pat Tester**
- Community Foundation Cornerstone Award: **Dan Stone**



## What's happening in the community....

Diablo Valley College:  
Department of Drama presents...

### The Comedy of Errors

The *Comedy of Errors* is one of William Shakespeare's earliest plays, believed to have been written between 1592 and 1594. It is his shortest and one of his most farcical comedies, with a major part of the humor coming from slapstick, mistaken identity, puns and wordplay.

The play tells the story of two sets of identical twins that were accidentally separated at birth. It displays a series of wild mishaps based on mistaken identities leading to wrongful beatings, a near-seduction, arrests, and accusations of infidelity, theft, madness, and possession.

Directed by Beth McBrien

#### When, where, and how much

- January 28- February 13, 2011; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm, Sundays at 2:30pm. Free Theatre Insights (open to the public, in the Performing Arts Center (PAC): Tuesday, Jan 25, 2011 at 12:30pm.
  - Main Stage, PAC at DVC, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. Box Office: 687-4445, [www.dvcdrama.net](http://www.dvcdrama.net)
  - Tickets \$10-20
- Outreach student matinees: Jan 3 and 11 (educators: please visit [www.dvcdrama.net](http://www.dvcdrama.net) or call 687-4445 for details)



**We're Saving  
a place for you!**  
at the annual "Mayor's Breakfast"

**January 28 ♦ 7:45-9:00am ♦ \$28**  
Back Forty Texas BBQ  
100 Coggins Drive  
RSVP Ingrid at 687-0700



### Exercise your fitness resolution!

You've got excellent choices this New Year for great fitness classes at the Winslow Center—close to home and the parking is easy! Classes are held in the spacious upper-level Assembly Room.

Choose from Yoga, Pilates, Qigong, Karate, and Jazzercise—or make your own combination for fitness! Jazzercise classes are held mornings from 9-10am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and evenings Mondays through Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm. On Thursday mornings, a new Pilates Mat Class is offered at 10:30am. Hatha Yoga and Sugi (gentle) Yoga are also

available. Check the Spare Time Spotlight at [www.pleasanthillrec.com](http://www.pleasanthillrec.com) and choose a class that fits your schedule. With choices like these, you'll accomplish your resolutions easier than ever!

Mt. Diablo Center for Adult Day Health Care

### 36th Annual Crab Feed—"Eat to Your Heart's Content"

- Saturday, February 12, 2011; 6:00 Cocktails ~ 7:00 Dinner
- Live auction and raffle
- Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive

Send checks/reservations to: Mt. Diablo Center, 490 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Fax your reservation to: 674-6991. Call 682-6330 for additional information. Reservations are a must — no tickets at the door.

\$10.00 per meal deductible as allowed by IRS regulations Tax ID# 94-2822559. Benefits the Alzheimer's and Adult Day Health Care Programs.

## Our rockin' community! Events for January and February 2011

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jan 21	PH Lions Crab Feed	PH Community Center	PH Lions	676-5859
Jan 25	T-Rex Thunderlizard's Revue	PH Library	PH Library	646-6434
Jan 28	Mayor's Breakfast	Back Forty Texas BBQ	PH Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Jan 28	Crab Feed	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Feb 3, 11	Comedy of Errors	DVC Theatre	DVC Drama Dept	687-4445
Feb 11	Taste of the Vine	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Feb 12	Crab Feed	PH Community Center	Mt Diablo Center/Adult Day Health Care	682-6330
Feb 19	Special Olympics Crab Feed	PH Community Center	PHPD	288-4619
Mar 1	Mardi Gras Celebration	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788

## 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](mailto:Kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).



### New businesses August 2010

**Christopher Aguirre** (Massage Therapy)  
140 Crescent Dr., 8A  
925-682-8881

**Giggles** (Indoor Play Center)  
548 Contra Costa Blvd., "M"  
925-798-3000

**Huong Thanh Phan** (Nails/Waxing)  
2243 Morello Avenue  
925-363-7723

**Jin W. Pak, D.C.** (Chiropractic Office)  
1610 Oak Park Blvd., #2  
925-943-2222

**Pleasant Hill Wellness Center**  
(Retail Health & Nutrition Products)  
238 Golf Club Rd.  
925-798-1474

**Pleasant Hill Road Shell**  
(Gas Station/Snack Shop)  
2401 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-979-0560

**Theresa Nidetz-Reiki Master**  
(Energy Healing Work-Reiki)  
140 Mayhew Way, #200  
925-899-1949

**Baking Hut, LLC** (Baked Goods)  
925-297-4433

**Ben Services Group**  
(Home Repairs/Janitorial/Landscaping)  
925-954-8510

**Bluebird Nutrition**  
(Nutritional Educator & Consultant)  
925-998-0211

**CM Inspection** (Quality Control  
Consulting & Inspection)  
925-825-8416

**Greater Bay Sales Group**  
(Manufacturer's Representative)  
925-323-3086

**Javier Bujanda** (Consultant)  
925-470-0700

**Leslie A. Scatena**  
(Dispatcher/Secretary for DVW)  
925-787-5081

### New businesses November 2010

**Ecosoft Technologies**  
(Telecommunications/  
Engineering Consultant)  
3478 Buskirk Ave., #1029  
916-333-0307

**Nicole Beasley, PhD**  
(Psychotherapy Practice)  
399 Taylor Blv.d, #210  
925-685-9463

**Original Pancake House**  
2059 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-798-3081

**Panda Paw Massage Therapy**  
2367 Pleasant Hill Road  
925-472-0852

**Quality Christmas Trees**  
508 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-457-4932

**Avicenna Remedies**  
(Fruit & Vegetable Juices)  
510-508-1330

**GPM Tax & Financial Services**  
(Bookkeeping/Tax Preparation)  
925-207-8301

**Josh Isaacs Photography**  
925-285-7316

## Tax-Aide's free tax preparation

FREE tax preparation for the 2011 tax season will again be offered by Tax-Aide's AARP sponsored program. The service, provided by IRS certified tax preparers, is available starting February 2011.

Tax-Aide does not specify an income limit but the service targets low and moderate income taxpayers of any age with special attention given to seniors 60 plus. In addition, Tax-Aide partners with *United Way's Earn It, Keep It, Save It* program by serving their target population—taxpayers whose household incomes do not exceed \$49,000.

### Fast, free, confidential tax help near you!

All across Contra Costa County, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers help individuals and families claim their maximum tax refund through the Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Contra Costa Campaign. If you earned less than \$49,000 in 2010, you can take advantage of this quality tax return preparation service—and it's absolutely free. You may also qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which could mean a refund of up to \$5,666.

### Earn It! Keep It! Save It!

Contra Costa will file your taxes electronically, so you can get your refund in about a week. Last year, almost 52,000 Bay Area families filed their taxes with Earn It! Keep It! Save It! They avoided hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees and "rapid refund" loans, and you can too! To find a site near you, and to find out what documents to bring, dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org](http://www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org).

Beginning January 2, 2011, for information or to make an appointment for the Tax-Aide site serving the Pleasant Hill area, please call 405-6011, Hillcrest Congregational Church site. ♣



## City Meetings

### JANUARY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
<b>Mon 3</b>	City offices closed for New Year's Day Holiday	
<b>Wed 5</b> 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Wed 5</b> 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Thu 6</b> 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Mon 10</b> 7:30pm	City Council/ Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
<b>Tue 11</b> 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
<b>Tue 11</b> 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
<b>Thu 13</b> 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
<b>Mon 17</b>	City offices closed for Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday	
<b>Thu 20</b> 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Mon 24</b> 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency/ City Council	Council Chambers
<b>Tue 25</b> 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
<b>Wed 26</b> 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Hall Community Room
<b>Thu 27</b> 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
<b>Thu 27</b> 5:00pm	Redevelopment Advisory Commission	City Hall Large Community Room

### FEBRUARY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
<b>Wed 2</b> 9:00am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Wed 2</b> 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Thu 3</b> 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Mon 7</b> 7:30pm	City Council/ Redevelopment Agency	Council Chambers
<b>Tue 8</b> 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
<b>Tue 8</b> 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
<b>Thu 10</b> 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
<b>Mon 14</b>	City offices closed for Lincoln's Birthday Holiday	
<b>Thu 17</b> 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
<b>Mon 21</b>	City offices closed for Washington's Birthday Holiday	
<b>Tue 22</b> 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
<b>Wed 23</b> 7:00pm	Education/Schools Advisory Commission	City Hall Community Room
<b>Thu 24</b> 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
<b>Mon 28</b> 7:30pm	Redevelopment Agency/ City Council	Council Chambers



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**City Council meetings are broadcast  
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**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 March/April is February 4. Ideas are always welcome. Local non-profit groups may submit articles to the Public Information Officer at 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. For information, call Martin Nelis at 671-5229, fax to 680-0294, or email to [mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).

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Police (Business)	288-4600
Fire (Business)	941-3300
Public Services Center	671-4646
Chamber of Commerce	687-0700
Recreation & Parks	682-0896
PH Bayshore Disposal	685-4711
PG&E	800-743-5000
Senior Center	798-8788
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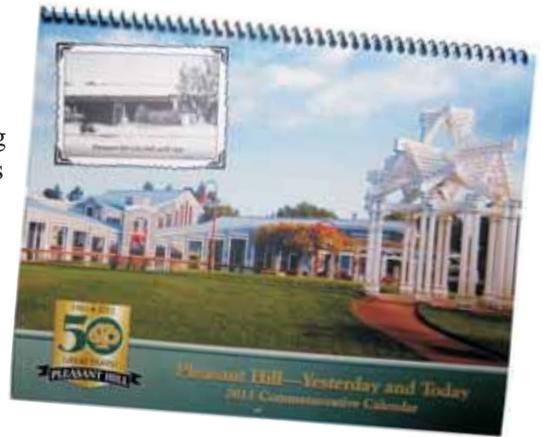
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### Start your New Year with new City calendar

As part of our year-long celebration of Pleasant Hill's 50th anniversary, we have designed and printed a 2011 commemorative calendar. The colorful calendar is filled with photos of Pleasant Hill past and present, along with historical notations.



They are available to the public for \$10 each and can be obtained at the following locations:

- Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, 671-5270
- Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, 91 Gregory Lane, Ste 11, 687-0700
- Diablo Trophies & Awards, 1922 Contra Costa Blvd, 680-0155

'Tis the season for...  
**Crab Feeds!**  
 Support this great cause.



**LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN**  
UNITED TO SERVE

**DONATION \$40**  
 Door Prizes  
 Raffle / Auction  
 Seating is limited...  
 advance tickets required

Sponsorship opportunities available

**Sat • Feb 19, 2011**  
 Pleasant Hill Community Center • 320 Civic Dr

**PH Police Department Law Enforcement Torch Run**  
 Pleasant Hill Police Association cordially invites you to their 3rd annual

**CRAB FEED**  
 Benefiting Special Olympics Northern California  
 East Bay Region Athletes



5:00pm door opens  
 6:30pm dinner

**Dinner menu**  
 Crab, salad, bread, pasta, dessert, and coffee.

No Host beer, wine, soda, bottled water,  
 Please—no outside alcohol

Buy your ticket NOW! Seating is limited. This event is selling out fast! Tickets must be obtained in advance by contacting Sgt Gary Brown 288-4619 or CSO Tom Mueller at 288-4600 OR purchase tickets online at <http://crabfeedeastbay.com>. No tickets will be sold at the door. Table reservations accepted for table of 8.