



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: June W. Catalano, City Manager

DATE: April 22, 2010

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATES**

**GENERAL UPDATE**

- City Facebook Page – The City now has an official Facebook page. It will be used to promote City events, news announcements, projects and programs, as well as enhance communication and interaction with residents, businesses and others interested in Pleasant Hill happenings. Most of the postings to this page will simply link back to the appropriate document or page on our main City website. The Facebook link is: <http://www.pleasant-hill.net/facebook>. Please contact Martin Nelis at 671-5229 regarding any comments or suggestions on how to improve the Facebook page.
- Outlook Newsletter – The online versions of both the Outlook Newsletter and the insert “City At Work” for May-June 2010 are now available on the city website at the following links: [www.pleasant-hill.net/outlook](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/outlook) and [www.pleasant-hill.net/insert](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/insert)

**PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Building Division**

- Downtown (15 “A” Crescent Drive) – A permit has been issued for interior remodel work at Bed Bath & Beyond, consisting of racking, shelving and lighting upgrades.
- Lisa Lane Commons (2200 Lisa Lane) – Plans have been submitted for review, comment and approval to construct an arbor and trellis in the common area of the complex.
- Fire Restoration (622 “B” Contra Costa Boulevard) – Plans have been submitted for review, comment and approval to repair the interior and prepare the space for a new tenant (previously Quiznos).

## **Engineering Division**

- Diablo Valley College (DVC) Regional Transit Center – The contractor, Maxicrete, will be working in the northwest corner of Golf Club Road and Old Quarry Road in order to repair a recycled water line that was damaged during the installation of the new ADA-compliant curb ramp. Due to heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic at this intersection, work is scheduled to take place after 8:30 am on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Construction activities will include traffic control, excavating for the existing recycled water line, removal and replacement of the damaged section of pipe, and asphalt repair. Both the Maintenance Division and the Contra Costa Central Sanitary District have been notified by the Engineering Division of the upcoming work.
- Sherman Acres 2 Water Pipeline Project Night Work – The Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) contractor, California Trenchless, will begin work next week to install a small water pipe tie-in on the Pleasant Hill Plaza shopping center property off of Contra Costa Boulevard (CCB). This work includes both daytime and nighttime activities, including setting up traffic control on CCB and partially limiting the access to the Pleasant Hill Plaza at the shopping center’s CCB/Woodsworth Lane entrance. CCWD and the contractor have been working with City staff and shopping center representatives to minimize traffic impacts to businesses and the public. CCWD notified effected property owners, residents and tenants through the distribution of an informational flyer. Additionally, emergency services (such as Police and Fire) have been notified of the scheduled construction work.
- Encroachment Permits Underway

### Private

*Owner* – Install front yard retaining wall (no more than three feet tall) along the City right of way at 1897 Morello Avenue

### Utilities

*PG&E* – Relocate utility service pole at southwest corner of CCB at Taylor Boulevard

*AT&T* – Restore sidewalk after repairs at 416 Gladys Drive

*DVWS* – Repair main line water break at 506 Masefield Drive

## **Maintenance Division**

- Tree removal – A resident contacted the Maintenance Division several months ago to request an inspection of a neighbor’s Redwood tree located on Stevenson Drive. The resident’s concern was that the tree looked to be dead and could potentially fall over and cause damage. Upon examination of the tree, it was confirmed that the tree was dead and should be removed. The owner of the tree was subsequently contacted to request that the tree be removed. After numerous attempts without any response, a

letter was sent to the resident by the Code Enforcement staff requesting the tree be removed. A site visit last week revealed that the tree had been removed.

- Broken Water Pipeline – Over the weekend, the Police Department staff contacted the Maintenance staff concerning a possible water leak. The location of the water leak was identified to be on Masefield Drive near the intersection of Hawthorne Drive. Maintenance staff inspected the location and determined that a pipeline used by the Diablo Vista Water System (DVWS) to distribute irrigation water was leaking. Contact was made with DVWS staff and they turned off the water. Since a small section of the pavement was saturated, barricades were positioned to keep traffic off this area. DVWS is planning to perform the necessary pipeline repair work on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Engineering Division will be monitoring the work to ensure proper pavement restoration occurs.
- Woodsworth Lane Sidewalk Damage – Staff performed an inspection to follow up on a report that there was a hole in the sidewalk on Woodsworth Lane. It was found that the hole was the result of a PG&E utility pole base. A barricade was placed over the hole, and the area will be monitored to ensure that PG&E expedites the sidewalk repair.

### Planning Division

- Code Compliance

Selected highlights of weekly activity:

***Monument Boulevard*** – Staff is in the process of working with a commercial property owner in the Monument Boulevard area regarding a major abatement to address hoarding, junk and debris accumulation, and related fire hazards.

***Woodsworth Lane*** – A tree trimming service from Brentwood started storing a truck, chipper and other equipment on City property. Investigation revealed that the owner is not a licensed contractor, has employees with no workers' compensation insurance and was storing his equipment without approval. The equipment was removed that day, and all information regarding this contractor is being forwarded to the Contractors State License Board and Cal-OSHA.

***Camelback Road*** – Staff is reviewing a business operating out of a condominium in the Camelback area that appears to be functioning beyond the scope of the home occupation permit obtained from the City.

***Santa Cruz Road*** – Staff has commenced a full abatement for downed trees, weeds etc., on Santa Cruz Road arising from a complaint that was validated by the City arborist.

*Number of Contacts Made This Week* – 70 (includes phone calls, emails, courtesy notices, investigations, site visits, area patrols, internal requests for service, attendance at training sessions and other miscellaneous activities).

- Miscellaneous

*Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)* – Planning and Housing staff attended the ABAG General Assembly meeting on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Oakland. The focus was an in-depth discussion on new strategies for sustainable land use within the region.

*In & Out Burger (North Main Location)* – Planning staff held a public meeting this week to receive input regarding the proposed scope of analysis for the project’s environmental review. Approximately a dozen local residents attended the meeting, including staff from the City of Walnut Creek. Input from this meeting will be considered and addressed in the upcoming environmental review process for the project. A draft environmental document is expected to be ready for public review this summer.