



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: June W. Catalano, City Manager

DATE: October 6, 2011

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATES**

GENERAL UPDATE

- Moonlight Movie at City Hall – The Pleasant Hill Library and Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District are hosting a Moonlight Movie at City Hall on Friday, October 7th at 7:30 pm. The featured movie will be “James and the Giant Peach,” which is also the featured book in the Library’s “Pleasant Hill Reads” event during October as part of the City’s 50th Anniversary celebration. This classic Roald Dahl book was first published in 1961.
- Art, Jazz & Wine Festival – The 9th Annual Art, Jazz & Wine Fest is this weekend from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday in Downtown Pleasant Hill. The event features eight bands on the festival stage in the Plaza area, a host of kids’ entertainers, scores of arts and craft vendors on Crescent Drive, and a premium wine tent area. This is the largest event of the year for the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce. For more event details, go to <http://pleasanthillartjazzandwinefestival.com/>. The City will have a booth at the event in the usual location next to Cold Stone Creamery.

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Engineering Division

- Oak Park Boulevard/Patterson Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project – The Contractor has completed the installation of a new storm drain, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and drainage inlets along the south side of Oak Park Boulevard (in front of the auto repair shop). Temporary asphalt concrete ramps were installed at all intersection corners to provide all-weather pedestrian access; these will be replaced with permanent concrete ramps once the old poles and foundations are removed and the new signal system is in place. New pavement resurfacing along the project limits remains to be completed. The new traffic signal poles and hardware are currently

being manufactured and are scheduled to be delivered at the end of October. Recently, staff secured an additional \$220,000 through a Measure J Countywide Transportation for Livable Community (CC-TLC) Grant for this project. The project construction is currently funded with a \$240,000 Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program grant and \$245,000 in local funds. The secured CC-TLC grant will supplement and help offset the amount of local funds allocated for project construction.

- Pavement Management Technical Assistance Program (P-TAP) Round 12 – As part of State/Federal law, the City must document certification of its pavement management program. Staff applied for grant funds to supplement the cost of recertification. The City was awarded a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) P-TAP 12 grant in the amount of \$24,600 to survey the pavement condition of all City streets. The City’s matching contribution for the grant is \$6,600. MTC has entered into an agreement with AMS Consulting (a certified pavement survey company) to complete the survey work, update the City’s pavement management program and provide a summary report (anticipated in late November). The field survey work has started and will continue for approximately four weeks.
- Safeway (707 Contra Costa Boulevard) – On-site grading and drainage engineering permits were issued and improvements are underway. The proposed parking lot improvements include demolition and reconstruction of median parking islands, construction of new drainage facilities, ADA curb ramps and parking lot improvements. Approval for a new sewer lateral connection at Contra Costa Boulevard is being reviewed. Staff will condition the permit to conduct a portion of the work during the night in order to minimize traffic impacts to Diablo Valley College and along Contra Costa Boulevard.
- Encroachment Permits Underway

Utilities

PG&E – Repair gas lateral at 2096 Pleasant Hill Road

PG&E – Repair gas lateral on Hillsdale Drive at Vicki Lane

PG&E – Repair gas lateral on Patterson Boulevard at Dudley Court

PG&E – Repair gas lateral at 423 Soule Avenue

PG&E – Replace underground equipment on Pleasant Hill Road at Devon Way

AT&T – Access manhole on West Hookston for new fiber placement

Planning Division

- **Planning Commission**

No meeting scheduled.

- **Zoning Administrator**

No meeting scheduled.

- **Architectural Review Commission (ARC)**

The October 6th ARC meeting has been canceled. The two items scheduled for consideration will be heard on the October 20th agenda.

- **Code Compliance**

Selected highlights of weekly activity:

Unauthorized Special Events – Staff investigated complaints regarding the unauthorized use of an outdoor amphitheater associated with a private school during evening and weekend hours. The events were alleged to involve use of amplified sound and lighting in violation of the conditions of approval. Staff made contact with various neighbors adjacent to the project site and confirmed that the events had occurred. Planning staff is following up with the project applicant to address the violations of the conditions of approval.

Noise Complaints – Staff is investigating complaints received from neighbors of an assisted living facility on Oak Park Boulevard regarding early morning deliveries and loud equipment noise from the facility.

Staff Training – Staff attended training regarding environmental enforcement field sampling provided for Contra Costa County code enforcement officials by the California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association. The training addressed issues that arise in documenting violations pertaining to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) issues, hazardous materials cleanup and illegal dumping.

Number of Tasks Completed This Week – 46 (including 19 investigations, 2 courtesy notices, 4 sector patrols, 4 referrals to assist other agencies/divisions and various miscellaneous activities such as phone calls, emails, internal requests for service, counter coverage and attendance at training sessions).