

the OUTLOOK

of Pleasant Hill, California

Zachary's Pizza is opening soon in Downtown Pleasant Hill!



Zachary's Pizza was founded in July 1983 on College Avenue in Oakland in a tiny 900-square-foot store. The restaurant was a hit right away with its high quality, Chicago Style pizza. It soon expanded to Solano Avenue in Berkeley in the summer of 1984 followed by a San Ramon location in 2006, and its reputation has grown exponentially throughout the Bay Area. Now Zachary's is adding a fourth location right here in Downtown Pleasant Hill on Crescent Drive.

Kevin Suto, CEO of the 100% employee owned company, stated that they are really excited to be opening soon in Pleasant Hill. "We have already made so many connections with folks from the city and surrounding communities, and we haven't even opened the doors yet. We think the timing is perfect for us," he stated.

"The community is food savvy, and we believe will appreciate and support a high quality, independent locally owned restaurant like ours. We can't wait to serve our Zachary's fans in the area, and look forward to introducing our product to those unfamiliar as well," added Suto.

Zachary's is scheduled to open on Crescent Drive (opposite Century Theater) in late January. ♣



CEO Kevin Suto (center), VP Leandra Schuler, and Regional Manager Kate Erickson plan their new store in Pleasant Hill.

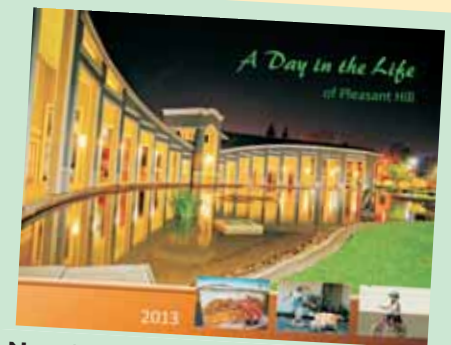
Community Awards Night at Back Forty Restaurant

The 42nd Annual Community Awards take place at Back Forty Restaurant on Thursday, January 17, 2013. The event includes nominees for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Teen of the Year, Community Plus, Teacher of the Year, and the Green Award.

If you would like to nominate a Pleasant Hill resident, business or organization for one of these awards, please go to www.pleasant-hill.net/awards to download the nomination forms.

Nominations for all awards are due by Friday, January 4 and can be emailed to ann@pleasanthillchamber.com or dropped off at the Pleasant Hill Chamber Office at 91 Gregory Lane, Suite 11.

The event begins at 5:30pm with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6:30pm and the awards program. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be obtained at the Rec & Park District offices. Call Katrina Hunn at 691-5645 for more information. RSVPs for the dinner and ticket purchases must be finalized by January 11. ♣



New City calendar! See more on page 16

Social media workshops at City Hall

The City of Pleasant Hill will hold a series of social media workshops designed to assist small businesses in quickly understanding and using social media as a means of marketing goods and services.

- Four workshops on Wednesdays
January 23, February 20, March 20, April 17 at 8-10am
- Community Room, City Hall,
100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

Each workshop will focus on one social media platform, with slide presentations that will be available to attendees. At the conclusion, each participant will have a basic working understanding of the use of a social media platform as a marketing tool.

The four workshops will cover the most important social media platforms. The first on January 23 will kick off with an introduction to and an overview of social media and then will dive into Google+ Local, Google Analytics, and Google Reviews. Each workshop will consist of training and time for Q&A. ♣



Low-cost electric vehicle charging in Pleasant Hill

Do you own a plug-in electric vehicle or are thinking about purchasing one and are concerned about where to recharge your battery in Pleasant Hill?

Thanks to the efforts of the City of Pleasant Hill and funding from 511 Contra Costa, Pleasant Hill residents can enjoy low-cost public electric vehicle charging (AC Level 1 and Level 2) at:

- 100 Gregory Lane (City Hall parking lot)
- 160 Crescent Drive (Downtown center parking garage)

Conveniently located near downtown Pleasant Hill, these electric vehicle charging stations will allow you to plug in, enjoy our local businesses, and be on your way!

You can also visit www.chargepoint.com to find the exact locations of these charging stations, to check if they are in use, or to reserve a time block to ensure you are recharged and ready to go.



If you are contemplating purchasing an electric vehicle, make sure to take advantage of the numerous federal/state incentive programs offered to offset the costs of these types of cars. Do your research into the following programs and you will be surprised at how much money you can save alongside the savings at the gas pump!

- Federal Plug-In Electric Vehicle Credit
- California Clean Vehicle Rebate Project
- California HOV/HOT Toll Lane Exemption

Pleasant Hill supports business

What started as a “Pilot” Program in April of 2012 to reach out and help small businesses in the City has been successful and will continue with additional funding that was approved by the City Council.

In June, 2012 the City Council approved funding for the Retail Marketing Incentive Program. The program provides sales tax-generating businesses in the City with professional assistance to develop a marketing plan and grant funding that enables them to implement marketing strategies. The City will provide a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to qualifying individual businesses and up to \$5,000 to cooperative advertising programs that include entire neighborhood or smaller shopping centers.

The businesses that have completed the program have enjoyed measurable increases in their businesses through the utilization of several marketing mediums. If you are a sales tax-generating business in the City of Pleasant Hill, and you are interested in increasing your customer base and improving your business, contact the City’s Economic Development Team for more information on how you can participate in this program.

Contact Kelly Calhoun at 925.671.5213 or email kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣

Republic Services now offering more recycling to Pleasant Hill Customers

In September 2012, the City entered into a new agreement with Republic Services for trash and recycling services through 2021. Republic Services (formerly known as Allied Waste Services) provides exclusive hauling of garbage and recycling for all Pleasant Hill residents and businesses.

Customer rates

As part of the agreement for services, Republic agreed not to increase rates for all customers in 2013. Normally, at the beginning of each year, rates are increased by a fraction of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The next increase in rates will not occur until January 2014.

New and additional recycling services

Republic is now providing additional recycling services for all residents and businesses. These include:

- **Plastic bags**—these can now be placed in your brown cart or recycling bin. Whenever possible, please remember to bring your own reusable bag when you shop for groceries or at other retail stores, keeping in mind the hierarchy of the 3 Rs: Reduce and Reuse come before Recycle. Nonetheless, the option to recycle plastic bags curbside is great for everyone!
- **Plastic items**—rigid plastic items are now acceptable for recycling. This includes plastic toys, buckets, trays, and crates.
- **E-Waste peripherals**—small electronic waste peripheral items, like keyboards, mice, and speakers can also be put in your recycling container, along with scrap metal under ten pounds and hardcover books.
- **Batteries & CFLs**—household batteries (non-rechargeable type) and compact fluorescent bulbs (cfls) can also be placed curbside. They should be put separately in a sealed Ziploc bag and placed next to your brown recycling cart.
- **Additional carts**—if you need an extra brown recycling cart or green waste cart, you may request this at NO charge from Republic Services.
- **On-call cleanups**—residents are now entitled to three on-call cleanups for additional waste each year. One of these cleanups takes place in early June during cleanup week and the other two can be scheduled at any time of the year (on your regular pickup day). Customers may also schedule three additional on-call recycling or green waste pickups.
- **Bulky item pickups**—residents may also call to have TWO large items picked up annually at NO charge. This includes items like air conditioners, refrigerators, stoves, washers, and dryers, as well as electronic items like TVs and computer monitors, tires, and furniture such as couches and mattresses.

To arrange any of these on call pickups, please call customer service at 685-4711. You will soon be receiving the 2013 Customer Service Guide from Republic Services which will have a complete listing of all of these new services, as well as tips on reuse and recycling.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Anne Baker, Recycling Coordinator for Republic Services at abaker@republicservices.com or Martin Nelis, Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator for the City of Pleasant Hill at mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

Green Award at Community Awards Night

In other news, stay tuned for the winner of the Green Award at the 42nd annual Community Awards. The event is January 17 at Back Forty Texas BBQ and is jointly sponsored by the City of Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce. The Green Award will honor a business or organization that has shown outstanding leadership in minimizing its impact on the environment and creating a sustainable future.

Interested in helping businesses go green? Want to connect with the green community in Pleasant Hill? Consider attending a Green Business Committee meeting, held the last Monday of every month at 4pm at Back Forty. For more information, please contact Mathew Rice at mathew@paylesspainting.com or Anne Baker at abaker@republicservices.com. ♣

The Pleasant Hill Senior Van Service is delighted to announce...

An eye-catching new van!! Fresh look...same great program!

The service remains unchanged:

- Fare is \$1.50 each way.
 - Operates Monday–Friday, 9:00am–noon and 1:00pm–4:00pm.
 - Make reservations the day before you ride, between 9:00am–11:00am.
 - Riders must be Pleasant Hill residents aged 55 and over.
 - Staffed by friendly, reliable, and capable volunteers.
- Call 671-5272 for registration information or reservations.
- The purchase of this new vehicle was made possible by Measure J Paratransit Funds.



Making communities safer through Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch aims to bring citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. The program was first established in Pleasant Hill in the 1970s and the Police Department is now updating each of the established groups and seeking to expand the program.

Neighborhood Watch counts on community members to organize themselves and to keep a trained eye on their neighborhoods. Community members are encouraged to call the police about suspicious activity and to watch out for each other but they are not encouraged to intervene in situations.

Pam Mosher is the Police Department staff member handling Neighborhood Watch and email registrations. Community members can participate in both Neighborhood Watch and email alerts or can opt to receive email alerts only. Please contact Ms. Mosher at pmosher@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or at 288-4684 to take advantage of these opportunities to become involved in crime prevention in your community. The intent of the e-mail alert program is to provide community members with timely information so they can be vigilant and protect themselves against theft and burglaries.

NOTE: Street addresses are collected as part of the e-mail alert initiative. This allows for the distribution of localized information. The e-mail and street addresses are not shared with any third party without prior consent. E-mail and street addresses are only used by the Police Department for notifications as part of the e-mail alert program and are not stored in the main police database linked to criminal investigations.

Home safety and security tips

Home protection

- Trim shrubs and bushes so there is no place for someone to hide
- Make sure there are no dark areas around your house, garage, or yard for prowlers or burglars to hide

- Every outside door should have a bright, working light
- Turn outdoor lights on in the evening, whether someone is home or not
- House numbers should be clear and visible for emergency personnel to find your home quickly
- Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened
- Doors should be solid hardwood or metal clad
- Install deadbolt locks with a 1" metal bar on all non-sliding exterior doors.



All entryways should have a working, keyed entry lock with a sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame

- Spare keys should not be kept in usual places such as under a planter or under the door mat
- Create the illusion you are home by using timers on lights, radios, or televisions
- Leave a vehicle parked in your parking area when possible



- Garage doors should always be closed and locked
- Never hide a spare key under the doormat, flowerpot or any obvious location
- Store tools and ladders out of sight and locked away so they cannot be used to gain access into your home
- Do not leave a message on your answering machine or on any social networking site indicating you are away from home
- Report suspicious persons to the police at 288-4600, or dial 9-1-1 if you witness a crime in progress
- Consider exchanging the following types of basic information with your neighbors—home and work numbers, number of family members or residents including names and ages, work hours, school or day care hours or children, pets emergency numbers, planned vacations, scheduled deliveries or repair

Auto burglary and theft prevention

- Park in a well-lit driveway or in your garage.
- Keep your garage closed and locked when your vehicle is parked inside
- Never leave your keys in your car
- Always keep the vehicle locked
- Park in well-lit areas when away from home
- Keep the windows rolled up and secure
- Keep valuables locked in trunk or remove them completely from vehicle. Most commonly stolen items: purses, wallets, backpacks, laptops, laptop bags, GPS devices, and cell phones. ♣

For more information on home, auto, and personal security go to www.pleasant-hill.net/crime_prevention.

Next Pleasant Hill CERT class begins January 28

With the devastation of Hurricane Sandy still fresh in everyone's minds, it is prudent to think of the disruption that a major earthquake along the Hayward fault can bring to lives. Have you prepared yourself and your family—or will you be caught unprepared? Indications are that less than 10% of Contra Costa County residents have put together a plan and set aside items they would need should their neighborhood lose electricity, gas, and water.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes teach Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety & Suppression, Medical First Aid, Triage, and Search & Rescue techniques. This class is free to residents of Pleasant Hill and is taught one night a week for six weeks. The next class begins on Monday, January 28 and will be held in Pleasant Hill at the Seventh Day Adventist classroom, 796 Grayson Road. Classes start at 6:30pm and end at 9:30pm. Learn how to be better prepared for a major earthquake and how to respond safely to help your family and neighbors who may be trapped or injured by signing up for this class at www.pleasanthillcertsignup.com or click on the Emergency Preparedness tab at the City's website www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us. ♣



PH CERT volunteers help fill sandbags at the Hawthorne Dr. sandbag station Sunday, December 3, after a report of flooding in the Poet's Corner area

Fall prevention for older adults

—by the Pleasant Hill Commission on Aging

Falls are the leading cause of injury and accidental death in adults over the age of 65. These events are the result of a “mismatch” between the person, the environment, and the task that is being performed. Modifying any one of these three elements can improve the safety of daily activities.



The following tips are offered by occupational therapy practitioners to help older adults reduce their risk of falls.

How can you reduce your risk of falling?

- Remove clutter in your home. Walk carefully when there are potential hazards such as throw rugs and pets underfoot.

- Never stand on a chair to get to something out of your reach. Ask for help or use a sturdy stool with a hand rail.
- If you need support, do not use towel bars, sink edges, sliding shower door bars, lightweight furniture, or other things that could come away from the wall or move.
- Use a nightlight in the bedroom and bathroom.
- Immediately wipe spills off the floor. Use a rubber-backed bathmat to prevent the bathroom floor from getting wet.
- Stay active to maintain overall strength, endurance, and balance.
- Know your limitations. If there is a task you cannot easily complete, do not risk a fall by trying to do it.

Need more information?

You can find additional information on occupational therapy's role in reducing falls, making your home safer, and helping you stay active in your community through the American Occupational Therapy Association at www.Aota.org. ♣

Free tax preparation for local residents

FREE TAX PREPARATION for the 2013 tax season is available starting February 2013 from AARP's Tax-Aide and United Way's Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs. All tax preparers are trained and certified by the IRS. While both programs serve taxpayers of any age, Tax-Aide does not have an income limit for their service; EKS can only serve individuals whose incomes do not exceed \$50,000.

Beginning January 10, 2013 for information or to make an appointment for the Tax-Aide sites serving the Pleasant Hill area please call: 405-6011 (Hillcrest Congregational Church site) or 709-4525 (Pacheco Community Center site). For general information and other site locations, call 726-3199. For information on EKS sites call 211 or visit www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org.

To complete your tax return, Tax-Aide will need you to bring to the appointment your:

- Social Security Card or ITIN letter for all individuals to be listed on the return
- Photo ID
- Copies of all W-2s
- 1098s and 1099s
- Other income and deductions
- Your 2011 Tax Return



Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District wins award for its website!

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District was honored for excellence in Web Site Design by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), an international association in lifelong learning. The District is being recognized for demonstrating the critical role that recreation programs play in their communities. In times when many programs are under attack, being eliminated or cut back, the focus of Pleasant Hill's web site was on the critical role the program plays in generating community and taxpayer support. The Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District program was selected from a field of more than 100 entries from four countries. Visit the PHRPD website at www.pleasanthillrec.com.

High school hangout

Enjoy some down time with your friends at the Teen Center. The Teen Center is open to you for billiards, foosball, ping-pong, movies, games, study hall and more! Grab your friends and come enjoy this beautiful facility.

GRAND OPENING AND OPEN HOUSE

Pleasant Hill Senior Center

Saturday, January 5th • 1:00 – 4:00 PM
233 Gregory Lane • Pleasant Hill

From Rendering to Reality! We hope you will join us!

- Boutique Sale
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Raffles
- Class Registration Discounts
- Live Music
- Sweet Treats & Goodies
- Photobooth

1:00 pm Ribbon Cutting
2:00 pm Presentations & Video

"Mini Fit" Class Demo's in the Dance Studio
Get in a quick workout while you try a new class!

- 1:45 pm Zumba Gold
- 2:15 pm Fit for Life
- 2:45 pm Dance for Joy

CALL 798-8788 FOR MORE INFORMATION

■ CRAB FEED

Annual fundraiser! All you can eat fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert! Don't miss the 50/50 split raffle and other chances to win! Buy your tickets early and insure you're there for the first crab feed in the NEW Senior Center!



- ❑ Friday, Jan 25 at 6pm
- ❑ Tickets: \$45 general / \$40 Senior Club Member

■ TASTE OF THE VINE

Sip a glass of wine with friends and relax. A variety of red and white wines will be available for you to choose from, and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Non-alcoholic beverages available.

- ❑ Friday, Jan 18, 3-5pm
- ❑ Tickets: \$7 presale/ \$10 at the door

■ MARDI GRAS SOCIAL

If you weren't able to make it to New Orleans this year, don't worry! Let us fill your wine glass with some wonderful wine selections (non-alcoholic available). Appetizers will be served.

- ❑ Tuesday, Feb 12, 3-5pm
- ❑ Tickets: \$10 presale/ \$15 at the door

■ NEW CLASS! QUILTING: BASICS AND BEYOND

Quilting class topics include: use of color, picking out fabrics, piecing techniques, rotary cutting, introduction to machine quilting, basting, binding and more. Beginners will work on a lap sized quilt using basic techniques while more advanced techniques will be taught for those with more experience. At least two different quilt top choices will be offered each 10-week term.

- ❑ Mondays, Jan 7-Mar 25, 9am-noon; Fee: \$65 general / \$60 Member
- ❑ Thursdays, Jan 10-Mar 7, 6:45-9:15pm; Fee: \$55 general / \$52 Member

Keeping plants high and dry

For plants to thrive, they need to have water and oxygen at the root system. This time of year, however, plants installed too low can begin to rot due to water sitting at the base of the plant. When this happens, no oxygen can make it to the root zone. That is why it is important to plant trees, shrubs and perennials on a slight mound, so that when the winter rains come, the plants sit high and dry. If you are re-landscaping your yard, consider installing a dry streambed winding through the garden. This will create a low spot for rainwater to sit. You can then create mounds in the planting areas to protect your plants. This is a great way keep the plants healthy and it also allows the rain water a place to soak into the ground, providing a reservoir for the following year.

Natives Garden Tour

Speaking of gardens, it is time to sign up for the *Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour*. The garden tour is **Sunday May 5**. This annual tour includes more than 50 home gardens in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

There are also a number of presentations by landscape designers, plant experts and homeowners who have successfully replaced their lawns with water-wise gardens. The tour requires registration, but is absolutely free to attend. To register for the tour visit www.bringingbackthenative.net.

Finally, if you are considering replacing your lawn with a water-wise garden don't forget that Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) provides rebates for customers to replace their water thirsty front lawns with water-wise gardens. For program information call 688-8320 or visit www.ccwater.com/conserve. ♣



Home composting workshops

The City of Pleasant Hill is hosting free backyard composting workshops and offering residents high-quality compost bins for \$40 (retail \$129) for those who attend a workshop. The first workshop is for regular backyard composting and will be held on **January 15 at 7pm** in the large community room at City Hall. 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.

Worm composting workshop in February

The City is hosting a worm composting workshop in the large community room at City Hall on Tuesday, **March 12 at 7:00pm**.

Why worm composting?

Earthworms can “recycle” your fruit and vegetable scraps into extremely rich compost called “worm casts.” Using a specialized variety of worms and a simple “worm box” you can do your part to reduce waste and at the same time make great compost, whether you live in a house, apartment, or condominium.

To sign up for one of these workshops, go to www.pleasant-hill.net/compost. For more information please email akaufmann@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us or phone 671-5265. ♣



Got E-Waste?

We can help you recycle your 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 Saturdays, January 5 and February 2, 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. ♣

Pleasant Hill Lions Club ends busy year

Happy New Year to everyone! The Lions Club has had a busy couple of months. In early November they held the annual Peace Poster Contest which is open to all local middle school students. Lion Trish Mayes organized the contest, and the theme this year was "Imagine Peace." **Emily Wong** of Valley View Middle School was declared the winner and her poster has been entered in the Lions Zone level contest. The eventual worldwide winner has the honor of having his or her poster displayed at the United Nations for one year.

On November 19th the club received a proclamation from former Mayor John Hanecak and the City Council at their meeting in recognition of the 60th

anniversary as a Pleasant Hill service club. Ted Winslow, a charter member, was one of the Lions in attendance.

In December the club provided a Christmas lunch (and all the fixin's) to the clients at the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired in Pittsburg, and on December 15th assisted the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District at their "Breakfast with Santa" event.

40th Annual Crab Feed

The club's 40th annual Crab Feed is set for **February 9** at the new Senior Center (see ad on page 12). This year the Lions Club and the Pleasant Hill Dolphins Swim Team are jointly hosting the event! As always, for \$50 per person you

get all the crab, pasta, salad, and bread you can eat, plus there will be door prizes, raffles, silent auctions and dancing. What a party! For tickets call Ken Wombacher at 687-0858 or the Recreation & Park District at 925-682-0896 or contact any Lion member or Dolfin parent.

Lastly, the Lions Club is delighted to welcome new members Barbra Saungkieme, Jack Prosek, Robert Young and Jeff Stokes.

Thank you for joining Pleasant Hill's longest running service club. ♣



Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education (FPHE) 5th annual donation campaign — HELP SCHOOLS THRIVE!

FPHE's 5th Annual Campaign Kick-Off events will begin in February. The 2013 Annual Campaign Goal: Raise \$60,000! In 2013, FPHE is suggesting \$75 or more from each donor in order to help our schools thrive. Donations of all amounts are greatly appreciated.

Why give?

Strong schools benefit you

Strong schools greatly benefit students, but they also help increase property values for all residents as more homebuyers understand our community's dedication to supporting local education. Businesses thrive and grow as more people choose Pleasant Hill as their home. Most importantly, strong schools enhance the future of our community.

2013 annual campaign events

- Fund Drive—FPHE's appeal to the community to support the public schools. Funds support the FPHE school grants awarded in May 2013. Please consider a donation to FPHE this year and/or establish a matching donation through your employer.
- Dine Out for Education—FPHE's restaurant fundraisers in February and

March. Details available soon at www.fphe.org.

- FPHE's 5th Anniversary Celebration—Watch for announcement and invitation in early 2013.
- The Pleasant Hill Amazing Race—The 2nd annual Amazing Race will take place on April 28. Be sure to join us this year! Visit www.fphe.org in March for details.

How you can help

Donate to the FPHE 2013 Annual Campaign to benefit our community and enhance the 11 schools within the College Park H.S. feeder pattern. Your donation will directly impact schools. Making a donation is simple at www.fphe.org.

Since 2009, FPHE has...

- Awarded \$120,000 through grants to the 11 local public schools to create new and maintain existing programs for the academic building blocks: English/language arts, math, science, and the arts. The grants fund books for entire grade levels (reference, biographies, key literature pieces, and early reader series), classroom equipment (graphing calculators, maps, LCD pro-

jectors, interactive whiteboards, and PC work stations), and ongoing curriculum support (Board Math, Proeware for science and math, DNA research tools, history programs, and lab equipment). For the complete list of previous grants, visit www.fphe.org.

- Hosted successful annual fundraising events, including The Bee, Oak Park Restaurant Walk, Downtown Restaurant Walk, The Pleasant Hill Amazing Race, and Dine Out for Education.
- Received the 2009 Pleasant Hill Mayor's Award.

Be a part of progress— donate today for the future of Pleasant Hill schools

Please donate via our web site, www.fphe.org or mail your donation to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. For questions email generalinfo@fphe.org. Thank you for your commitment to education and our community.

(FPHE is a volunteer-led, non-profit 501(c)(3). It functions independently of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the City of Pleasant Hill.) ♣



Pleasant Hill Community Foundation announces youth grants



The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation has awarded its annual youth grant awards. The proceeds from the 12th annual Pleasant Hill Allied Waste golf classic held last October provided the funding for the following awards to:

- American Association of University Women for its math and science camp;
- College Park High School for biology anatomical models, a creative writing class, tennis net replacements, soccer uniforms, and high school instrumental mentoring of elementary students;

- Fair Oaks Elementary School for headphones;
- Pleasant Hill Elementary School for classroom sports equipment;
- Pleasant Hill Library for books for young readers;
- Strandwood Elementary School for an anti-bullying program; and
- Valhalla Elementary School for Livescribe smart pens.

Betty Geishirt Cantrell, Youth Grant Awards Chair, stated, "The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation is very thankful to all the people who have participated in over a decade of our Golf Classics.

Their generosity has enabled local community organizations to support these vital programs for the youth of Pleasant Hill. We are also very excited to welcome new board member Adrienne Roe to our Youth Grant Awards Committee to help evaluate the 20 proposals we received this year."

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation will be accepting proposals for its Community Grant Awards in spring 2013. Applications will be available on the website, www.PHCommunityFoundation.org. ♣

Friends Abroad organization comes to a close

—A guest article by Margi Alkire

In January 1973, the cities of Pleasant Hill and Chilpancingo in Mexico signed an agreement to become Sister Cities. In the same year, the Pleasant Hill City Council authorized the formation of a citizens group named Friends Abroad to oversee and maintain the Sister City relationship with Chilpancingo.

Now, after 40 years, Friends Abroad is saying adios and terminating the organization because of a dwindling number of members and a lack of interest in maintaining the Sister City relationship with Chilpancingo.

History of 'Sister Cities' organization

In 1956, President Eisenhower called for people-to-people exchanges, a concept which sparked the Sister City movement in this country. After Pleasant Hill incorporated in 1961, citizens started thinking about having a sister city. Alan Canady, Chamber of Commerce executive, along with the Recreation & Park District, and the City, started a search. The late Roger Magleby, of Oak Park Hills Chapel, had flown several times to Chilpancingo on business and suggested that the two communities might

be a good fit for each other—two cities located in attractive mountain areas. Chilpancingo agreed.

In January 1973, the Mayor of Chilpancingo came to Pleasant Hill to sign the papers, and in June of that year, a Mexican delegation arrived and was feted at the first public function to be held in the brand new Pleasant Hill Community Center.

Since then the two communities have had many exchange programs. In the 70s and 80s there were youth exchanges. Pleasant Hill students from Pleasant Hill and College Park high schools fundraised to spend a week living with families in Chilpancingo. Also groups of adults from here visited Chilpancingo and there were several trips led by the Mayor of Pleasant Hill.

Likewise, groups of youth and adults from Chilpancingo visited here and were hosted by local families and feted by the City, the Recreation & Park District, and other groups. Most memorable was the 45-passenger busload of Chilpancingo visitors which arrived in the summer of 1985.

The last group to visit Chilpancingo was led by Councilmember David Durant

and former Mayor Oliver Holmes in 2004. Visitors from Chilpancingo still visit here, but individually and not in groups.

Friends Abroad

Through the years, Friends Abroad group has continued to meet regularly in Pleasant Hill. In past years, it held a big January (Chilpancingo month) open house. It also offered a Fiesta de Mayo with Mariachi Bands and dancers.

The group recently voted to disband. It gave \$4,500 to the City of Pleasant Hill in 2011 during the 50th anniversary year for the refurbishing of the Chilpancingo Fountain in the courtyard of City Hall. And in December 2012 it presented the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District with \$4,000 for use in the new Community Center. This final contribution closed out the Friends Abroad treasury.

This 40-year saga of Friends Abroad has been unforgettable to those who participated. It was a time of new friends and new experiences. Pleasant Hill and Chilpancingo are still Sister Cities and maybe in the future the City of Pleasant Hill will add another Sister City. And there may be a new Friends Abroad. ♣

PH Library activities...

► 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 CCCL's adult literacy program, announces training for volunteer literacy tutors. Training begins Wednesday, January 23 from 6:30–8:30pm and continues January 26 and February 2 from 9:00am-3:00pm. All 14 hours are required. No previous teaching experience is necessary. For more info, visit www.ccclib.org/psc or call 927-3250.

► Apples to Apples for Teens Saturday, January 12, 1:00-2:30pm

Have fun with friends and meet new teens while playing Apples to Apples, the "Game of Hilarious Comparisons!" Seasoned and novice players are welcome. Prizes will be handed out for winners.



► Finding Related Connections: who are your ancestors and who are your cousins? Saturday, January 26, 1:00-3:00pm

June Ralston Anderson of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society (CCCGS) will teach beginners genealogy research by instructing patrons on how to begin tracking ancestors, using genealogy resources, and maintaining family records.

► Chinese New Year's Lion Dance! Tuesday, January 29, 6:30pm

In anticipation of Chinese New Year, the White Crane Lion Dancers will bring their fabulous dance to the library. The whole family will be awed by this colorful and gymnastic display, and ferocious drumming!

► Valentine's Day Family Storytime Tuesday, February 12, 6:30pm

Join us for a very special holiday evening storytime. We'll have songs and stories about Valentine's Day to share with the ones you love! Come dressed in red or pink!

► Cascada de Flores: a celebration of song and traditions of Mexico and beyond Tuesday, February 26, 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of music, dance, and cultural discovery with local music group, Cascada de Flores. They will enchant people of all ages with guitars and the Cuban tres stringed instrument.

► Lego Creator's Club First Saturdays, 2:00pm

Building imaginations with bricks and books at the library. Different challenges each month!

► Doorstep Farmers Every Tuesday, 5:00-7:00pm

Pick up your box of organic fruits and vegetables every week at the Library by signing up with Doorstep Farmers! All subscribers have the option to donate 5% to the Pleasant Hill Library.

Visit the Doorstep Farmers website, www.doorstepfarmers.com, to sign up (write "PLEASANT HILL LIBRARY" in the comments section of the form). Contact Doorstep Farmers directly with questions at 349-4568.

► English Conversation Practice for Adults Every Wednesday, 1:30-2:30pm

Practice speaking and listening to English in a casual ESL conversation group run by library staff. Drop-ins welcome.

Please check the library's Website for additional information and details on all events at www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html



Just for Teens

► Wii for Teens Every other Thursday, 3:00-4:30pm

Come have fun and meet other teens at the Library while getting your game on!

► Teen Chess Club Every Friday, 3:00-5:00pm

Learn more about chess, improve your game, and meet like-minded, local teens! All levels are welcome.

► Teen Advisory Group Every second Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm

Teens can make a positive difference for themselves and their peers by participating in the Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Meet other community teens and the young adult librarian to share and plan what you want to see happen at the library.

Story Times

Every Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, and Saturday, 11:15am,
plus Friday afternoons, 1:15pm

Preparing your child to read with
songs, rhymes, and stories.

For ages 0-5.



Considering Law School for next fall?

JFK University is offering a series of information sessions in winter and spring 2013 for individuals who might be interested in applying for next fall. Attendees will receive application fee waivers. Visit www.jfku.edu for more information on these sessions and to RSVP.

- January 23: The Six Secrets to Getting Into Law School
- February 2: College of Law Open House
- February 20: Juggling Family, Work & Law School
- March 20: Law Careers in Today's Economy
- April 17: Law School – The Inside Story

We are changing the way law students become lawyers

Law school is a long, arduous task involving three or four years of classes, depending on a full-time or part-time academic schedule. The real test, however, comes when Juris Doctorate graduates sit for the California Bar Examination.

“Bar passage rates are critical to the success of our students,” explains Dean Barbieri, dean of the College of Law at JFK University in Pleasant Hill. “We integrate the cost of the premiere test preparation program into the tuition and fee structure, and have been able to significantly reduce the cost.”

As a means of accomplishing this, the College has recently formalized a relationship with BarBri, the leading bar exam preparation firm in the country. This new opportunity not only gives every student full access to all bar review materials months prior to graduation, but it also opens the door for alumni who have not yet passed the bar exam to take advantage of the decreased cost of materials.

The cumulative bar pass rate for JFK University law graduates has risen significantly during the past five years, from 48% in 2006 to 66% in 2011. “We see an even greater increase in bar passage rates for the students who are supported by our new test prep program,” comments Barbieri, who worked for nearly a decade as the Director for Examinations for The State Bar of California.

Individuals who don't yet have a bachelor degree but who are interested in the legal profession often work toward a BA in Legal Studies as it offers the perfect preparation for law school. This undergraduate program at JFK University is the only BA program in Northern California approved by the American Bar Association. In addition, students can earn a Paralegal Certificate during the first year in the BA program, preparing them to launch a career as a paralegal almost immediately. ♣



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Active holiday schedule for PH Rotary

As is their practice, Pleasant Hill Rotarians participated in many events supporting the community for the holidays. Their activities included:

- November 19— Food Box & Distribution for Thanksgiving
- December 15 and 16— Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Lucky's in Pleasant Hill and Macy's at Sunvalley Shopping Center
- December 15 and 16— Adopt-a-Family Salvation Army Drive by Rotaract, a DVC club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill.
- December 18— Toy and Joy Distribution at the Salvation Army location in Concord
- December 24 and 25— Christmas for Everyone food preparation.



Rotarians filled many food boxes so recipients could have a real Thanksgiving dinner.

If you are interested in learning more about Rotary, contact Ken Housefeld at 944-4898

What are you doing on St. Patty Day?

There is a new twist to Pleasant Hill Rotary Club's popular St. Patrick's Day event...and you won't want to miss it!

On Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 6pm Pleasant Hill Rotary will host their St. Patrick's day celebration and fundraiser at the new Pleasant Hill Senior Center. This year's event will be an Irish themed cocktail party with an all-you-can-eat food court so guests can mingle, eat, and drink at their leisure. During this extended cocktail party, there will be silent auction items and an “Instant Wine Cellar” (48 bottles of wine to be won by a single raffle winner). There will also be raffle prizes and a live auction. Tickets are \$45.00 per person.

This year's event is being held at the new Pleasant Hill Senior Center located on Gregory Lane. Space is severely limited, so contact Jim Bonato to buy or reserve tickets now (938-5433 or JBonato@aol.com). Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available.

'Tis the season for...

CRAB FEEDS!

Support these great causes.



5:00pm door opens
6:30pm dinner

DONATION \$40

Door Prizes / Raffle / Auction

Seating is limited...

Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.crabfeedeastbay.com

Sat • Feb 9, 2013

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1601 Mary Dr • Pleasant Hill

PH Police Department Law Enforcement Torch Run

Pleasant Hill Police Association cordially invites you to their 8th annual

CRAB FEED

Benefiting Special Olympics
Northern California East Bay Region Athletes



Dinner menu

Crab, salad, bread, pasta, dessert, and coffee.

No Host beer, wine, soda, bottled water

No Host prawn bar.

Please—no outside alcohol



Special Olympics

Buy your ticket NOW! Seating is limited to 250. This event is selling out fast!
Information: Sgt Gary Brown 288-4619 or CSO Tom Mueller at 288-4600.
No tickets will be sold at the door. Table reservations accepted for table of 8 only.

www.Sonc.org

Mt. Diablo Center's 38th Annual Crab Feed

**Saturday, February 23
PH Senior Center**

The always popular 38th Annual Crab Feed benefiting Mt. Diablo Center for Adult Day Health Care will be one of the inaugural events at the new Pleasant Hill Senior Center at 233 Gregory Lane on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 6:00pm. In addition to all you can eat Dungeness Crab the festivities will include Cocktails, Live Auction, Tea Cup Auction and Raffles with great prizes.

The Mt. Diablo Center has been a valuable and unique part of our community since 1949. The non-profit agency provides care and comfort to frail and disabled adults to increase and maintain their optimal level of physical and mental functioning. Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies are provided along with fun activities and socialization. Caregivers are given much needed respite and support.

There are several ways to support the Crab Feed. The event flier can be viewed at www.rsnc-centers.org. Based on level of support, donors receive a range of publicity throughout Contra Costa County, as well as recognition at the event. All donations are welcome and appreciated. Checks are payable to RSNC at 490 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. To schedule a pickup for a donated auction item, call 682-6330.

40th ANNUAL CRAB FEED  **Saturday!! February 9 2013**

PLEASANT HILL LIONS CLUB
PLEASANT HILL DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM

Cracked Crab
Pasta Salad
French Bread
Music and Dancing

2013 Door Prizes *Silent Auction!*

NEW LOCATION!!!!
The "NEW" Pleasant Hill Senior Center
233 Gregory Ln., Pleasant Hill
No Host Bar - 6:00
Dinner - 7:30 PM
\$50.00 per person

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Phil Madruga (Evenings Only) Pleasant Hill Lions Club.....(925) 933-8061
Ken Wombacher Pleasant Hill Lions Club.....(925) 687-0858
Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park Dist. (M-F, 9-5), (925) 682-0896

Pleasant Hill's Star Quest seeks performers



For 20 years Star Quest of Pleasant Hill has been bringing amazing performances by our youth to the community. And as the committee plans the show for 2013, they encourage school-age children to audition for it.

Since Star Quest began in 1992, its intent has been to provide a positive program where young people of Pleasant Hill, in grades K through 12, could showcase their artistic and theatrical talents. Last year Star Quest celebrated its 20th anniversary with an amazing show that included special performances from the past 20 years and several past Star Quest vets.

The show this year is on April 20 and 21 at DVC theatre. Applications are now available at local schools, the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Office, and at Pleasant Hill City Hall. If you are a singer, dancer, musician, comedian, magician, etc., pick up an application and submit it by February 1, 2013 to the Recreation & Park District Office at 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Auditions will be held in early February for those applying.

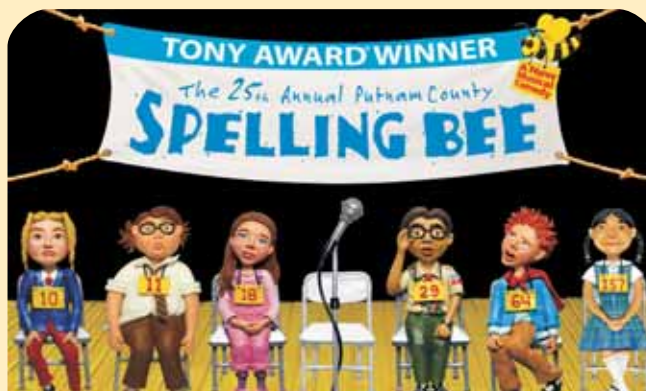
Call Pleasant Hill Rec at 682-0896 or the show's producer, Jim Nunes, at 689-2249 for further information. Star Quest is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill. ♣

DVC drama presents the musical comedy hit...

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

H-I-L-A-R-I-O-U-S! That's the way to spell this smash-hit musical comedy about six young people in the throes of puberty vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. Along the way they learn that winning isn't everything and losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. With its enormously appealing cast of loveable misfits, nerds, and neurotics, THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE perfectly captures the angst, exhilaration, and heartache that make growing up so painful and so wonderful.

THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, book by Rachel Sheinkin and music and lyrics by William Finn, is directed by Lisa Drummond with musical direction by Nancy Gill. It runs January 25-February 10. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays, February 3 and 10 at 2:30pm. Ticket prices are \$20 General Admission, \$15 Seniors, \$10 Students. For tickets, call the Box Office at (925) 687-4445 or for more information go to the website at www.dvcdrama.net. DVC Drama is located at 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, with free parking for all performances. ♣



Our rockin' community! Events for January and February 2013...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Jan 5	E-Waste Recycling Event	Diablo Valley Collete	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Jan 5	Senior Center Grand Opening	Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 12	Apples to Apples for Teens	Pleasant Hill Library	Pleasant Hill Library	646-6434
Jan 18	Taste of the Vine	Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 17	Community Awards Night	Back Forty Texas BBQ	PH City, PHR&PD, PH Chamber	671-5229
Jan 25	Crab Feed	Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Jan 25 - Feb 10	25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	DVC Drama Theatre	Diablo Valley College	687-4445
Jan 15	Composting Workshop	PH City Hall	PH City	671-5265
Jan 28	CERT Class	Seventh Day Adventist Church	PH CERT	www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us
Jan 26	Finding Related Connections	Pleasant Hill Library	Pleasant Hill Library	646-6434
Jan 29	Chinese New Year's Lion Dance!	Pleasant Hill Library	Pleasant Hill Library	646-6434
Feb 2	E-Waste Recycling Event	Diablo Valley Collete	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Feb 9	PHPOA Crab Feed	St. Andrews Presybeterian Church	PH Police Officers Assoc	288-4619
Feb 9	Lions Club/PH Dolphins Crab Feed	PH Senior Center	PH Lions Club	687-0858
Feb 12	Valentine's Day Family Storytime	Pleasant Hill Library	Pleasant Hill Library	646-6434
Feb 23	Mt. Diablo Center Crab Feed	PH Senior Center	Mt. Diablo Center for Adult Day Health Care	682-6330
Feb 26	Cascada de Flores	Pleasant Hill Library	Pleasant Hill Library	646-6434
Mar 12	Worm Composting Workshop	PH City Hall	PH City	671-526

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 October 2012

Accutest Smog/Test Only Center

1855 Contra Costa Blvd. #B
408-469-2226

BADCO (T Shirt Sales)

1250 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-699-1064

G&B Automotive (Auto Retail)

3333 Vincent Rd., #208
925-255-6250

Intuitive NLP Code

140 Mayhew Way, #100
925-775-8388 (Intuitive NLP Code Therapy/Coaching)

Jenifer's Hair Styling

101 Gregory Lane
510-221-7853

Pleasant Hill Medical Center

1515 Contra Costa Blvd.
(Medical Office)
925-671-2510

Save On Smogs

1250 Contra Costa Blvd. #107
408-469-2226

Wence's Restaurant (California Cuisine

Style Restaurant)
1922 Oak Park Blvd.
925-566-8971

Dana Simmons Accreditation (Legal Education Accreditation Service)

925-906-9909

New businesses November 2012

Assist on Call LLP (Non-Medical/

Medical Staffing Agency)
2100 Monument Blvd. #14
408-504-6745

Avalon Nail Spa

2210 Morello Ave.
925-798-0907

Awesome Auto Sales

(Retail Vehicle Sales)
3333 Vincent Road, #212
925-922-4882

Color Tone, Inc. (Printing/Lamination/Display Graphics)

2475 Estand Way
415-577-2695

European Wax Center (Body Waxing)

60 Crescent Dr., Suite 15F
925-671-2600

Goldfellow, LLC

(Precious Metals & Diamonds)
1902 Contra Costa Blvd., "A"
925-962-7001

Hair by Jacqueline

65 Crescent Dr., "B"
925-381-9960

Pleasant Hill Florist

690 Gregory Lane, #3
925-934-2380

R&C Auto Sales (Used Car Sales)

3333 Vincent Rd, #218
510-708-4146

Sprint

2150 Contra Costa Blvd.

Angela B's Creations

(Homemade Garments/Crafts)
925-207-0954

RDM Income Tax Preparation

925-946-0612

Weekday Dog Walks

(Dog Walking & Pet Care Services)
925-788-9398



Renew your business license for 2013

If you are a business owner in Pleasant Hill, you should have received your renewal notice by now. The notices were mailed in mid-December to the mailing address on file. If your business mailing address has changed since last December, notify the City's Business License Division at 671-5234 as soon as possible to update your records and avoid having to re-send returned mail to you. This will allow business owners the full grace period ending January 31, 2013.

You should also notify the Business License Division if you are no longer in business, have sold, closed or moved out of the City. A brief note explaining the situation, signed and dated, and sent to City of Pleasant Hill, Business License Division, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 or email to Lrodriguez@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

If you are in business or own rental property but are not yet licensed, call the City's Business License Division at 671-5234 to have the appropriate forms sent to you or to answer any of your questions. ♣

City Meetings

JANUARY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 1	City Hall closed for New Year's Day holiday	
Thu 3 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 7 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Tue 8 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 8 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Wed 9 9:30am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 10 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Thu 17 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 21	City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Birthday	
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 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Mon 28 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers

FEBRUARY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mon 4 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
Wed 6 9:30am	Commission on Aging	City Hall Small Community Room
Wed 6 6:30pm	Civic Action Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Thu 7 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 11	City Hall closed for Lincoln's Birthday holiday	
Tue 12 6:00pm	Traffic Safety Commission	City Hall Community Room
Tue 12 7:30pm	Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	Council Chambers
Thu 14 5:00pm	Zoning Administrator (Public Hearing)	Planning/Public Works Conference Room
Tue 18	City Hall closed for Washington's Birthday holiday	
Thu 21 5:00pm	Architectural Review Commission	City Hall Small Community Room
Mon 25 7:30pm	City Council	Council Chambers
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City Council meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 28, U-Verse Channel 99, and Astound Channel 29 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



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for articles for Mar/Apr is February 7. 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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Important Phone Numbers

Police/Fire Emergency	911
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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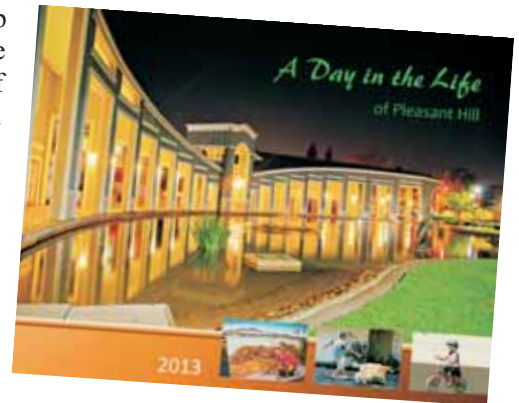
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"A Day in the Life of Pleasant Hill" 2013 Calendar available at City Hall

2013 calendars featuring 20 photographs taken by amateur photographers as part of the City's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2011 are now available for purchase at City Hall. "A Day in the Life of Pleasant Hill" took place on Saturday, September 17, 2011. During this 24-hour period, a group of local photographers explored the people, places and character of Pleasant Hill. They then submitted their best photographs as part of a competition organized by Dick Hixson of Hixson Photography during the anniversary celebration.

The 2013 calendar may be purchased at the reception desk at City Hall for \$10. ♣



Fourth July Commission seeks members



The Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission has already started planning for the 2013 event! This year the 4th of July will be on a Thursday. Mark your calendars!

At the next meeting of the commission on Wednesday, January 16 (in the large community room at City Hall), they will start discussing ideas for the 2013 theme, as well as the planning calendar for the various events: Firecracker 5K Fun Run, Parade, Party in the Park, and the Fireworks!

The commission can always use more members to help plan and execute the Pleasant Hill 4th of July event! Check out their website at www.phjuly4.com.

New chair of the Pleasant Hill Fourth of July Commission

After serving for eight successful years leading the commission, Jim Bonato has stepped down as chairperson. He is succeeded by Allen Vinson who has chaired the Fun Run the past four years and served as Vice Chairman the past three years. Under Bonato's leadership, the annual 4th of July celebration has been recognized as one of the best in the Bay Area. ♣