



City of Pleasant Hill

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: June Catalano, Manager

DATE: March 6, 2015

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATE**

GENERAL UPDATE

PHBA Opening Day Parade – The Pleasant Hill Baseball Association will hold its Opening Day Parade on Saturday, March 7th beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Sequoia Middle School. The parade will proceed along Patterson Blvd. to Pleasant Oaks Park baseball fields. Boyd Road (between Liahona Ct. and Sequoia Middle School) and Patterson Blvd. (from Boyd Road to Hawthorne) will be closed to vehicular traffic from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. approximately.

Business Runway Workshop – The City is co-sponsoring the first in a series of Business Runway Workshops in 2015. The first workshop will be held on March 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at JFK University, 100 Ellinwood Way. The theme for this workshop is “**Let Social Media Bring Your Business Back to Life.**” Workshop registration is available through the [Chamber of Commerce](#).

International Film Festival in Downtown Pleasant Hill - The 20th Annual East Bay International Jewish Film Festival takes place March 7-15 at Century Theaters in Downtown Pleasant Hill. More than forty movies and documentaries will be screened during the festival. For the complete film schedule and to purchase tickets go to www.eastbayjewishfilm.org or call 510.809.4919. Downtown Pleasant Hill and the City of Pleasant Hill assisted in the promotion of this event which is expected to draw several thousand visitors to the downtown area.

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

[Engineering Division](#)

Geary Road Improvements Project – This is a joint project between the City of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek.

The project contractor, Bay Cities Paving & Grading (BAY) and its subcontractors are focused on constructing traffic signals at the Putnam/Buena Vista/Geary intersection and completing storm drain improvements along the Walnut Creek side (south side) of Geary Road.

Completed and planned construction activities over the next few weeks include:

- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has just recently begun the underground gas line relocation work in a number of locations to remove conflicts with the project's new storm drain pipe alignments. Additional PG&E electrical crews have been remobilized in an effort to finish previously started overhead and underground electrical relocations, specifically near Ivy Lane (private court).
- Flatiron, the electrical subcontractor, has installed a new traffic signal cabinet and foundations at the intersections of Geary Road and Buena Vista Avenue/Putnam Boulevard. Work remaining includes erecting new traffic signal poles, wiring the traffic system and constructing new curb ramps and sidewalk at this location.
- Additionally, Flatiron has a few remaining pedestrian lighting utility boxes and wiring to be installed on the north side of Geary Road before the lights can be energized.
- BAY has completed the majority of construction of the new underground storm drain piping and storm drain (SD) inlets from Larkey Lane to Via Dominguez Court. BAY will underground the remaining storm drain pipe segments along the south side of Geary Road and Pleasant Hill Road intersection, and also from Larkey Lane to Geary Road and Buena Vista Avenue/Putnam Boulevard intersection. BAY has temporarily stopped this SD work to allow for PG&E to remove previously identified storm drain conflicts with gas utility pipelines.

For more detailed planned construction activities and schedules, please visit the City's Geary Road webpage at www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/geary or contact Walnut Creek's Construction Manager, Ryan Cook, at (925) 943-5899 x 2364 or by email [at rcook@walnut-creek.org](mailto:rcook@walnut-creek.org).

Diablo Valley College Sidewalk Installation Project (Viking Drive) - DVC has broken ground on the installation of a new concrete sidewalk along the north side of Viking Drive, from Stubbs Road east (along the front lawn area) to the existing campus sidewalk. The project will also install two new ADA curb ramps at the Viking Drive/Stubbs Road intersection to connect to the new sidewalk. Stubbs Road was open for traffic this past week and will remain open in the first half of next week for the construction work. During the second half of next week, Stubbs Road will be closed for vehicle traffic so the contractor can install new asphalt paving around the new ramp and concrete valley gutter area. All vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be detoured to alternate DVC campus driveways further to the east along Viking Drive when Stubbs Road is closed. All Viking Drive lanes will remain open during project construction.

The purpose of the sidewalk project is to provide an ADA path of travel for students walking from the neighborhoods to the west/south of campus, and connect them to the main campus building area near the library building. The majority of the new sidewalk will be in the DVC private property, outside of the Viking Drive public right of way.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS

- PG&E - Paso Nogal Road at Morello Drive – Final work completed included finished concrete and roadway striping at this new underground electric system project.
- CCWD - Boyd Rd near Pleasant Hill Rd – Contractor is working in the roadside area adjacent

to the Contra Costa Canal. Work is a part of the District’s Main Replacements project.

- Comcast - Gregory Lane at Trelany Road – Permit issued to Comcast to install a new underground conduit for service to 81 Gregory Lane. Contractor is potholing existing utilities to verify layout and depth, prior to approval for boring the new conduit. Potholing requires traffic control and lane closures on Gregory Lane and Trelany Road. Motorists may experience some temporary delays when work is in progress.
- 41 Woodsworth Lane - Remove and replace second half of this commercial driveway approach.

Planning Division

Planning Commission

No meeting scheduled.

Zoning Administrator

No meeting scheduled.

Architectural Review Commission

Meeting cancelled.

Miscellaneous

Administrative Permit Activity: For the month of February, Planning staff reviewed the following applications: 17 Zoning Permits (3 new businesses, 3 commercial plan checks and 11 residential plan checks), 3 Home Occupation Permits, 3 Temporary Sign Permits, 0 Special Event Permits, and 4 Tree Removal Permits.

Code Compliance

Inquiries received and follow-up items being addressed this week include the following:

Cases Closed	Site Visits	New Inquiries	Proactive Cases Opened
10	39	6	7

New Inquiries:

- **Location:** Alhambra Avenue
Complaint: Home occupancy.

- **Location:** Beth Drive
Complaint: Recreational vehicle.
- **Location:** Fair Oaks Drive
Complaint: Junk/debris.
- **Location:** Maricopa Court
Complaint: Junk/debris & tree removal.
- **Location:** N. Marta Drive (1)
Complaint: Junk/debris.
- **Location:** N. Marta Drive (2)
Complaint: Construction work without a permit.

Proactive Work:

- **Location:** Ahneita Drive
Observation: Inoperable vehicle.
- **Location:** Belinda Drive
Observation: Vehicle stored on unpaved surface.
- **Location:** Cleopatra Drive
Observation: Vehicle stored on unpaved surface.
- **Location:** Ramona Drive (1)
Observation: Vehicle stored on unpaved surface.
- **Location:** Ramona Drive (2)
Observation: Junk/debris and vehicle stored on unpaved surface.
- **Location:** Sherman Drive (1)
Observation: Inoperable vehicle, structure and vehicles stored on unpaved surface.
- **Location:** Sherman Drive (2)
Observation: Vehicle stored on unpaved surface.

Graffiti Removal: No graffiti removed this week.