City accomplishments and highlights from the past year

2017 was an exciting and productive year for the City of Pleasant Hill. Here are some of the events, activities and major accomplishments that kept us busy.

New Pleasant Hill Library

With the passage of Measure K in November 2016, the City has been laying the groundwork for the construction of the new library, as well as planning for funding public infrastructure projects around Pleasant Hill.

In November and December, the City’s architect, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson (BCJ), held a series of focus groups and a large Town Hall meeting with community members and stakeholders. These meetings focused on programming and space usage for the new library.

A second Town Hall meeting is scheduled to take place at the Community Center on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the new library project, go to www.newphlibrary.org. If you wish to submit comments, ideas or suggestions you can do so at www.pleasanthillca.org/library_comments.

Public Safety

The Police Department completed the deployment of Body Worn Cameras for all Police Officers. The department also secured grant funding and implemented the CORE Program (Coordinated Outreach, Referral and Engagement) to provide assistance and support to homeless individuals in our community. A full-time Community Resource Officer has been assigned to this program. The City Managers and Police Chiefs of Martinez, Concord, Walnut Creek, and Pleasant Hill meet periodically to address homeless issues.

The Police Department also oversees 52 Neighborhood Watch Programs in the city and has expanded the School Outreach Program which involves patrol officers working with staff and parents to ensure student safety in and around school sites.

Public Works

The City’s Engineering Division completed the construction of the Contra Costa Blvd. Complete Streets project from Beth Dr. to Harriet at a cost of $3.8 million, most of which was grant funded.

Engineering staff also secured over $6.8 million in grant funding for a number of future capital improvement projects on Pleasant Hill Road.

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Contra Costa Blvd., and a proposed new intersection traffic signal at Gregory Lane and Elinora Drive.

The division finished construction of the $5.3 million Golf Club Road/Old Quarry Road Improvements project. This project includes the City’s first roundabout on Old Quarry Road.

The City spent over $3.0 million on street resurfacing in 2017 and completed 7,500 square feet of citywide pothole repairs on residential, arterial, and collector streets. During the resurfacing, almost six miles of new bike lanes were installed along various streets throughout the city.

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Miscellaneous

Eight new City Gateway signs at major entryways were installed. This coming year, a number of new directional ‘Wayfinding’ signs will be mounted at various locations around town.

The City supported special events including the weekly Off the Grid Food Truck market, Farmers’ Market, International East Bay Jewish Film Festival, Fourth of July Celebration, Blues & Brews Festival, Downtown Summer Concert Series, and Art Wine & Music Festival.

In collaboration with the Civic Action Commission, City staff also organized successful community events in 2017 including the Senior Spring Cleanup Day, the Citywide Garage Sale, Summer Concert Series at City Hall, Community Service Day, and Light up the Night Holiday Celebration.

The Commission on Aging hosted its second annual free Family Caregiver Workshop.

City of Pleasant Hill seeks applicants for commissions and advisory boards

Residents have an opportunity to get to know fellow residents while participating on commissions and advisory boards, and decisions made can help shape the future of Pleasant Hill! The City is now seeking candidates to serve on the following:

- **Civic Action Commission**
  
  The Civic Action Commission organizes major City events such as Community Service Day and the “Sunset by the Lake” Summer Concerts. Applicants must meet one of the following requirements: be a Pleasant Hill resident, a non-resident business person with a business in Pleasant Hill, or live outside City limits but within the City’s sphere of influence. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. There are two vacancies with four-year terms through February 2022.

- **Aviation Advisory Committee**

  The Aviation Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on the general subject of aviation issues related to the airports in Contra Costa County. The Committee also provides a forum for the Manager of Airports regarding operational and/or policy matters at and around the airports. Applicants must be residents of Pleasant Hill, and have some knowledge of aviation issues related to airports. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Buchanan Field Airport. The term of the appointment is through February 2021.

- **Contra Costa Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee**

  The Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee assists in improving and managing the Iron Horse Corridor, including the Iron Horse Trail, which formerly was part of the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The Committee assists with activities related to management of the trail corridor, including installation and maintenance of landscaping. Candidates must be a resident of Pleasant Hill. Committee meetings take place quarterly or as needed. The term of the appointment is through January 2020.

Applications are due by Wednesday, January 31, 2018. For an application or more information visit the City of Pleasant Hill website at www.PleasantHillCA.org/vacancy or contact Juanita Davalos by phone at (925) 671-5283 or e-mail at Jdavalos@pleasanthillca.org.
Winter Community Emergency Response Team class begins January 9

The training will be held at the Boy Scouts of America District Office, 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. The course, given over 7 evenings, emphasizes preparedness, first aid, and how to help your neighbors and other community members following a disaster.

Most importantly, the training guides individuals to prepare themselves, their homes, and their families for the effects of a major earthquake and how to safely and effectively deal with its aftermath. Additional emphasis will be placed on being prepared for an immediate evacuation warning in the face of wildfires.

Following a disaster, as we have seen from the recent fires in the North Bay, first responders will likely not be able to respond to all calls for help—their efforts will be focused in areas that have been more severely impacted. Each of us needs to be prepared to help ourselves, our families, and our neighbors—“neighbors helping neighbors. THAT is what CERT is all about.”

Take the first step in being prepared. Sign up for this January’s CERT class. CERT training will give you the confidence to react safely and effectively, not just for earthquakes, but for those other emergencies that may enter your life. ▲

Residents of ages 14 and older are encouraged to sign up at www.pleasanthillcert.org.

“Get out ...NOW!!”

—Jim Bonato, Pleasant Hill
CERT Program Manager

These were ominous words heard by many Santa Rosa residents.... urgent words for many that came too late to gather important papers, photos, or family heirlooms....heard as wildfires began sweeping through neighborhoods.

What do you mean it can’t happen here in Pleasant Hill? A wildfire on the eastern edge of Briones Regional Park, coupled with the correct temperature, humidity, winds, and dryness of fuel can create “the perfect storm” that could sweep through this urban landscape. Can’t happen here? Just ask the residents of the Oakland Hills, Napa, Santa Rosa, and Lake County.

Advance warning could have saved some of the lives lost and given residents time to gather items they deemed to be important before evacuating. Everyone should take the time to register for two warning systems that can give them an earlier alert...rather than wait for that knock on the front door.

The Contra Costa County Community Warning System is recognized as one of the nation’s most modern and effective all-hazard warning systems. This system alerts people in the County by telephone, text, email, and/or social media to imminent threats to their life or safety.

This service is managed by and warnings initiated by the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department. To receive these warning, you must register online at www.cwsalerts.com.

“Nixle” is another local and very effective warning system. Nixle is a Community Information Service dedicated to helping you stay connected to the information that matters most to you, depending on your physical location—for example, emergency warnings, major street closures, gas leaks, water main breaks, etc. Warnings on this service are initiated by the Pleasant Hill Police Department. To receive these warnings, you must register online at www.nixle.com.

You can tailor each system for how you prefer to be notified.

Returning to that wildfire scenario, even though we are entering the wet months, your knowledge about how to prepare your home and your family for the possibility of a wildfire is important. A great website is www.readywildfire.org where you can access the publication, “Ready, Set, Go!—Your Wildfire Preparation Plan.”

For more information on Disaster Preparedness, check out the Pleasant Hill Community Emergency Response (CERT) website at www.pleasanthillcert.org.
Composting Green waste in Pleasant Hill

Did you know that California disposes 30 million tons of waste in landfills every year? It is estimated that over 30% of what ends up in the landfill could be used for compost or mulch.

Residents can now compost their food scraps by placing them in their yard waste carts. Food scrap pails were delivered to residences in late 2016 to aid in the separation of food scraps from other trash or recyclables. If you have a yard waste cart but did not receive a pail, please contact Republic Services’ Recycling Coordinator Anne Baker, 925-671-5806. You can also reach her at abaker@republicservices.com.

Businesses generating a certain amount of waste are required by state law AB1826 to begin composting. Republic Services is providing compost collection services to businesses at no extra cost. Several businesses are already participating, including some not yet required by law, like The Terraces office building downtown.

“We are proud of being proactive in initiating the compost program two years ahead of schedule,” said Senior Real Estate Manager Hope Fulton of Eagle Canyon Management. Hope heard about the program and learned that paper hand towels, which account for a large portion of their trash, were acceptable in the compost, and realized this program had significant potential for her building.

“Why wait if we can save money?” Hope realized by removing recyclable and compostable material from the trash, her building could potentially cut back on costly garbage service, the savings which would be passed on to tenants and reduce overall waste going to landfill. “It’s a win-win.”

Hope and her assistant Kelly Johnsen worked with custodial staff to ensure they had all necessary equipment, including a three bin collection system and compostable bags. Partnering with the Republic Services’ Recycling Coordinator, outreach was conducted to all tenants to introduce composting and improve recycling habits. Many tenants received free indoor blue recycling and green compost bins and kitchen pails, along with posters and stickers.

Other businesses doing a fabulous job composting include Pleasant Hill Produce Market, Smart & Final, Mr. Lucky’s, Grocery Outlet, the Hyatt House, Casper’s Hot Dogs, Zachary’s Chicago Pizza and more. Support businesses that support the planet!

Apartments and condos can participate, too! Tenants can place food scraps in yard waste bins, and food waste pails can be provided upon request. Apartment and condo complexes are also required per state law AB1826 to compost yard waste at a composting facility.

Republic Services is providing composting services to business, schools and apartments at no additional cost. Save money on your garbage bill by implementing the 3 R’s- reduce, reuse, recycle! ▲

Free tax preparation available

Free tax preparation for the 2017 tax season is available starting February 2018 from AARP’s Tax-Aide and United Way’s Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs. Service is provided by volunteer tax preparers who are IRS trained and certified. Both programs serve taxpayers of any age, and AARP membership is not required for Tax-Aide. EKS service is limited to those with incomes below $54,000, while Tax-Aide does not have an income limit.

Beginning January 8, 2018, for Tax-Aide site information or appointments in Pleasant Hill call (925) 405-6011 for the Hillcrest Congregational Church site or (925) 709-4525 for the Pacheco Community Center site. For information on other Tax-Aide sites, call (925) 726-3199. For information on EKS sites, visit www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org or call 2-1-1.

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 identification for the taxpayer and spouse
- Copies of all W-2s, 1098s and 1099s
- Other income and deductions
- Your 2016 Tax Return

For more information or assistance in setting up composting services for your business, school or apartment/condo complex, please contact Republic Services’ Recycling Coordinator Anne Baker at 925-671-5806 or abaker@republicservices.com.
Community Library Design
Over the next few months, the library design team will be conducting focus groups, meetings, and interviews. If you’re a Pleasant Hill resident and want to participate or just want to stay up-to-date with the new library go to newphlibrary.org.

Krazy Kaleidoscopes
- Maker Monday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Tinker Tuesday, January 9, 3:00 p.m.
Let’s shine a light on the physics of reflection by making kaleidoscopes.

Perler Bead Art!
- Maker Monday, Feb 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Tinker Tuesday, Feb 13, 3:00 p.m.
Create magnificent 2D art using Perler beads and a little heat.

College Park Dance Performance
- Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Start the New Year off right and enjoy a lively performance by the Advanced Dance Students of College Park High School. You might even learn a little dance yourself! All ages welcomed.

Asian Art Museum Talk: Lunar New Year
- Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.
A docent from the Asian Art Museum will deliver an entertaining, multimedia talk to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Part 1 of 3 in a lecture series.

Pajama Yoga
- Monday, January 22, 6:30–7:15 p.m.
- Monday, February 26, 6:30–7:15 p.m.
Come in your jammies for a new twist on storytime with yoga poses connected to the evening’s stories.

MDUSD Adult Distance Learning
- Mondays, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Meet with a MDUSD Adult Education teacher to sign up for and receive extra help with ESL and US citizenship distance learning classes.

Beading with Donna
- Every first Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Join local beading expert Donna Cooper for an introductory class on beading and jewelry making. Adults only, no registration needed.

Anime @ the Library
- Every first and third Tuesday, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
Share your love of Anime with other teens. Selections are made by the group and snacks are provided. For ages 12-18.

Storytimes
- Every Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 11:15–11:45 a.m.
- Friday afternoons, 1:15–1:45 p.m.
Introduce your child to the wonderful world of words at any of our fun and musical storytimes. Join us for an extra craft after storytimes each Thursday.

For additional information and details on events, go to www.ccclib.org/locations/pleasanthill.html
**Eco Studio**
Third, fourth, and fifth Wednesdays of the month, 3–5 p.m., check ccclib.org for specific dates. Learn to machine sew your own fabulous up-cycled fabric creations! As this program grows, the library is seeking extra adult volunteers who wish to share their sewing skills with youth. Contact phl@ccclib.org to apply.

**Lego Creators Club**
From Duplos to Mindstorm EV3 Robotics. Every Saturday, 2–3 p.m.

**Monthly Book Discussion Groups**
- Senior Center Book Club (held at 233 Gregory Ln) First Mondays at 12 p.m.
- Afternoon Book Club Second Fridays at 1 p.m.
- Evening Book Club Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**ESL Conversation Practice for Adults**
- Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
  Come practice and improve your English conversation skills in an informal, small group setting.

**Adults Learn to Read and Spell**
Contact Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County Library’s adult literacy program, for more information. (925) 927-3250

**1 on 1 Computer Tutoring**
- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11-1 p.m. by appointment. Call (925) 646-6434.

**Friends of the Library Flash Sale!**
- Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m 12:30 p.m.
  Find great deals on books of all kinds. This sale will be held on the library patio and inside the library.

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**Pleasant Hill Library Book Sale**
During the winter months, Friends of the Library will hold indoor book sales inside the Library at 1750 Oak Park Blvd. Find specially-selected, gently-used books for sale; all proceeds bring new programs and materials to the Library. Browse through hundreds of titles. Includes children’s books, adult fiction and nonfiction.

- Date: Saturday, January 27
- Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Place: Inside the Pleasant Hill Library, 1750 Oak Park Blvd
- For more information: PHLibraryFriends.org

**New Library Town Hall Meeting**
On November 27, the City held its first Town Hall meetings for community members to discuss the design of our 21st Century Library. Over 140 people participated.

The team from architect firm BCJ, led the meeting to find out why we love Pleasant Hill, what we value, and what we envision for our community and for our future library. The audience enthusiastically participated. Ideas included creating an intergenerational experience, a family-friendly environment, and a space that is flexible and can change as needs change. The audience discussed how best to utilize the beautiful setting near the creek and bring the outdoors in.

Important questions raised will continue to be discussed. How can our new library affect change in our community? What new programs can draw citizens into the new library?

The Mayor of Pleasant Hill spoke about his longterm quest for a new library to meet the needs of Pleasant Hill. He then issued a Mayor’s Challenge—he will match the first $100,000 in donations! Watch for news about fundraising to meet the interior needs such as furniture, fixtures and equipment (Measure K revenue will only pay for the building and construction).

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For more information about the new library project go to www.newphlibrary.org.
Twelve recipients of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award honored by City Council

At a recent meeting of the City Council, twelve Pleasant Hill students received the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) for volunteer work completed over the past year.

Between them, the 12 recipients completed over 1,600 hours of community service during the 2016-17 school year. Two of the students, Brett Jones and Ethan Tuey, received the Gold Award for each completing over 250 hours of service.

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is an award given to recognize hours of service individuals provide to their communities. Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, and gold.

The Pleasant Hill Education Commission is the local sponsor of the award program. Students can learn more about the program and how to register at www.pleasanthillca.org/pvsa. Hours must be completed during the year between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018.

Groundbreaking Choice In Learning Montessori invites you to an open house on January 24

Choice in Aging is proud to announce the first intergenerational preschool in Pleasant Hill—Choice in Learning Montessori—and is showcasing this premier program at an Open House on January 24th.

Students thrive with self-directed learning and prepared environments true to the Montessori philosophy. What makes this program even more exciting is the opportunity to create evidence based and mutually beneficial intergenerational activities with our aging population in a newly remodeled campus. Child care is available for enrolled students.

Choice in Learning Montessori is currently enrolling students. To learn more about this groundbreaking program or to schedule a tour, visit www.cilmontessori.org or contact Site Director Gina Velez at gvelez@cilmontessori.org or 925-687-5231. Facility #073408243.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/choiceinlearning.

Education Commission hosts “Hour of Code”

More than 50 students participated in the first ever “Hour of Code” event hosted by the Pleasant Hill Education Commission at City Hall on December 8th.

The Hour of Code is a global movement which introduces students of all ages to computer science.

The event was supported by Hackingtons Code School and the Pleasant Hill Library.
Senior Safety—what to do when you fall
—Commission on Aging

Slips and falls increase in the winter months. What should you do if it happens to you? Pause and assess how you feel before you try to get up. “911” can provide a non-emergency “lift team” to help you up if you aren’t hurt, or provide an ambulance if you need medical attention. However, if you think you can get up by yourself, use these steps to make it easier:

1. Roll over onto your side.
2. Put both hands on the ground near your stronger hip and push up with your hands and leg.
3. Once on your hands and knees, move to a solid surface.
4. Put both hands on that surface and your stronger foot flat on the floor. Push up to return to sitting or standing.

Practice these steps BEFORE you need to use them. As you practice, it’s a good idea to have someone available should you need a boost back up!

Local fall prevention resources

- Meals on Wheels/Senior Outreach Services Fall Prevention Coalition—8-week “Matter of Balance” class. (925) 891-4761
- Pleasant Hill Senior Center—fitness classes and much more! (925) 798-8788
- YMCA—classes to help with strength, balance, flexibility, and general wellness. (925) 687-8900
- Watch this excellent YouTube video on creative methods to get up if “standard” ways don’t work for you: “How to get up from a fall (after a fall)—MacGyver style!”

Refer to the “Senior Resources Quick Links” on the Commission on Aging’s webpage at www.pleasanthillca.org/aging to connect with the above local resources and many others! ▲

Senior Center activities and events

- Monthly Pancake Breakfast...
  all ages welcome!
  - Sunday, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
  - PH Senior Center Chateau Room
    Enjoy a stack of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Adults (11+): $5, Children (5-10): $3, 4 & under: Free!

- FREE CMP Series presents...
  - Jan 11, “Aging in Place” presented by Hillendale Home Care, Hospice of the East Bay & Senior Visionary Services
  - Feb 8, “Veterans Benefits” presented by Littomo Law Group
    Second Thursday of each month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Space is limited so please reserve your spot by calling (925) 798-8788.

- Valentine’s Social
  - Thursday, Feb 8, 12:00 p.m
  - PH Senior Center.
    Sing, tap your toes and dance the afternoon away with friends or your special valentine. Live music from The Paul Fontes Band. Lunch will be served. Dance partner not required! Tickets: $15 presale or $20 day of (based on availability). No refunds.

- Mardi Gras Party
  - Tuesday, Feb 13, 3:00 p.m.
  - Chateau Room
    If you aren’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) and tempt your senses with delicious appetizers and king cake! Tickets: $13 presale, $16 day of (if available). ▲
**Winter/Spring 2018 Spotlight**

**Get a jump start on your new year’s resolutions!** Registration now for Winter/Spring classes, activities and events! Visit pleasanthillrec.com or pick up THE SPOTLIGHT at PHR&PD facilities.

**Team Up With Your Friends & Co-workers!** Join an Adult Sports League in 2018! Spend one hour a week getting together with your friends and/or co-workers for some healthy sports competition and a whole lot of fun. Choose from Flag Football, Softball, Soccer, Basketball (3-on-3 and 5-on-5), Volleyball and Cornhole bag toss. Visit Adult Sports page at pleasanthillrec.com for more info.

**PHRec’s Dolphins Swim Team Registration** opens January 8, 2018
Have Fun! Swim Fast! Register online at pleasanthillrec.com or in-person at District office.

**Spring into Water Safety.** Spring Swim Lesson Registration opens February 1.

**Eat Healthy In 2018!** NEW! Enroll in a FREE Healthier Eating, Healthier YOU 5-class series starting 1/9! Learn about how to eat more healthfully with these informative interactive classes.

**NEW! Indoor Fun For Little Ones!** Looking for some indoor playtime for your little one? Check out lots of new preschool classes this winter and spring including Kids Warrior Fitness, Busy Bee Cooks, Broadway babies and more! Visit pleasanthillrec.com.

**PHRec Priority Preschool 2018-2019 Registration.** Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:30 am at PH Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. In-person registration required. First come, first serve. Questions? Contact Preschool Director Sarah Smith at ssmith@pleasanthillrec.com or (925) 676-5200 ext. 626.

**FREE Diablo Valley Preschool Fair**
January 20, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, PH Community Center.

**Friday Night Fun!**

**Special Recreation Dances—Jan 12 and March 9, 7:00–9:00 p.m., PH Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane.** PH Recreation & Park District, in partnership with City of Concord and City of Walnut Creek, hosts dances specifically designed for developmentally disabled adults. Admission: $7/person. Cash only. Caregivers free. Questions? Contact Holly Frates at hfrates@pleasanthillrec.com.

**Annual All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed,** January 26, 6:00 p.m., PH Senior Center. Enjoy all you can eat fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Don’t forget about our 50/50 split cash raffle. Purchase your tickets early. RSVP for 4+ people allowed. Tickets: $45 before 1/12; $50 after 1/12 (no tix sold at door)

**My Little Sweetheart Dinner Dance** (1-10 yrs, boys & girls). February 9, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Chateau Hall, PH Senior Center. What a lovely way to celebrate Valentine’s Day as a family! Dinner and dessert included. Siblings under 2 welcome. All family members must pre-register. $10.50/$9.50 (district resident).

**Come Together 8 Benefit Concert** (21+ yrs). Friday, February 23, 7:30 – 10:30 pm, PH Community Center. An All-Star Benefit Show for PH Teen Center. Purchase tickets online at pleasanthillrec.com. Tickets: $20 advance/$25 at the door.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Summer Camp Expo**
March 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., PH Community Center. Plan for Summer Camps early and SAVE 10% on camp and swim lesson registration! Discount offered on EXPO day only. Valid for in-person registration from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and for online registration from 12-11 p.m. (Mar 10 only).

Watch for camp information online at pleasanthillrec.com.


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Pleasant Hill Community Foundation receives proclamation from City Council

The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation was recognized by the Pleasant Hill City Council for its support to our community for the past 30 years. The Foundation has promoted and supported the cultural, educational and recreational activities that enhance the quality of life for Pleasant Hill residents since 1987.

Over the years, the volunteer board members have worked diligently on major projects including the tiles at City Hall, playground at Pleasant Hill Park, lights at the tennis courts at College Park High School, both the pool and tennis courts at Pleasant Hill Middle School, and the Sprayground at Pleasant Hill Aquatic Park. Nearly 500 grants have been awarded to community organizations to provide such things as books, park improvements, support for reading programs, stage equipment, special programming for different groups, and other community activities and projects.

Aloma Levine, Vice President, received the proclamation on behalf of the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation. She stated, “We are very thankful for the support we have received from the City of Pleasant Hill these past 30 years. We are especially appreciative to all the people who have generously donated each year to our Annual Fundraising Campaign which is about to begin. All proceeds will be given out in grant awards at our Celebrate Your Community event in spring 2018.”

Find out more about the many projects, grants and scholarships we have awarded over the past 30 years by visiting www.PHCommunityFoundation.org. If you are interested in joining the board of directors, please email them for an application at info@PHCommunityFoundation.org.

Fourth of July Commission distributes proceeds from Firecracker 5k Run

At the October meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission, President Sandy Vinson and 5K Chair Marcus Hopper handed out $12,495 to the principals of Pleasant Hill schools. The funds have been used over the years to provide funding for programs such as AVID at College Park High School, funds for the Senior Class, library books, and many other uses. To date, the run has raised over $150,000.

The Commission is excited about the July 4, 2018 event and expects it to be bigger and better than ever! There are a few open positions and the Commission is actively looking for new members to become involved. If anyone is interested in the Treasurer position, please contact Sandy Vinson.

Every year, new members come up with innovative ideas to improve and enhance the Independence Day celebration. Now is the best time to join to have an impact on the 2018 celebration. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend the next Commission meeting on January 17 at 7 pm in the Large Community Room at City Hall or contact Sandy at sandy.vinson@comcast.net. Also, any group or organizations that would like to provide volunteers on the day of the event are encouraged to contact the Commission. The more volunteers, the better the event.

Get tickets now for Lions Crab Feed

On January 20, 2018 the Lions Club will have their 45th annual crab feed. Crab, pasta, and salad are served. There is music and dancing, live and silent auctions, door prizes, and a raffle. This event is the primary fund raiser for the year and 100% of the profits go back to the community through youth events, scholarships, awards, and direct donations.

Tickets are $55.00. Call or email Dick Lepre (415) 244-9383 or dicklepre@rpm-mtg.com.

To learn more about the Lions visit their website at: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/pleasanthillca/index.php.

Thanks for your support of the Veterans’ Day Celebration!

The Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, along with JFK University the U.S. Army and other community organizations and restaurants, hosted an event on November 11 to celebrate and honor the many men and women who have served our country throughout the years.

Hundreds of people turned out for the flag ceremony, lunch, games, and swearing in of new Army recruits. The Rotary Club wants to thank everyone who attended and everyone who supported this meaningful event.

Interested in Rotary? Contact Steve Van Dorn at (408) 930-1724.
Sign up now for Relay for Life

Now is a great time for teams to register and build momentum for the June 2-3 Pleasant Hill Relay For Life, a fun-filled fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Team Activities

Active with Cub Scout Pack 232 and its Relay team, Chris Capels and other Scout troop leaders have brought a youthful energy to the Pleasant Hill Relay in recent years. Moving into the Relay’s ninth year in Pleasant Hill, Capels and his committee will help teams with ideas and publicity for their pre-Relay fundraising efforts.

Getting Started

Teams are created by a “team captain” on the website http://relayforlife.org/pleasanthillca. Other people may then sign up to join the team. In-person information will be available at meetings on January 8 and February 5, both starting at 6:30 p.m. and held at the Pleasant Hill City Hall community meeting room.

People may also make contact by emailing relayforlifeph@yahoo.com, or by calling 925-944-4898.

Relay’s Intention

- Celebrate those who are valiantly battling cancer or have survived it.
- Remember those whom cancer has taken.
- Fight Back in the continued effort to shift it from deadly to treatable to preventable.

STARS 2000 presents “Anything Goes!”

STARS 2000, a Pleasant Hill based teen theatre company, will present “Anything Goes” at Las Lomas Theater January 12-28, 2018. This marks the 25th Anniversary of STARS 2000, a non-profit, pre-professional teen theatre company. Many alumni from STARS 2000 have gone on to perform in professional theatre companies nationally and on Broadway.

Music, dance, laughs, and the age-old tale of Boy Meets Girl—no musical puts it on stage better than “Anything Goes”! A hilarious shipboard romp, wrapped around one of Cole Porter’s most magical scores, “Anything Goes” is Delightful, Delicious, and De-Lovely.

Reserve your tickets for “Anything Goes” by calling Brown Paper Tickets (800) 838-3006. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Ticket prices range from $16 to $22 with special pricing for students, seniors and groups.

For questions, call (925) 324-7359.
For additional information, please visit our website at www.stars2000.org.
What’s happening in Pleasant Hill...

Making a difference in our community...one amazing film at a time

A profile of Norman Lear, one of the most prolific television producers in history, who used comedy to empower people to see themselves in one another. A documentary about the 1936 Olympics in Berlin where Jesse Owens won four gold medals. A courtroom thriller about extremists in modern Germany who target a Kurdish immigrant. A romantic drama that satirizes the narrow-mindedness of the parents of two young men who are planning their marriage—to each other.

These and 30 more films will come to downtown Pleasant Hill beginning Saturday, March 3 for a 10-day run at the Century 16 Theatres. Now in its 23rd year, the East Bay International Jewish Film Festival will feature films from Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, South Africa, United Kingdom and the USA.

On the schedule are internationally acclaimed dramas, light-hearted comedies and in-depth documentaries. They include An Act of Defiance that showcases the 1963 trial of Nelson Mandela in South Africa; Jasper Jones, a coming-of-age story set in a small town in Australia where a teen-ager fears condemnation because of his Aboriginal heritage, and Riphagen, an emotionally charged historical drama that captures the devastation caused by the real life Dutch con man Dries Riphagen.

“Many of our films this year focus on issues related to prejudice, whether it be anti-Semitism, racism or bias against the LGBTQ community. We hope that these films will empower people to respond with more tolerance and empathy towards others,” says EBIJFF Director Riva Gambert. “While these films have a powerful message, they have also been selected because of their entertainment value. Several are their country’s submission for Best Foreign Film to the Oscars, including the Russian drama Paradise and the German drama In the Fade.”

The contributions of legendary entertainment figures are explored in films about Norman Lear (All in the Family, Maude, The Jeffersons); actress Hedy Lamarr, and composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim (Follies, Company, West Side Story). “Few know that the strikingly beautiful Lamarr was also the secret inventor of secure Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and GPS communications,” Gambert explains. An adventure yarn has also made the cut, including Jungle. Starring Daniel Ratcliffe (Harry Potter), this survival thriller follows four men who get lost in Bolivia’s Amazon.

Don’t miss SingOut’s Jr Theatre production of Annie Jr!

- February 23, 7 p.m. and February 24, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd, WC
- Tickets: (925) 943-SHOW
- Info: www.SingOutTheatre.org

Our rockin’ community! Events for January and February 2018

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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 (925) 671-5213 or Kcalhoun@pleasanthillca.org.

DL Spa Nail Salon
710 Contra Costa Blvd.
925-207-0408

Elizabeth Radding
Massage Therapy
Storms Chiropractic & Wellness
1800 Oak Park Blvd., Suite B
www.stormschirowellness.com

Journey Within
Holistic Healing
(Reiki Energy Healing; Hypnotherapy/Guided Imagery)
70 Doray Drive, Suite 15-A
925-257-4070

Lavish Lashes by Bryce
609 Gregory Lane, Suite 110
925-206-2673
www.lavishlashesbybryce.com

Law Offices of
Oliver Greenwood
367 Civic Drive, Suite 2
925-957-1030
www.calprobatelaw.com

Stealth Conversions – Jaguars that Run
925-944-1187
www.jagsthatrun.com

Business license renewal for 2018

If you are a business owner in the City of 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 mailing address has changed notify the Business License Division at (925) 671-5234 or email Lrodriguez@pleasanthillca.org as soon as possible to update your records and have a copy of the renewal notice sent to you. This will allow the business owner the full grace period ending January 31, 2018.

You should also notify the Business License Division if you are no longer in business in the City of Pleasant Hill. A brief note explaining the situation, signed and dated, should be sent to:

City of Pleasant Hill
Business License Division
100 Gregory Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Or email to Lrodriguez@pleasanthillca.org.

If you are in business or own rental property but are not yet licensed, call the City’s Business License Division at (925) 671-5234 to have the appropriate forms sent to you or to answer any of your questions.

The City Council and Staff of Pleasant Hill City Hall, the Public Services Center, and the Pleasant Hill Police Department wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We look forward to providing the efficient and professional delivery of public services for all residents and businesses in 2018 and beyond.

Thank You!
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Starting in January all City Council meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

* Live streaming of these meetings is available on the City’s website at www.pleasanthillca.org/media.

The City Channel is looking for volunteers!

Be a part of creating exciting television programs right here in Pleasant Hill. If you are a student of film or television production or just interested in learning how a show is put together, come volunteer to be part of the City Channel crew. No experience is necessary. Contact Larry Hunt at larrylogic@gmail.com. The City Channel airs on Comcast Channel 28, Wave Broadband Channel 29, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99. For more information on Pleasant Hill’s City Channel go to www.pleasanthillca.org/citychannel.
Community Awards Night recognizes leaders and volunteers in our community

The 47th Annual Community Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center on Civic Drive.

The event includes awards for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Teen of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Education Supporter of the Year, Mayor’s Award, several Green Awards and others.

If you would like to nominate a teacher, volunteer, business, resident or organization for any of these awards, please complete the nomination form on the city’s website at www.pleasanthillca.org/awards. All nominations are due no later than Monday, February 5, 2018.

The nomination criteria for awards are available on the City’s website at www.pleasanthillca.org/awards.

For more information about the event or nominations, please email mnelis@pleasanthillca.org or call (925) 671-5229. Tickets for Community Awards Night are available through the Chamber of Commerce. Go to www.pleasanthillca.org/tickets or call 687-0700.

Mayor’s Luncheon and State of the City presentation

Each year, the Pleasant Hill Chamber hosts the Annual Mayor’s State of the City Lunch, hosted by the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce.

This year it will be on January 24 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Contra Costa Country Club. The newly elected Mayor of Pleasant Hill, will be speaking to an audience packed with leaders, entrepreneurs, non-profits, local businesses, students and others devoted to Pleasant Hill. You are invited to hear the Mayor’s vision on the City’s economic outlook and enhancing life in Pleasant Hill. You can purchase tickets for the event at www.pleasanthillca.org/mayortickets.