

# the OUTLOOK

of Pleasant Hill, California



## Mayor launches Pleasant Hill Education Initiative

The Mayor of Pleasant Hill launched a new initiative during his 'State of the City' address at the Mayor's Breakfast on Thursday, February 7. The **Pleasant Hill Education Initiative** will establish a community-wide volunteer effort to enhance the quality of education for students in Pleasant Hill.

The Initiative would include such programs as mentoring and tutoring students, volunteering in schools, career counseling and job shadowing, community teaching labs, and afterschool enrichment programs. Mayor Harris is seeking to form a Steering Committee to plan and oversee The Initiative. This committee would be comprised of representatives from various organizations including City Commissions, the Recreation & Park District, MDUSD, Pleasant Hill Library, Foundation for PH Education, Chamber of Commerce, construction trades, and the PH Community Foundation.

Those interested in being on the Steering Committee or wishing to be a volunteer in the program can sign up online at [www.pleasant-hill.net/phei](http://www.pleasant-hill.net/phei). For more information on The Initiative, contact Martin Nelis at [mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:mnelis@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us). ♣

## Education advocate, Leanne Hamaji, is the newest Citizen of the Year

The 42nd Annual Community Awards Night was held on Thursday, January 17 at Back Forty Restaurant in Pleasant Hill.

The winners of the twelve award categories were as follows:

### ★ Citizen of the Year— Leanne Hamaji

Having served on numerous education related committees and as a founding member of the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education, Leanne Hamaji has been an advocate of providing quality education for all children in Pleasant Hill. Her resume as a volunteer and supporter of schools in Pleasant Hill is second to none.

### ★ Business of the Year— Community Focus

Elena Hutslar, Becky Coburn and Jennifer Neys, commonly known as the 'Focus Ladies,' are

publishers of the Community Focus—an independent monthly newspaper distributed to more than 30,000 homes. Since 2009, the Focus has become a respected and valued community resource full of news and information about the people, places, events and happenings of Pleasant Hill.

### ★ Green Award—Sequoia Middle School EARTH Club and the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

In only its second year, the Green Award received six nominations—a testament to the growing awareness of the importance of building a sustainable community and

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—Photo by Susan Wood Photography

### You can make a difference!

The City is seeking candidates for openings on the following committees:

#### Civic Action Commission

The purpose of the Civic Action Commission is to:

- Provide assistance and advice to the City Council concerning public and private programs that affect the quality of city life, including residential and commercial improvements; public facilities; City beautification; cultural improvements; and general civic improvements;
- Sponsoring City programs at the request of the City Council;
- Keeping the general public informed about such programs and their progress; and
- Encouraging and utilizing active citizen participation in improving the quality of life in the City.

The Commission is composed of nine voting members. Candidates must be either a resident of Pleasant Hill; a business person (with a business in Pleasant Hill) who is a non-resident; or an individual who lives outside corporate limits

but within the City's sphere of influence.

The Civic Action Commission meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at City Hall.

#### Contra Costa County Advisory Council On Aging

The Advisory Council advises the County Area Agency on Aging on all matters related to the development and administration of senior programs throughout the County. The Council is composed of 40 members, appointed by the County Board of Supervisors in partnership with the local cities. Members also choose one work group on which to serve: Housing, Health, Transportation or Legislative Advocacy.

The Advisory Council on Aging meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30am to noon at 500 Ellinwood Way, Board Rooms A & B, in Pleasant Hill. It is preferable that candidates reside in the City of Pleasant Hill. Mileage expenses to and from meetings are reimbursable. ♣



Two CERT team members carry a victim role-player to a medical treatment area for screening and treatment during a recent exercise.

### CERT is now accepting enrollees for its class beginning April 4th

Twenty-four current residents are about to graduate from the first CERT course of 2013...better prepared for a disastrous earthquake and knowledgeable about helping others smartly and safely. Are you and your family prepared?

The next Community Emergency Response Team class begins Thursday, April 4 and teaches Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety & Suppression, First Aid, Triage, and Search & Rescue techniques. This class is free of charge to Pleasant Hill residents and meets one night a week for six weeks from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy classroom, 796 Grayson Road.

Enrollment is online at [www.pleasanthillcertsignup.com](http://www.pleasanthillcertsignup.com) or click on the Emergency Preparedness tab at the City's website [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).



For an application or more information, please contact the City Clerk's office by phone at 671-5284 or e-mail at [lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:lstehr@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).



**BIKE TO WORK DAY**  **MAY 9, 2013**

**SAVE THE DATE! Go to [511contracosta.org](http://511contracosta.org) for energizer station locations.**

## FREE tax preparation for local residents

Free tax preparation for the 2013 tax season is now available 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 those who can be served. EKS can only serve individuals whose incomes do not exceed \$50,000.

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



**Earn It!  
Keep It!  
Save It!**

## Planning is underway for 2013 Pleasant Hill 4th of July Celebration

Mark your calendar! The 4th of July for 2013 is on a Thursday. Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission members, headed by President Allen Vinson, are already hard at work raising funds and planning another fun-filled family event for July 4th 2013.

The 4th of July events will again start off early with the 'Firecracker 5K Fun Run.' All registration fees for the Fun Run support Pleasant Hill schools. The 2012 race generated \$12,663, the largest amount to date. They hope to exceed that amount for 2013. Start training now and urge your friends and neighbors to sign up!

The theme for 4th of July celebration for 2013 and the Grand Marshal for the parade will be decided soon! The Commission is working hard to line up parade entrants so that they can keep up the tradition of this crowd-pleasing event.

Check out their website at [www.phjuly4.com](http://www.phjuly4.com) for updates as they firm up the activities for this exciting day. They are also on Facebook (Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission).

The Commission organizers always appreciate new ideas, but what they really need are more members on the 4th of July Commission. If you are interested, please contact Allen Vinson at 938-2373 for more information. ♣

## Awards winners—Continued from page 1

promoting green practices at home and in the workplace. Sequoia Middle School EARTH Club was recognized for its activities related to science, ecology and the environment. The Episcopal Church was honored for its many green accomplishments at the church and for educating its congregation on how to practice sustainability at home.

### ★ Teen of the Year—Helena Encarnacion-Strand

Helena was recognized for volunteer work as a member, and current Chair, of the Teen Council since 2009. An active member of Interact Club at College Park High School also, she has performed hundreds of hours of community service at many special events and programs.

### ★ Educator of the Year—Aida Attiga

Sequoia Elementary School teacher, Aida Attiga, was honored for her successful efforts in introducing modern technology into the classrooms and serving as the school's technology representative to Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

## Other individuals also honored that evening

- ★ **Community Plus Award**—Martin Nelis
- ★ **Mayor's Award**—Lesley Stiles, Teen Center Staff & Teen Council, and Jack's Restaurant
- ★ **PH Rec & Park District Board Appreciation Award**—Cheryl Kolano
- ★ **PH Rec & Park District Community Service Award**—Aegis of PH and The Chateaus
- ★ **Pleasant Hill Chamber Board Appreciation Award**—Judith Sosnowski
- ★ **Pleasant Hill Chamber Ambassador of the Year**—Sue Damhesel
- ★ **PH Community Foundation Cornerstone Award**—Aloma Levine

This event is hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, City of Pleasant Hill and the PH Recreation & Park District each year to honor citizens, businesses and employees who have made a significant contribution to the Pleasant Hill community through their selfless dedication and volunteerism. All of the nominees were honored and recognized for enhancing the quality of life in Pleasant Hill.

The organizing committee received eighteen nominations this year in the six competitive award categories, including six nominations each for Citizen of the year and the Green Award. ♣

**PH Recreation & Park District appoints new board member**

Due to the resignation of Board Member Cecile Shepard, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District has appointed Zac Shess to the Board of Directors. Mr. Shess was chosen from seven candidates who were interviewed by the board on Monday, January 28.



Zac Shess is a longtime resident of Pleasant Hill, volunteer coach, and Pleasant Hill Baseball Association league commissioner. Zac will serve out the remainder of former member Shepard's term until the next election in November 2014. ♣



**Teen Center Prom Preview fashion show**

Enjoy an afternoon with the latest prom fashions worn by members of the Pleasant Hill Teen Council. This event will take place on Sunday, March 3 from 2pm to 4pm at the new Pleasant Hill Senior Center. Proceeds from this fundraising event benefit the Teen Center Furniture fund. Light refreshments will be served and raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win great prizes.



Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased online at [www.pleasanthillrec.com/home/specialevents.html](http://www.pleasanthillrec.com/home/specialevents.html) or by calling 682-0896. ♣



**"Egg" Citing Egg Hunt—  
Rain or Shine!**

Saturday, March 30 at the Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane. **Important: Pre-registration is required by 12pm on March 29th!** To register call 682-0896.

After a great pancake breakfast at the Senior Center, make your way over to the park and enjoy lots of fun and entertainment including music, juggling performances, face painting, train rides on the Pleasant Hill Express, and visits with the Bunny. Don't forget your camera! Check-in begins at 9:30am and Egg Hunts begin at various times depending on your child's age. Visit [www.pleasanthillrec.com](http://www.pleasanthillrec.com) for more information or call 682-0896.

**Senior Center events/activities**

**■ MARCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

Our monthly pancake breakfast is back! Enjoy a stack of pancakes with eggs, sausage and orange juice.



- ❑ Chateau Room, PH Senior Center
- ❑ Sunday, Mar 3, 9:00-11:00am
- ❑ Adults (11&up): \$5
- Children (5-10): \$3;
- 4 & under free

**■ GUIDE DOG Q&A SESSION**

The San Ramon Valley Guide Dog group will be at the senior center to talk about their program. They will share information on how a person becomes eligible to have a guide dog, how the puppies are trained, and they will even bring some of their puppy students. Pre-registration is suggested, event is free!

- ❑ Chateau Room, PH Senior Center
- ❑ Friday, Mar 8, 1:30pm

**■ EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SPRING BOUTIQUE**

Join us for our delicious pancake breakfast! Afterwards, enjoy a wonderful spring selection of handmade items from the boutique.

- ❑ Chateau Room, PH Senior Center
- ❑ Sunday, Mar 30, 8:00-11:00am
- ❑ Adults (11&up): \$5
- Children (5-10): \$3; 4 & under free

**■ GET TO KNOW YOUR GADGET—FREE!**

While you may never be too old to learn, when it comes to gadgets, you can never be too young to teach—which is why once again we are partnering with the Pleasant Hill Teen Council to help you figure out your gadget! Our one-on-one appointments can cover cell phones, Kindles, iPads, etc. Appointments required; please let us know what gadget you will be needing help with (and the make and model if it's a cell phone). Pre-registration is highly recommended. Event is free; donations towards the Teen Center will be accepted.

- ❑ Arts & Crafts Room
- ❑ Tuesday, Apr 2, 10:00am-noon

**■ VAGABOND PLAYERS**

The Vagabond Players are back! Grab lunch before the play at our Chef's Lunch (not included in ticket price), then watch this award-winning live theater group put on a show. "Red Hot Lovers" will be performed in April.

- ❑ Chateau Room, PH Senior Center
- ❑ Friday, Apr 19, 1:00pm
- ❑ Tickets: Pre-sale \$10, at the door \$15

### What to do if you fall...DON'T PANIC

– by the Pleasant Hill Commission on Aging

Last issue, we discussed ways you can reduce the risk of falls. However, despite your best efforts, there may come a time when you do fall.

What should you do if that happens? Here are some tips on what steps to take.

#### First and foremost...

- Don't panic. Stay put until you know you are okay. Take your time and call for help if you can.
- Decide whether or not to try to get up.

#### If you decide to try to get up...

- Look around and locate the nearest strong, stable armchair or other steady object.
- Lie on your side, bend the leg that is on top and lift yourself onto your elbows or hands.
- Pull yourself toward the armchair (or other stable object), then kneel while placing both hands on the chair or object.
- Place your stronger leg in front, holding on to the chair or object.

- Stand up, carefully turn, and sit down.
- Take some time to recover after you get up from the floor.
- Tell someone that you had a fall and get medical advice if necessary.

Practice these steps often! You will be prepared in case you fall. Remember to stay calm.

#### If you cannot get up, or if you decide not to try...

- Call out for help if you think you can be heard. Push your emergency call device if you have one.



- Slide or crawl to get help if you can. You might be able to reach the telephone, something to make a loud noise (pots and pans, your cane), a door to the outside, or a place where you will be heard.
- Make noise to attract attention. Tell someone you have fallen and need help.
- Wait for help in the most comfortable position for you.
- If you can, place a pillow under your head and cover yourself with a piece of clothing or a blanket to stay warm.
- While you are waiting, try to move your joints to promote circulation and prevent stiffness.
- Once help arrives, get medical advice or call 911 if necessary.

We recommend you consider a medical alert system if you live alone or if you are alone often.

In the next issue we will discuss what to do if you witness a fall and some of the reasons for seeing a doctor after a fall. So stay tuned and until then...keep active and stay safe! ♣

### What's new with the Pleasant Hill Lions? POKER NIGHT!

On February 9 the Lions Club held its 40th annual Crab Feed at Pleasant Hill's fabulous new Senior Center. This year the festivities were a joint celebration with the Pleasant Hill Dolphins Swim Club, and they had over 325 people attending. A good time was had by all, and with the generous support of the attendees the club raised thousands of dollars for use by the Lions to support charitable activities and for the Dolphins to support their activities.



The Lions' next two activities are the Egg-Citing Egg Hunt and their annual Poker Night fundraiser. The popular Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, which is co-sponsored with the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District. The Poker Night fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 27, at Back

Forty Texas BBQ restaurant. It is a fun time for you Texas Hold'em poker players (novice players included), and the club will have dealers provided at each table for ease of use. Contact Ken Wombacher at 687-0858 for tickets and additional information.

Finally, the Lions welcome their newest member, Debby Flickinger, to the club.

If you have interest in learning more about or joining the club, call Ken Wombacher at 687-0858. Club e-mail address is [LionsClubPH@gmail.com](mailto:LionsClubPH@gmail.com) and website is [www.PHLionsClub.org](http://www.PHLionsClub.org).



### Earth Day Creek Cleanup

**Sunday, April 21, 9am–noon  
(check-in opens at 8:30am)**

Come celebrate Earth Day by helping to clean up Grayson Creek! Here's your chance to do a good deed for the community, the environment, and have some fun at the same time.



The Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks need your help to clear trash and debris from portions of Grayson Creek between Chilpancingo Parkway and 2nd Street. For more details, and where to meet, visit [www.ccrd.org/wc.htm](http://www.ccrd.org/wc.htm)

Grownups can relive those childhood memories of exploring a creek, and they can help their kids learn good stewardship of nature. So bring your family, put on your oldest sneakers, grab your work gloves, and help us care for our creek! Trash bags and latex gloves provided.

This effort will not only improve the appearance of the creek, but also make it safer for people and for wildlife as well. Creatures like wading birds, muskrat, and raccoons will thank you for your efforts. ♣

### Green Award awarded to two outstanding recipients

This year's Community Awards Night, sponsored by the City of Pleasant Hill, the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, and the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, featured the return of the Green Award. This prestigious award acknowledges a business or organization for outstanding leadership in minimizing their impact on the environment and creating a sustainable future.

Out of six excellent nominees, two winners were selected—the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection and Sequoia Middle School's EARTH Club.

#### Church of the Resurrection

"We're honored to have been nominated for, let alone win, the award," said Liz Fisher of the Care of the Earth Committee at the Church of the Resurrection. "We're impressed that there were so many nominees and with the work they've done, too. We think there are probably a lot of things that other businesses and places of worship are doing out there to care for the earth—we just haven't heard about them yet."

In particular, Liz praised fellow Green Award nominee, Hillcrest Congregational Church, as well as Christ the King Church for joining together on some efforts and sharing information and ideas on sustainability.

The Church of the Resurrection's green accomplishments include maintaining a fruit orchard, a comprehensive reuse area, and a recycling and composting program and educating the congregation about sustainability through various channels.

"It's really just self respect to care for your own home and common decency to not destroy another's," Liz said. "And it's usually pretty easy, cheaper, healthier, and more fun, being green."

#### Sequoia Middle School EARTH Club

Bea Moore, retired Sequoia Middle School teacher and EARTH Club leader for many years, accepted the Green Award alongside Queenie Li, Sequoia Middle School EARTH Club President, and aspiring environmentalist.

"I'm honored to be recognized for all our hard work," Bea said. "We've really

been doing a lot of good stuff and have never been recognized before."

The EARTH Club manages the school's recycling program, conducts campus and beach cleanups, maintains native gardens and a vegetable garden on campus, and educates other students and the community through Earth Day activities and a poster contest.

"I'm happy we got this award because I've never gotten something so important before," Queenie said.



Other nominees for the Green Award included Cantrell's Computer Sales and Service, 511 Contra Costa, and Plant Décor, all green certified businesses through the Green Business Program.

To reinforce the green message at the event, centerpieces at Community Awards Night were created from empty bottles gathered by Back Forty Texas BBQ and decorated by teens at the new Teen Center using old city newspapers and other salvaged decorations.

If you are interested in becoming a certified green business or working to promote sustainability in Pleasant Hill, please consider attending a Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Green Business Committee meeting, held the last Monday of each month at 4pm at the Back Forty. ♣

## Lose a lawn and get a garden

Homeowners throughout California are realizing the benefits of replacing water-thirsty lawns with water-efficient gardens. Some are replacing small sections of lawn over a period of time, while others are replacing their entire lawn all at once. Either way, the benefits are substantial.

### So what are the benefits?

- ✓ **Save water and money:** Homeowners can reduce their water use by more than fifty percent by converting their lawns to water-efficient landscaping. For a 30x30-ft lawn, the savings are more than 25,000 gallons per year! Savings can be even greater when sprinklers are replaced with drip irrigation. And saving water means saving on your water bill, which is always a good thing.
- ✓ **Improve aesthetics:** In a recent evaluation by Contra Costa Water District, 100% of the customers participating in their Landscape Rebate Program loved the new look of their garden compared to their old lawn. Their new front yards are beautiful, eye-catching gardens that include a variety of colors and textures.
- ✓ **Save time:** Removing your lawn means that weekly commitment to mowing is gone. No longer do you need to mow, aerate, and fertilize. Depending on the design and plants cho-

sen, a water-efficient garden can be very low maintenance.

- ✓ **Get cash back and save:** For a limited time, CCWD is offering rebates to help customers replace their water-thirsty front lawns with water-efficient landscaping. Single-family residential customers can receive up to \$500, and commercial, HOA, and municipal customers can receive up to \$5,000. The program is not retroactive, and properties must be pre-approved by CCWD before any work is started. Complete program details can be obtained by visiting [www.ccwater.com/conserves](http://www.ccwater.com/conserves) or by calling 688-8320.

### Gardening ideas

Below are a few locations for great gardening ideas.

- ✓ **Gardening in Contra Costa County:** Contra Costa Water District developed this website to assist customers with garden and plant ideas. Visit

**\$500 REBATES**  
LOSE THE LAWN, GET A GARDEN

CCWD is offering rebates to encourage customers to replace their front lawns with Water-Efficient Landscaping

Up To \$500 for Residential Homes

Up to \$5,000 for Commercial Properties

LOSE A LAWN GET A GARDEN

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT

For program information: [www.ccwater.com/conserves](http://www.ccwater.com/conserves) or call (925) 688-8320

Funding is limited, so call today!

[www.ccwater.com/conserves](http://www.ccwater.com/conserves) and click on the link for “Gardening in Contra Costa County.”

- ✓ **Arboretum All-Stars:** The UC Davis Arboretum has tested and developed a list of plants that flourish in dry hot summers. Visit their site at [www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu](http://www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu).
- ✓ **Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour:** The garden tour is on May 1, 2013 and includes many local residential gardens as well as garden talks throughout the day. Gardens range from professionally designed and installed, to do-it-yourselfer gardens.

To get information and to sign up, visit [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net). ♣

# FREE

E-Waste recycling  
in Pleasant Hill

## 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, March 2 and April 6, 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](http://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. ♣



**FPHE's 5th Annual Campaign: be a part of progress—donate TODAY!**

Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education's Annual Campaign has begun and FPHE needs your financial support. Since 2009, FPHE has awarded \$120,000 to the schools within the College Park High School feeder pattern.

Donations to FPHE aid local schools to promote high achievement levels and ensure that all students receive a quality education. Please consider donating today!

**Suggested donation: \$75 or more**

Donations of all amounts are appreciated. Contributions enhance our schools and benefit our students and community. Your donation will directly impact Pleasant Hill schools.

**Why give? Because strong schools benefit YOU**

Strong schools greatly benefit students, but they also increase property values for all residents as more home buyers invest in our community's dedication to supporting local education. This helps businesses and enhances the future of our entire community. Your donation to FPHE is an investment in your community.

**Don't miss FPHE's campaign events**

■ **Dine Out for Education** – Restaurant fundraiser on select Tuesdays in February and March (includes lunch, dinner, and take-out). Print Dine Out for Education fliers at [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org) and submit them to your server at the following restaurants to ensure FPHE receives a percentage of your bill. Dine Out dates:

- ❑ March 5 – Magoo's Grill of Pleasant Hill, 1250 Contra Costa Blvd.
- ❑ March 12 – Slow Hand BBQ, 1941 Oak Park Blvd.
- ❑ March 19 – Jack's Restaurant & Bar, Crescent Drive
- ❑ March 26 – Pasta Pomodoro, Crescent Drive

■ **FPHE's 5th Anniversary Celebration** – Dance the night away with local rock and roll band, FOG5 at Zio

Fraedo's on April 20. Purchase tickets at [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org).

■ **Pleasant Hill's Amazing Race** – Join us for the 2nd Annual Amazing Race of Pleasant Hill on Sunday, April 28. Create a team with family, friends or co-workers! The Race will challenge your knowledge of Pleasant Hill as you work to discover local Pleasant

Hill landmarks and businesses, and solve activities suited to all ages. Entry fee for a team is \$50 with all proceeds benefiting FPHE. Visit [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org) in March for more details.

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

- Visit [www.fphe.org](http://www.fphe.org) and click on the 'Donate' button
- Mail checks to FPHE, P.O. Box 23851, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.





## Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill

We aren't special...*what we do is!*

# St. Patrick's Night of Merriment!

**Saturday ♦ March 16, 2013 ♦ 5:30pm**

New Senior Center ♦ 233 Gregory Lane ♦ Pleasant Hill

**Food, Friendship, and Fundraising!**

**Food Court with samplings from local restaurants**

**Irish Dancing and instruction**

**Live and silent auctions • Dessert auction**

**Instant Wine Cellar raffle • \$1,000 Raffle**

**Pots of Gold door prizes • Raffle prizes galore!**

Preview the many prizes at [www.rotaryclubpleasanthillca.com/st\\_patricks\\_auction\\_items](http://www.rotaryclubpleasanthillca.com/st_patricks_auction_items)

Proceeds return to the community in the form of grants to local and international projects and organizations, including the LN-4 Prosthetic Hand project.

**\$50/ticket and \$375/table of 8**

**Reservations:** call for tickets **938-5433** (Jim) or [jbonato@aol.com](mailto:jbonato@aol.com)

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## Luminia “REMEMBER” event will honor those with cancer

We all know someone who has cancer, had cancer, or has been taken by cancer. Lighting a luminaria is a way to remember them, and “Light Up the Night” offers an opportunity to do so.

This free remembrance event will take place from 6:30 to 8:00pm on Monday, March 4. It is sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Relay For Life, a local fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The location is Devino’s Pizza and Pasta, 2221 Morello Ave., in the Hillcrest Shopping Center. Everyone in the community is invited to stop in and see what it’s all about!

A luminaria is a white paper bag decorated with words and artwork and dedicated to a loved one with cancer. Inside the bag is a glow stick that illuminates the bag in the dark.



At the March 4 event people may purchase Luminaria bags (\$10 suggested), decorate them (materials will be provided) and/or participate in a brief Luminaria ceremony from 7:00 to 7:15pm. Children are welcome to attend and decorate Luminaria bags.

People who wish to have a pizza or other meal during the event will be pleased to know that 15% of their food purchases will be donated to Relay For Life.

The remembrance event is a prelude to the fourth annual Pleasant Hill Relay For Life, which will be held June 1-2 at the Pleasant Hill Middle School.

The Relay is not a race or run. Teams form beforehand and raise money. At the Relay, the teams keep at least one member on the track for a full 24 hours to signify that cancer never sleeps, and neither does the fight against cancer.

For more information on Relay For Life, go to [www.RelayForLife.org/PleasantHillCA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/PleasantHillCA). You can also e-mail [relayforlifeph@yahoo.com](mailto:relayforlifeph@yahoo.com) or call 944-4898. ♣



## Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm Expo and Plant Sale

Do you love to grow your own vegetables, herbs and flowers? Are you itching to get your hands on tomatoes and other vegetables not just everyone knows about, heirloom plants you won’t find at a big box store? Would you like to learn fast tips and secrets for having your best growing season ever by experts who know local gardening from the ground up? And all of this amid Pleasant Hill’s newest working garden in a gorgeous, family-friendly setting?

Then join us at Rodgers Ranch on Saturday, April 6! Several local growers will be on site with personally grown, happy plants ready for your garden, as well as best in class soil and soil amendments, mini- and regular classes to help you achieve bountiful harvests and healthy plants all summer long. Be among the first in Pleasant Hill to take home newly launched garden products that will help keep your garden the envy of your neighbors.

If you get hungry looking at all the edibles, a Pleasant Hill native’s food truck will keep your taste buds smiling.

Come early for the plants (we expect to sell out as many of the varieties are rare); stay for the classes!

- **Where:** 315 Cortsen Road, Pleasant Hill. Carpool if you can; parking also available on W. Boyd Road.
- **When:** Saturday, April 6, 2013, from 10:00am–4:00pm
- **Cost:** All classes are free

For more information including class topics and schedule visit [www.RodgersRanchUrbanFarm.org](http://www.RodgersRanchUrbanFarm.org) or 890-7289. ♣



## PH Library activities...

### ➤ Internet 101

Tuesday, March 5, 1:00-2:30pm

Want to learn basic Internet searching? This class will introduce you to the many options you have for finding information using the library's Website, Google, Craigslist, Web email, etc. There will be lots of time to ask questions and try out what you learn!

### ➤ Tree Frog Treks

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30pm

Meet some amazing live reptiles and amphibians, like a Rat Snake or the Bearded Dragon!



### ➤ Reading Recommendations for Book Lovers!

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-8:00pm

Project Second Chance (PSC), CCCL's adult literacy program, will be hosting Ron Shoop's (Random House) Book Club Forums. He'll share different books that are bound to generate lively discussions! A local bookstore will be on hand to sell any of the titles that intrigue you, and a percentage of any proceeds will be donated to PSC. Free raffle for a bag of books, too!

### ➤ Astroblast

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30pm

Chabot Space and Science Center brings the whole universe to the Pleasant Hill Library. Find out what it's like to be an astronaut, geek out in the Star Lab, and look up at the sky with the Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society.

### ➤ Lego Creator's Club

Every Saturday, 2:00pm

Make anything you can imagine with our huge collection of legos! Plus new challenges and tips every meeting.

### ➤ 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](http://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 or [www.doorstepfarmers.com/sign-up.php](http://www.doorstepfarmers.com/sign-up.php).

### ➤ 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.

### ➤ One-on-One Computer Tutor

Wednesdays, 11:00am-1:00pm  
Saturdays, 12-4pm

Tutors are available to assist with setting up email, using Microsoft Word, basic internet searches, printing and saving, etc. Tutors may also assist with digital gadgets like laptops, smart phones, eReaders, and cameras. Please call or make an online reservation on the library's Website at [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org). ♣



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



## Just for Teens

### ➤ Wii for Teens

Every other Wednesday,  
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

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of words at any of our fun and musical storytimes!

For ages 0-5.



### JFK University's Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership

Providing local entrepreneurs with education and mentoring

Since opening its doors less than two years ago, JFK University's Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership (IEL) has helped more than 50 adult students launch business startups or grow existing companies. Housed in a Business Accelerator site adjacent to Todos Santos Plaza in Concord, experienced IEL staff provide expert training, support, one-on-one mentoring, and low-cost private office space to local entrepreneurs.

"We've designed our programs specifically for entrepreneurs looking to grow their business and become more successful," explains Dr. Raul Deju, IEL Director. The IEL offers both an Advanced Ventures Certificate Program offering academic credit and a Resident Entrepreneur Program for individuals who want to utilize space in the Accelerator site to start their business.

The IEL's next Advanced Ventures Certificate Program begins in April as a two-quarter program, including eleven weeks of classroom training combined with personalized, directed mentoring. This certificate also guides students through business plan completion, social media, and PowerPoint capabilities.

Applications are due March 22 and space is limited to 15 students; federal financial aid and scholarships are available.

The IEL's Resident Entrepreneur Program supports existing or start-up businesses with low-cost, private office space, strategic mentoring, and support services specific to the needs of the entrepreneur.

Hosted by Heritage Bank of Commerce, the IEL also conducts Small Business Seminars throughout the year with free forums open to the public. Future seminars held at the Business Accelerator site include:

- *Meet the Lenders Forum* on Tuesday, March 19 from 6:00–7:30pm
- *Improving Your Credit Score* on Tuesday, May 21 from 6:00–7:30pm

During the spring of 2013, the IEL is holding an Emerging Entrepreneurs Business Plan Competition, celebrating innovation and entrepreneurship across the Bay Area. Finalists will make their presentations at a luncheon on May 17. For more information about JFK University's Institute of Entrepreneurial Leadership and these upcoming events, visit [www.jfku.edu/iel](http://www.jfku.edu/iel) or e-mail [iel@jfku.edu](mailto:iel@jfku.edu). ♣

### Other upcoming University events

- March 20—College of Law Information Session: Law Careers in Today's Economy
- April 8—Spring quarter classes begin
- April 27—Pleasant Hill Campus Open House
- May 15—Priority Deadline for College of Law Fall 2013

For more information about these events, visit [www.jfku.edu](http://www.jfku.edu). For information about the University programs or to apply, email [Proginfo@jfku.edu](mailto:Proginfo@jfku.edu) or call 800.696.5358.



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### Local families needed to host international students

The International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC@DVC) is looking for local families to host international students on a temporary basis while they improve their English skills. Long or short-term placements are available. Last year, over 400 international students were placed with local host families and there is an immediate need to add additional families to the homestay registry.

Host families that participate in the program are paid a monthly stipend of \$825.00 per student. The requirements for being a host family are simple:

- Provide two meals per day (three meals on weekends) and a private bedroom for the student—all within a supportive family environment.

- Be involved in the student's life and treat them as a family member.

Host families are not required to consist of the traditional family unit—two parents and children. Rather, all types of families are welcome, including single adults with or without children, and couples with or without children. If they wish, families may also host multiple students, as long as they can provide the appropriate accommodations.

Sharing your home with an international student offers your family a wonderful opportunity to learn about the way of life in a different country, as well as being able to introduce the student to living in America. Learning about the culture, language, and customs of another country can be an exciting adventure, not



to mention a rich and rewarding cultural experience that often results in lifelong friendships.

For more information about becoming a host family, please contact IEC@DVC's Housing Director, Ms. Fia Parker at (925) 876-0080, or by email at [fparker@dvc.edu](mailto:fparker@dvc.edu). ♣

## What's happening in the community...

### FREE Senior Options Seminar returns

Faith Lutheran Church at 50 Woodsworth Lane in Pleasant Hill is hosting its Third Annual Senior Options Seminar on Saturday, April 27, 8:30am–2:30pm. This event is for Senior Citizens and their adult children and/or caregiver to inform options and decisions related to aging.

#### Seminar topics will include...

- Staying in our Homes and Assisted Living
- Managing Financial Resources
- Family Communications
- Mental Health Issues
- Hospice & Medicare Issues

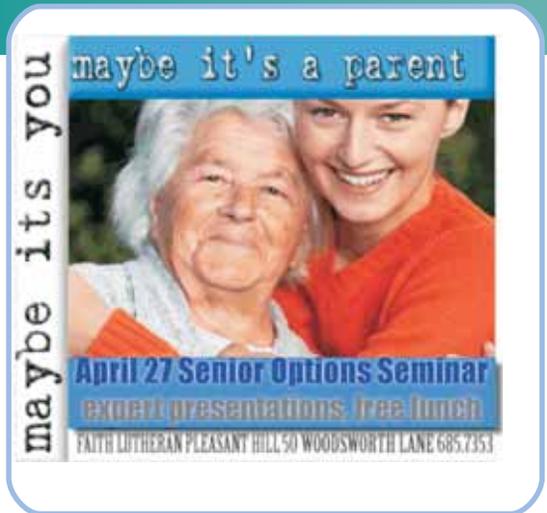
- Hearing Aids and other Audio/Visual Resources

Seniors should invite their adult children or care-givers (or vice versa!) to open discussion concerning individual needs and options. Don't be caught unprepared when the hard decisions will need to be made.

#### Cost...

It's FREE! Including a wonderful LUNCH!! AND, there will be door prizes!!!

To RSVP to Faith Lutheran Church, call 685-7353 or email: [info@welcome2faith.com](mailto:info@welcome2faith.com)



Information and registration is available at [www.welcome2faith.com](http://www.welcome2faith.com).

### Walnut Creek Concert Band presents spring concert

The Walnut Creek Concert Band's spring concert, "Songs and Dances," is on March 12, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Leshner Center for the Arts. Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* and Bennett's *Suite of Old American Dances* highlight a tuneful and entertaining program.

They will share the stage with our neighbor to the North, the Solano Winds, conducted by Bill Doherty, combining together to bring you a program to make you sing and dance.

- **Location:** Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek
- **Cost:** \$12–\$17. Reservations needed? Tickets available at box office
- **Telephone:** 925-943-7469
- **Websites:** [www.Leshnerartscenter.org](http://www.Leshnerartscenter.org) and [www.walnutcreekband.org](http://www.walnutcreekband.org)



### DVC drama presents Shakespeare's classic, Richard III

"Richard...(is)...the villain you love to hate..." – [theatremania.com](http://theatremania.com)

After a long civil war between the royal families, England enjoys a period of peace under King Edward IV, but Edward's younger brother, Richard, resents Edward's power. Malicious and bitter about his physical deformity, Richard begins to aspire secretly to the throne, and decides to kill anyone who will stand in his way.

In *RICHARD III*, Shakespeare paints an unforgettable portrait of obsession, seduction, betrayal—and one of the most diabolical and outrageous villains in all of literature.

*RICHARD III* is directed by Beth McBrien and runs March 15–April 7.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm and Sunday April 7 at 2:30pm. No shows March 22–24. For tickets, call the Box Office at 687-4445 or for more information go to their website at [www.dvcdrama.net](http://www.dvcdrama.net).

DVC Drama is located at 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 with free parking for all performances. ♣

## ...singing and Star Quest!

### Annual concert by the Golden Notes Senior Chorus

Pleasant Hill's own senior choral group, the Golden Notes, will present their 3rd annual concert on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00pm in the Chateau Room of the Senior Center. The chorus, consisting of 37 men and women, is directed by Dee Wood and accompanied by Margie Lynwood. Music for this concert will be popular songs from the 40s, the 50s and the 60s, and will provide opportunities to sing along, and even dance a few steps.

Tickets are \$7.00 each and are available at the Senior Center and from chorus members beginning April 1. Tickets may also be available at the door if any seats are remaining. Refreshments will follow the concert.

For more information, contact Dee Wood, 687-7053 or [deenotes@earthlink.net](mailto:deenotes@earthlink.net). ♣



**Star Quest<sup>★</sup> 2013**  
21st Annual Youth Talent Show

*Cruising with the Stars!*

Saturday April 20 7:00pm      DVC Performing Arts Theatre  
(Use Golf Club Rd parking lot)      Sunday April 21 2:00pm

**Reception, 6pm Saturday and 1pm Sunday**

Tickets available at: Rec & Park District Office and PHPD  
\$12.00 (\$5 under 18) in advance      \$15.00 (\$10 under 18) at door

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## Our rockin' community! Events for March and April 2013...

Date	Event	Location	Organization	Contact
Mar 2	E-Waste Recycling Event	Diablo Valley Collette	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Mar 3	Teen Prom Preview Fashion Show	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	682-0896
Mar 3	Pancake Breakfast	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 4	Relay for Life Luminaria Event	Devino's Pizza	Relay for Life	944-4898
Mar 5	Internet 101	PH Library	PH Library	
Mar 5	Dine Out for Education (see article for other dates)	Magoo's Grill of PH	Foundation for PH Education	<a href="http://www.fphe.org">www.fphe.org</a>
Mar 8	Guide Dog Q&A Session	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 12	Songs and Dances Concert	Leshner Center	Walnut Creek Concert Band	943-7469
Mar 15+	Richard III	DVC Drama Theatre	Diablo Valley College	687-4445
Mar 16	St Patrick's Night of Merriment	PH Senior Center	Rotary Club of PH	938-5433
Mar 20	College of Law Information Session	JFK University	JFKU	<a href="http://www.fjku.edu">www.fjku.edu</a>
Mar 30	Easter Pancake Breakfast & Boutique	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Mar 30	"Egg" Citing Egg Hunt	PH Park	PH Rec & Park, Pleasant Hill Lions Club	682-0896
Apr 2	Get to Know Your Gadget	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 6	E-Waste Recycling Event	Diablo Valley Collette	Electronic Waste Management	866-335-3373
Apr 6	Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm Expo	Rodgers Ranch	Friends of Rodgers Ranch	890-7289
Apr 19	Vagabond Players	PH Senior Center	PH Senior Center	798-8788
Apr 20-21	Cruising with Star Quest	DVC Theatre	Star Quest/Rotary Club of PH	689-2249
Apr 20	FPHE's 5th Anniversary party	Zio Fraedo's	Foundation for PH Education	<a href="http://www.fphe.org">www.fphe.org</a>
Apr 21	Earth Day Creek Cleanup	Grayson Creek	Friends of PH Creeks	<a href="http://www.cccrd.org/wc">www.cccrd.org/wc</a>
Mar 20	Pleasant Hill Campus Open House	JFK University	JFKU	<a href="http://www.fjku.edu">www.fjku.edu</a>
Apr 27	Poker Night	Back Forty Texas BBQ	Pleasant Hill Lions Club	687-0858
Apr 28	Amazing Race	Pleasant Hill	Foundation for PH Education	<a href="http://www.fphe.org">www.fphe.org</a>
Apr 28	Golden Notes Concert	PH Senior Center	Golden Notes Senior Chorus	687-7053

## Economic Development/Business News in Pleasant Hill...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 671-5213 or [Kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:Kcalhoun@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us).



### New businesses December 2012

**Déjà Vu, A Unique Boutique, LLC**  
(Women's Consignment Store)  
1630 A Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-808-8765

**Griswold Homecare-Diablo Valley**  
(Non-Medical Home Care)  
3478 Buskirk Ave., #1000  
925-372-7206

**Hollywood Nails** (Nail Salon)  
100 Longbrook Way, #12  
925-682-2011

**New Life Spa** (Body Massage/Foot  
Reflexology/Acupressure)  
2624 Pleasant Hill Rd.  
925-988-9788

**Strand Boyce Associates**  
(Public Accounting Firm)  
3480 Buskirk Ave., #215  
925-934-1191



**The Vitamin Shoppe** (Retail Sales  
of Vitamins and Supplements)  
2152 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-691-5154

**Friedman Wines LLC**  
(Wholesale Wine Business)  
925-349-9586

**Verity and Bridget** (Web-Based  
Sales-Stuffed Animals/Nursery)  
925-935-8135

### New businesses January 2013

**Bay Thermal Imaging** (Infrared  
Inspections/Audits/Surveys)  
53 Monte Cresta Ave.  
925-322-1265

**Belleza By Victoria** (Cosmetology)  
1941 Oak Park Blvd., #50  
925-219-2694

**Center of the Sun Therapy**  
(Therapy/Alternative Therapy)  
609 Gregory Ln., #220  
925-472-0828

**Claudia Mercier, LCSW**  
(Individual/Family/Group Counseling)  
81 Gregory Ln., #305  
925-899-9209

**Encapsulove, Inc.**  
(Nutritional Supplement Sales)  
1916 Oak Park Blvd.  
925-926-0499

**Intuitive Touch Massage**  
140 Mayhew Way  
925-937-9889

**Juliette Piccolotti** (Hair Stylist)  
101 Gregory Ln., #38  
925-937-8777

**Lynn McFarland, CPA**  
(Accounting Office)  
1937 Oak Park Blvd., "C"  
925-295-1250

**Margo Landrum, MAMFT** (Individual,  
Couple & Family Counseling)  
1519 Contra Costa Blvd.  
925-682-1522

**Mazza Grill** (Restaurant)  
35 Crescent Dr., #F  
925-680-1858

**Mozghan Zamani** (Hair Stylist)  
65 Crescent Dr., #B  
925-689-2868



**Mudd's Auto Sales** (Retail Auto Sales)  
3333 Vincent Rd., #202  
925-698-5994

**Vanessa Coronado** (Stylist)  
81 Gregory Ln., #120  
925-798-8777

**Apex Appraisals** (Residential  
Real Estate Appraisals)  
925-212-3855

**GMC Photography & Design**  
925-339-6793

**Gray Matter Computing** (Technol-  
ogy/Computer Consultant)  
925-335-6486

**Willer Design**  
(Freelance Graphic Designer)  
925-334-8677



## City Meetings



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
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
Mon 18 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 "Media Center."

#### CITY HALL HOURS

Monday–Wednesday 8:30am–5:00 pm  
Thursday 8:30am–6:00 pm  
Friday 8:30am–1:00 pm



The City of Pleasant Hill newsletter is published bimonthly. Deadline for articles for May/June is April 5. 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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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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### City launches new website

The City now has a completely redesigned website which is more dynamic and user friendly. The homepage at [www.pleasant-hill.net](http://www.pleasant-hill.net) features a slideshow with photos of Pleasant Hill and quick access to city documents, agendas, meeting notifications, and special events. Residents can sign up for automatic notification of city meetings, agenda postings, the online version of the Outlook, job announcements and other news items.

Several other features of the new website include a Carbon Calculator for residents and businesses to calculate their carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions; a Media Center which has videos of City Council and Planning Commission meetings, and links to other City Channel TV productions; and a comprehensive Business Center to assist new and existing businesses in Pleasant Hill.

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