



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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PLACES TO BE

- MARCH 23 - COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM SESSION TO HELP THE SWIM CENTER ACHIEVE FULL COST RECOVERY

The Recreation Department is inviting the community to attend a brainstorm session to generate ideas on how to increase revenue and decrease expenses at the Pinole Swim Center in an effort to make it fully cost recovery by 2011. The Pinole Seals Board President and members will be joining, in addition to Hilltop YMCA staff who are the pool program operators. The meeting is Monday, March 23 at 5:30pm at the City Hall Community Meeting Room. Anyone who cannot attend can send comments and ideas to Amy Wooldridge, Recreation Director, awooldridge@ci.pinole.ca.us or (510) 724-9062.

- MARCH 23 – DRAFT SPECIFIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Steering Committee will review Chapters 7-11 of the draft Specific Plan including design guidelines for public and private portions of the San Pablo Avenue, Pinole Valley Road, and Appian Way corridors, plan implementation, and the technical appendix. Anyone who cannot attend can send comments and ideas to Winston Rhodes, Planning Manager, wrhodes@ci.pinole.ca.us or (510) 724-9832.

- MARCH 24 - STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Horton will be presenting the State of the City address at Noon on March 24 at The Embers Restaurant. This event is sponsored by the Pinole Chamber of Commerce and reservations can be made by contacting Deanna at pinolechamber@yahoo.com or call (510) 724-4484.

- MARCH 24 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next EDHAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at City Hall. Two discussion items are on the agenda. First will be an update on the 2300 San Pablo Ave. space and its potential as a future restaurant space.

Second will be a discussion on the draft Specific Plan and its relationship with the EDHAC approved work plan.

- **MARCH 24 – TIP-A-COP EVENT**

On Tuesday, March 24th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm employees from the Pinole and Hercules Police Departments will be donating their time to the Special Olympics' Tip A Cop Program at the Pinole Applebee's Restaurant. The Officers will be paired with waiters and waitresses, serving dinner guests and bussing tables. Any tip left for the Officers over and above the tip for the Applebee's server will be donated to the Special Olympics program.

Tip A Cop is a great program that funds special needs programs for athletes who compete in the Special Olympics.

- **MARCH 25 - COMMUNITY MEETING ON CHARTER SCHOOL QUESTIONS**

The City Council is planning a community meeting on March 25th at 6:00 pm to provide information on the charter school concept. Experts on charter schools will be invited to address what charter schools are, how they work and what the laws are governing charter schools. The meeting will be televised by PTV.

If you have a question about charter schools that you would like addressed at this meeting, please send an e-mail with your question to either Mary Roberts, Director Community Development Dept., at mroberts@ci.pinole.ca.us or Amy Wooldridge, Director Recreation Dept. at awooldridge@ci.pinole.ca.us.

- **MARCH 25 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASTEWATER JPA**

The Pinole Hercules Wastewater JPA will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday March 25 at Noon in the Alex Clark Room in the Public Safety Building.

The agenda will include discussion on plant operations during the recent storms, consideration of an engineering contract to prepare the Environmental Impact Report for plant upgrades, and discussion on a potential new project to reconstruct a portion of the land outfall.

The JPA Board will also discuss how we can best meet the June 1, 2009 deadline to inform the Regional Water Quality Control Board on the upgrades proposed at the treatment plant. An option being recommended by staff would empower each City's JPA members to sign off on the preliminary engineering report on behalf of the City Council. Staff is making this recommendation because we are simply running out of time on the June 1, 2009 deadline.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- A NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT



The City of Pinole has a long tradition of supporting our youth in community service projects. The most recent example of this is one being spearheaded by Daniel Prast, a Boy Scout and resident of Pinole. Daniel's project is to remove a large number of tires off the coast at the outlet of Pinole Creek. His project work plans are impressive and will require coordination with local tides. Daniel is currently planning to do all this in late May.

City staff will assist Daniel to make sure the tires are recycled ... perhaps coming back to town in the form of rubberized asphalt on our next street overlay project.

- PRAX AIR MEETING

Several homeowner associations of Pinole Shores hosted an informational meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss the proposed PraxAir pipeline project. Those in attendance included about 40 residents, PraxAir reps, Councilmember Long, and the Director of Public Works. Most of the questions focused on the operational safety of the pipeline, and the impacts of construction. The Pinole Shores neighborhood will very likely be the neighborhood that would be the closest to the 21 mile pipeline if it is approved.

The residents were encouraged to remain engaged in the review process, and to participate in hearings that will be held by the City when the draft Environmental Impact Report is reviewed. That document, which is being prepared the County, is scheduled to be released in May.

- A TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE



A trophy is on its way to Pinole. The trophy is in recognition of excellence in engineering design, and construction for the Prune Street Bridge replacement.

The award was given by the Western Council of Transportation Engineers and was presented at their March meeting.

- **PINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

On Thursday the Community Preservation and Safety Unit hosted the members of the CCPOA (CA Crime Prevention Officers Association) Region 12 for their bi-monthly meeting. Those present included the cities of Healdsburg, Fairfield, Richmond, Vacaville, Rohnert Park, Novato and the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office. The speakers were Pinole Community Safety Specialist Doug Hearn and Agent Brian Chan of the CA Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC). CSS Hearn presented an overall view of this unit and the impact it has on Quality of Life issues, emphasizing the need for a city to work with other departments (within the city) and agencies (in the county) to abate nuisance properties. Brian provided a presentation on Project Impact inspections and on the ABC Minor Decoy Program.

Also on Thursday, sworn members of the Investigations and Community Preservation & Safety Unit conducted special enforcement in the area of Pinole Motels.

- **PINOLE SHORES BUSINESS PARK**

A new Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) for Phase II of the Pinole Shores Business Park was approved by City Council on March 17, 2009. This new DDA keeps Panattoni Development, an international industrial flex space developer, in the deal. As well, it gives the city greater control over future design and uses for the remainder of the site. The deal extends our relationship with Panattoni to 2012, giving time for economic conditions to stabilize. Panattoni owns Phase I and is actively marketing both Phase I and Phase II.

Phase I, as a completed project, was recently submitted to the Association of Bay Area Governments for a "Growing Smarter Together" Award under the urban design facet of that award program. Just having a project eligible to be submitted is indicative of the quality of this project.

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