



# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2009

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

## PLACES TO BE

- **OCTOBER 10- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

The Pinole Library Book sale is Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Pinole Library, located at 2935 Pinole Valley Road. The sale opens at 9 AM for members-only hour and opens at 10 AM to the general public. For more information call 510-758-2741. See announcement at the end of this report. Help support our library and our community!

- **OCTOBER 12- CITY HALL CLOSED DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY**

City Hall will be closed on Monday October 12 in observance of Columbus day.

- **OCTOBER 13- EDHAC MEETING**

The EDHAC Committee will be meeting on Tuesday October 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The public is invited to attend.

- **OCTOBER 14- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

The Pinole Police Department, through the Community Preservation and Safety Unit, will be hosting a Domestic Violence Training Workshop. The workshop will be held on Monday, October 14, 2009, from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in the Alex Clark Room. To RSVP or for additional information, please contact Community Safety Specialist Patricia Pava at 510-741-3892 or on-line at [ppava@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:ppava@ci.pinole.ca.us).

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- **OCTOBER 16 –LAST DATE TO FILE FOR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (TAPS) APPOINTMENT**

The terms of three committee members expire in November. The City will accept applications for this committee on October 1 and applications must be completed and filed by close of business on Thursday, October 16 at 4:30 P.M. Pinole residents and business owners are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available on the City website and at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2131 Pear Street. An announcement is attached at the end of this report.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- **FIRST SHIPMENT OF H1N1 VACCINE ARRIVES IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

The first doses of H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine have arrived in Contra Costa (see attached news release) and more is expected in the coming weeks, health officials reported Tuesday. The initial shipment is about 7,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine in nasal form and will be distributed at school-based clinics in the next few weeks. By the end of October, more than 100,000 doses of vaccine are expected to be available in Contra Costa in nasal and shot form and more will follow.

Because the first shipment of vaccine is in nasal form, not everyone can receive it. Only healthy people between the ages of 2 and 49 can receive the nasal vaccine, and the state health department has identified healthy children as a priority. Regular seasonal flu clinics were already scheduled at 49 elementary schools throughout Contra Costa over several weeks in October so students at those schools will receive these initial doses.

The following groups should be sure to get the H1N1 vaccine: pregnant women, children and young adults ages 6 months to 24 years old, and adults ages 25 to 64 who have chronic health disorders such as heart disease, diabetes and asthma or compromised immune systems. Other groups that should get vaccinated for both seasonal and H1N1 flu are health care workers, emergency medical services personnel and those who care for young children under 6 months of age.

To date, 162 hospitalizations (up by 5 since last week) and six fatalities (no change) related to H1N1 have been reported in Contra Costa County. As more vaccine becomes available, Contra Costa residents will have more options on how to get the vaccine. Everyone is encouraged to get both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines when they become available.

More info and a press release and podcast on the arrival of H1N1 vaccine is available online [http://cchealth.org/topics/swine\\_flu/](http://cchealth.org/topics/swine_flu/)

- **2300 SAN PABLO AVENUE UPDATE – OKRAH RESTAURANT**

The Redevelopment Agency master leases 1,800 square feet of commercial space at 2300 San Pablo Avenue. On May 19, 2009, the Agency Board approved an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Mr. Surinder Sroa, allowing staff to negotiate a sublease and loan for a possible restaurant at the location. The loan was to be used to construct interior restaurant improvements. On Monday, October 5, staff was notified by Mr. Sroa's representatives that financial restrictions prohibit him from proceeding with the deal at this time. The Agency's leasing agent, Bill Davini with Colliers International, is beginning a new tenant search. Interested tenants may contact Bill at (925) 279-5573 or [bdavini@colliersparrish.com](mailto:bdavini@colliersparrish.com).

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Staffing**

Officer Adam Haskins resigned from the Pinole Police Department. Recruitment for this position will begin shortly.

**Theft**

Approximately \$8,000 worth of copper wire was stolen from a locked storage container at the Wastewater Treatment plant. Police are investigating.

**Volunteers**

The following hours were put in the past week by volunteers at the Police Department:

Front Office	12 hours
Patrol Support	16 hours
Office Support	<u>24 hours</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>52 hours</b>

- **CERT TRAINING CONTINUES....**

The fourth class of the Pinole CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Training) program was held Monday night and the subjects covered included search and rescue. The class focused on being able to "size up" situations, search, locate and identify victims, and methods for rescuing or extricating victims from the scene.

"Size Up" is a 9 step process that assists the rescuer with evaluating and taking inventory of the emergency situation. The goals of Search and Rescue are to rescue lightly trapped victims first, and to rescue the greatest number of victims in the shortest period of time. The group learned to mark emergency scenes (front doors or solid walls) indicating who was in the building, time of entrance and exit, number of victims found, and what the overall building condition was. These markings allow public safety officers to have some information upon their arrival on the scene.

The group then divided into teams and the Alex Clark room was turned into a disaster zone. The Team Leaders had to direct the rescuers (CERT Class) into the building where they were challenged to find victims and bring them out safely (in the dark). We also learned how to carry and drag victims, lift objects, and utilize “cribbing” when a victim is located under debris that cannot be easily lifted with human strength.

There will be no class held on October 12 due to the holiday, training will resume on October 20.

- **SAVING THE BAY – A DOCUMENTARY ON KQED**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Bay Area Toll Authority, along with various other agencies and foundation is a co-sponsor of a 4-hour documentary series on the history of San Francisco Bay called Saving the Bay. The program is premiering on public television in October 8 and 15 at 8 p.m. on KQED 9HD. It will also air for four consecutive weeks - one episode each Thursday - from Oct. 22 to Nov. 12 at 9 p.m. on KTEH 54/Comcast 10. The episode titles are Marvel of Nature (Prehistory-1848); Harbor of Harbors (1849-1906); Miracle Workers (1906-1959); and Bay in the Balance (1960-Present). The program is narrated by Robert Redford, and the four one-hour episodes trace the Bay from its geologic origins following the last Ice Age through decades of catastrophic exploitation, to the restoration efforts of today. For additional information, visit [www.kqed.org/savingthebay](http://www.kqed.org/savingthebay) or [www.mtc.ca.gov/news/info/saving\\_the\\_bay.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/info/saving_the_bay.htm)

- **LAFCO SUBCOMMITTEE ON FIRE SERVICES**

I attended Wednesday’s LAFCO Subcommittee meeting on the Fire Services Municipal Services Review (MSR). The Subcommittee finally approved some of the MSR recommendations, took no action on others, and did not approve some. Their recommendations will be forwarded on to the entire LAFCO committee.

They agreed that West County could have a subcommittee to study the LAFCO recommendations and some of our own that might be unique to West County. The West County Mayors had asked the West County City Managers to recommend a subcommittee structure and that will be voted upon at the next West County Mayors meeting on October 22. That structure included a subcommittee of 10 West County representatives consisting of 3 city managers, 5 fire chiefs, and 2 representatives from labor.

The LAFCo Subcommittee set a deadline of January 1 to report back to them on our meeting progress.

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FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

# BOOK SALE

@ The Pinole Public Library

Saturday

October 10, 2009

For more info call: 510 - 758 - 2741



## Book Sale Hours:

Members: 9am- 5pm

General Public: 10am- 5pm

Friends Members receive a 10% discount on purchases when presenting their membership cards. Current life membership cards and new membership cards available at the sale.

Help the Pinole Library - Help Your Community - Help the Earth

## First shipment of H1N1 vaccine arrives in Contra Costa County

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The initial shipment is about 7,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine in nasal form and will be distributed at school-based clinics in the next few weeks, said Contra Costa Public Health Communicable Disease Program Chief Francie Wise. By the end of October, more than 100,000 doses of vaccine are expected to be available in Contra Costa in nasal and shot form and more will follow.

“This is just the beginning of a long vaccination effort. Over the next weeks and months, regular shipments of vaccine will arrive in Contra Costa and it is expected that there will be enough for everyone who wants to receive it. We appreciate the public’s patience as we undertake this effort,” Wise said. “We urge everyone to get vaccinated because it is the best protection against H1N1, which has made many people sick and been related to six deaths in our county.”

Because the first shipment of vaccine is in nasal form, not everyone can receive it. Only healthy people between the ages of 2 and 49 can receive the nasal vaccine, and the state health department has identified healthy children as a priority. Regular seasonal flu clinics were already scheduled at 49 elementary schools throughout Contra Costa over several weeks in October so students at those schools will receive these initial doses, Wise said.

“Children are more likely to get H1N1 and many children were sick last spring. By starting with school-aged children at the clinics we can get the vaccine out quickly and help prevent the spread of H1N1 in our community and so help protect everyone,” Wise said.

As more vaccine becomes available, Contra Costa residents will have more options on how to get the vaccine. People are encouraged to contact their health care providers first. When available, vaccine will be distributed to doctors who have signed up to receive it.

As more vaccine arrives, the H1N1 vaccine will be offered at Contra Costa Public Health’s free community drive-through clinics in November, which are intended for people who cannot get seasonal or H1N1 vaccine from their own health care providers.

Everyone is encouraged to get both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines when they become available. The following groups should be sure to get the H1N1 vaccine: pregnant women, children and young adults ages 6 months to 24 years old, and adults ages 25 to 64 who have chronic health disorders such as heart disease, diabetes and asthma or compromised immune systems. Other groups that should get vaccinated for both seasonal and H1N1 flu are health care workers, emergency medical services personnel and those who care for young children under 6 months of age. In the meanwhile, everyone can help protect themselves, their loved ones and their community by following these prevention tips: wash hands often, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home from school or work if sick.

For H1N1 updates in English and Spanish, visit Contra Costa Health Services’ website at [www.cchealth.org](http://www.cchealth.org) or call the 1-888-959-9911 for prerecorded health information. A podcast also is available on the website: <http://cchealth.org/topics/podcast/>

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## **H1N1 Flu Vaccine – Frequently Asked Questions**

**October 9, 2009**

### **When will the H1N1 flu vaccine become available?**

The first doses of H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine have arrived in Contra Costa and will be distributed through previously scheduled school-based clinics. Many more doses will be available by the end of October and will be distributed to providers throughout Contra Costa. Contra Costa County expects to receive enough vaccine for all those who want the vaccine.

### **Where can I get vaccine?**

The best place to get H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine is from your health care provider. Call ahead of time to see if they are offering either vaccine. Vaccines will also be available at clinics in some pharmacies, grocery stores, schools and work sites.

### **Will the seasonal flu vaccine protect me from H1N1 flu?**

No. You will need two different vaccines to protect yourself from the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu. Neither vaccine is a substitute for the other.

### **Can I receive the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines on the same day?**

Yes. However, the seasonal flu vaccine is now available in some places and you should receive it as soon as possible.

### **Who should get the H1N1 flu vaccine?**

Everyone is recommended to get the H1N1 flu vaccine, to protect themselves and the community by stopping the spread of the H1N1 flu. There are certain groups of people who are more vulnerable to severe disease and should be sure to get the vaccine as soon as possible:

- pregnant women
- children and young adults ages 6 months to 24 years old
- adults ages 25-64 who have chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems

There are also certain groups who should get vaccinated to help prevent passing the flu to others including:

- health care workers
- emergency medical services personnel
- those who care for young children under 6 months of age

### **How many doses of H1N1 flu vaccine do I need?**

Clinical trials are still determining whether you will need one or two doses of H1N1 flu vaccine. Visit [www.cchealth.org](http://www.cchealth.org) for the latest information about H1N1 flu vaccine.



**If I was vaccinated against swine flu in 1976, do I need the H1N1 vaccine?**

Yes. This H1N1 flu virus is different from the virus that was circulating in 1976, so that vaccine will not protect you from this new H1N1 flu.

**Will it be safe to get the H1N1 flu vaccine?**

Yes. Prior to release, vaccines are tested for safety and effectiveness in clinical trials. All licensed vaccines are held to very high standards of quality and safety. So far there have been no reports of severe reactions to the H1N1 flu vaccine.

**Will people be required to receive H1N1 flu vaccine?**

Vaccination will not be required for anyone. However, vaccines offer the best protection against flu for yourself and the whole community.

**I am a health care provider. How do I request vaccine?**

Health care providers and organizations interested in providing the H1N1 vaccine can pre-register to receive vaccine and place initial vaccine requests at [www.calpanflu.org](http://www.calpanflu.org)

**What should I do if I get sick with H1N1 flu before I get the vaccine?**

If you get sick with H1N1 flu, contact your health care provider. Your health care provider will determine whether you should be treated with an antiviral medication, such as Tamiflu. Do not go to the emergency room unless you have a medical emergency. Do not return to work or school until you have had no fever for at least 24 hours.

**If I already had H1N1 flu, do I still need the vaccine?**

Yes. There is not enough evidence that your body will build up enough immunity to protect you from getting sick a second time.

**What else can I do to prevent the spread of H1N1 flu?**

Continue to practice good hygiene. This means washing your hands often, covering your coughs and sneezes, and staying home from school or work if you are sick.

**Where can I get more information about the situation in Contra Costa County?**

To stay updated on H1N1 flu and its vaccine, visit [www.cchealth.org](http://www.cchealth.org) or call the Health Emergency Information Line at 1-888-959-9911. H1N1 flu information is also posted to Twitter at [www.twitter.com/CoCoHealth](http://www.twitter.com/CoCoHealth) and Facebook (Contra Costa Health Services).