



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2012

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

PLACES TO BE

- **FEBRUARY 4 - SWIM CENTER FAMILY FUN RAISER AT CAFÉ SOLEIL**

Come enjoy the Family Fun Raiser at Cafe Soleil on Saturday Feb. 4 from 4 to 8pm. One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds go to Save Pinole Swim Center! Café Soleil is at 3550 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803 and is a generous sponsor of the event. Cost: Kids \$5, Youth (9 -18) \$10, Adults \$15. Dinner Includes pasta bar, salad, garlic bread, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Beer and wine are available for purchase. Live music provided by Chronic Vitality. There will also be great raffle prizes.

- **FEBRUARY 6 –WCCUSD TO HOST MEETING ON PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON PINOLE VALLEY ROAD IN FRONT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL**

The West Contra Costa Unified School District will be hosting a public meeting to discuss upcoming traffic signal scenarios on Pinole Valley Road in relation to the design of the new Pinole Valley High School Project. The meeting will be held in the High School Library on February 6, 2012 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Please attend and provide your input.

- **FEBRUARY 13, 2012 TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP IN RICHMOND**

The Integrated Corridor Mobility Project consists of an array of improvements along San Pablo Avenue and Interstate 80 corridors to reduce congestion and improve traffic flows. Included in the project are ramp meters at the freeway on ramps. CCTA, WCCTAC and Caltrans invite you attend an informational public meeting to learn about high tech congestion relief and safety improvements that are going to be implemented in the next two years along Interstate 80 in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The open house will be held on February 13 at 6 pm at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium and Convention Center, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Calif. This is \$90 million project

that has been in the works for the last several years and is an example of multi agency collaboration between 10 municipalities, the county, Caltrans, CCTA, WCCTAC and others.

Please contact Hisham Noeimi at 925.256.4731 if you need additional information

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **POOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE WORKING HARD**

There is a very hard working, dedicated community working to raise funds to keep the Pinole Swim Center. Last weekend they hosted a co-ed softball tournament and raised almost \$1,000. The next event is this Saturday, Feb. 4th at Café Soleil (information above). To donate or sponsor a banner at the Swim Center, contact savepinoleswimcenter@gmail.com

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO POLICE AND FIRE EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR**

The annual Police Employee and Firefighter of the Year have been announced. The Police Officer of the Year is Mike Pistello and the Police Employee of the Year is Rheem Henning. The Firefighter of the Year is Steve Dorsey. These employees are being honored by the Pinole Rotary Club at their annual crab feed on Saturday February 4, 2012. Congratulations to all of these employees who have done an excellent job in serving the community.

- **OLD TOWN MONUMENT SIGN APPROVED**

On January 23, 2012 the Planning Commission approved an approximately 32 square foot creative new Old Town Monument Sign at 2301 San Pablo Avenue. The sign request was proposed by the Chamber of Commerce to further enhance and complement the decorative rock community plaza located on the vacant City-owned property at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Tennent Avenue.

The new wood sign will feature two panels including the Old Town logo and a streetscape silhouette wood relief that will be constructed by the Pinole Artisans. The back of the sign adjacent to an existing pedestrian gravel path in the plaza will include notice cases, administered by the Chamber of Commerce, for posting information about local community group activities and events. Installation of the sign is anticipated later this year.

- **CURRENT BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY**

Below is a brief summary of the City's building permit activity for the past twelve months.

| Month | Number of Building Permits | Value |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| January 2012*** | 39 | \$1,217, 558 |
| December 2011 | 32 | \$507,976 |
| November 2011 | 52 | \$442,387 |
| October 2011** | 33 | \$1,431,378 |
| September 2011 | 30 | \$259,638 |
| August 2011 | 26 | \$340,107 |
| July 2011 | 18 | \$264,100 |
| June 2011 | 21 | \$643,264 |
| May 2011 | 20 | \$206,174 |
| April 2011 | 42 | \$675,298 |
| March 2011* | 45 | \$ 1,281,969 |
| February 2011 | 27 | \$ 432,427 |

Note: *Chase Bank permits included, **Bridge Housing Pinole Grove permits included, and
*** PetSmart permits included

Source: Development Services Department February 1, 2012

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Family "Fun Raiser" at
CAFÉ SOLEIL

For Great Food, Live Music from Chronic Vitality,
Raffle Prizes



**Cafe Soleil will donate
100% of all proceeds on
Saturday, February 4, 2012
to the Pinole Swim Center Fund.**



Doors Open from 4pm – 8pm

Ticket price includes Pasta bar, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Non Alcoholic Beverage. Wine and Beer available for purchase.

Adults \$15 Young Adults \$10 (13 – 18)
Children \$5 (12 and under)

Help us keep open a city facility used by many community groups such as Pinole Senior Center Members, YMCA Camps and Members, Pinole Youth Center, Pinole Seals, as well as local day cares and families. If you have children, grandchildren, or you yourself have taken classes at or used the pool - Please join us to save this vital resource for Pinole and for generations to come.

Café Soleil
3550 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803
510.758.6134

The Pool Committee
would like to
THANK Café Soleil
for its generosity!

For more info on ways to help Save our Swim Center,
contact savepinoleswimcenter@gmail.com