



# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**DATE:** JANUARY 23, 2020

**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
ERIC CASH, CITY ATTORNEY

**FROM:** ANDREW MURRAY, CITY MANAGER

## PLACES TO BE

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber 2131 Pear Street
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 6:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber 2131 Pear Street
Monday, February 24, 2020 6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting	City Council Chamber 2131 Pear Street

- **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Management Partners will present to the City Council at a special workshop, the draft Strategic Plan for review and refinement. This draft Strategic Plan is a compilation of all the comments received from the various stakeholders (Community, Commissions, Council, and staff) The workshop will take place at the Youth Center from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. The public is welcomed to attend.

- **PINOLE POLICE TO IMPLEMENT OPERATION BLUE ANGEL EMERGENCY ACCESS PROGRAM**

The Pinole Police Department is happy to announce the availability of the Operation Blue Angel program for Pinole residents. This free program is open to those who are 65 years of age or older and live alone or are left alone for extended periods of time on a regular basis; or for people with a medical condition(s) that could lead to incapacitation and who live alone or who are alone for extended periods of time on a regular basis.

\*Please note age ranges may differ due to exigent circumstances that may apply.

The program consists of a lockbox, which will be owned and maintained by the Police Department, which will be placed on the participant's property by Police personnel. The lockbox will contain a key to the residence (which the resident must supply). The key will only be accessed by responding police officers in the event of an emergency where officers cannot access the residence. The lockbox code will only be given to Police personnel. The resident will not know or have access to the lockbox code. The Operation Blue Angel program lockbox will not be accessed for lock-outs or any other non-emergent situation.

Any interested Pinole residents are encouraged to print out the Operation Blue Angel program form; read and review the waiver and requirements; then please return the completed form to:

Pinole Police Department Attention: Community Outreach Unit

A member of our Community Outreach Unit will be in touch regarding your acceptance/participation in the program. Any questions concerning the program please call:

Officer Jennifer Witschi 510.914.1194

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **YOU SPARE THE AIR WE'LL SPARE THE FARE!**

Free rides on all WESTCAT buses on official weekday Spare the Air Days in 2020. Please see attached flyers or visit [www.Westcat.org/SpareTheAir](http://www.Westcat.org/SpareTheAir).

- **2020 CENSUS APPLICANT OPEN HOUSE EVENT**

Learn about job opportunities in Alameda County & Contra Costa County Supervisory & Non-Supervisory Positions. See flyer attached.

- **RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER EVENT SURVEY**

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[Summer Event Survey Link](#)

- **NON-PROFIT YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

The City of Pinole has partnered with Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association to offer a Community Grant Program for eligible Pinole based youth non-profit organizations. One-time grant funding awards will be provided to eligible Pinole based non-profit and 501c3 youth community service organizations to fund activities or special events that serve Pinole residents.

For information, grant requirements and an application, visit the City's website and click on "Youth Grant Opportunities" under the Current Topics Section of the City's home page.

- **HEATING SAFETY**

Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

[https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/Heating\\_Safety.ashx](https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/Heating_Safety.ashx)

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# OPERATION

## *BLUE ANGEL*



**ALLOWING EMERGENCY ACCESS WHEN SECONDS COUNT**



## Pinole Police to Implement Operation Blue Angel Emergency Access Program

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CSS Natasha Valdepena 510.910.0866



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Phone: (510)724-8950 / Fax: (510)724-8951

**OPERATION BLUE ANGEL PROGRAM**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONS:**

Under *Operation Blue Angel*, the undersigned has voluntarily agreed to participate in the program and assumes full responsibility for providing the correct key at all times. Once the lock box is installed, police personnel can only use the lock box to gain access to the undersigned's home after being summoned to the home for emergency purposes. In the event of a time sensitive situation (ex. medical emergency, fire, home invasion, etc.) or malfunction of the lock box, fire and police personnel may not be able to, nor have the time to, use the lock box system. In those situations, the undersigned agrees that emergency personnel shall have the right to exercise their discretion and gain entry into the undersigned's home by the fastest means possible. However, emergency personnel will use their best efforts to utilize the lock box when time permits and the situation permits.

**\_\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND THAT OPERATION BLUE ANGEL IS NOT A "LOCK-OUT SERVICE" FOR ME, MY FAMILY OR FRIENDS. ONLY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS AND REQUESTS FOR NON-EMERGENT ACCESS MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE OPERATION BLUE ANGEL PROGRAM AND WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE LOCKBOX. EACH RESIDENT (over the age of 18) AT THE HOME IS REQUIRED TO SIGN AND DATE THIS AGREEMENT.**

**LIABILITY RELEASE:**

In consideration of my participation in *Operation Blue Angel*, the undersigned, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby agrees on behalf of the undersigned; the undersigned; the undersigned's heirs and representatives, to release, indemnify and hold harmless the town of Pinole and their respective employees, officers, and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, judgments, losses, damages, personal injuries (including to but not limited to death), or liability (including reasonable attorney's fees), directly or indirectly arising from or in connection with the undersigned's participation in *Operation Blue Angel*. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the undersigned's participation in the *Operation Blue Angel Program* is voluntary and that said program is being offered only as a courtesy. I also understand and agree that *Operation Blue Angel* is not intended, nor does it in any way whatsoever create or impose a special duty on the Pinole Police Department or the town of Pinole and their respective employees, officers, and agents regarding the undersigned's safety or well-being of person or property.



1. Program Participant (Please Print)

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Signature of Program Participant

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2. Program Participant (Please Print)

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Signature of Program Participant

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**\*Official use only\***

**Date:**

**ID/Badge#:**

**Lock #:**

NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Yvonne Morrow  
Manager of Marketing  
WestCAT  
510-724-3331

## **WestCAT to Provide Free Bus Rides on Weekday Spare the Air Days in 2020**

PINOLE, CA, January 9, 2020 – Starting January 1, 2020, all official weekday "Spare the Air" days announced by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, will be FREE FARE days on WestCAT buses. Anyone riding on WestCAT fixed route buses on one of these days can ride for FREE, including the popular Lynx Transbay service.

"We've provided free rides on Spare the Air days in the past with great success and increased ridership," said WestCAT General Manager, Charles Anderson. "We're excited about having the opportunity to offer this again throughout 2020."

Funding for the program is limited and free rides will be offered only while funding remains. However, it is estimated that approximately 30 Spare the Air days will be able to be funded in 2020. "If we run out of funds before the end of 2020, we'll have to stop the program," said Anderson. "But if funds remain, we will continue offering free rides on Spare the Air days into 2021 until all funds are expended."

The free rides are being paid for with funds received by the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP); one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program. The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emission and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects all have a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

One of the most effective ways residents can help protect the climate and improve air quality is to make every day clean air choices like driving less and riding transit. WestCAT's Spare the Air Free Ride incentive provides the public an opportunity to try transit and decrease their dependence on cars, which remain the Bay Area's number one source of air pollution. "By riding WestCAT buses on Spare the Air days, you'll be doing your part to reduce smog when air quality is expected to be unhealthy," said Anderson. "It's also a great opportunity to try using the bus to get to work, school, BART or anywhere WestCAT goes, for free."

The Spare the Air Free Fare program will be provided on WestCAT fixed route buses only, including Lynx Transbay Service. Free rides will not be provided on Paratransit/Dial-A-Ride. For more information about WestCAT's Spare the Air Free Fare program for 2020, visit their web site at [www.Westcat.org](http://www.Westcat.org) or call 510-724-3331.

WestCAT is the local public transit provider in Western Contra Costa County providing local, express and regional bus service to the cities of Pinole and Hercules, and the unincorporated communities of Montalvin Manor, Tara Hills, Bayview, Rodeo, Crockett, and Port Costa. WestCAT operates regional service from the Hercules Transit Center to Martinez and Contra Costa College and Lynx Transbay service to the San Francisco Transbay Terminal.

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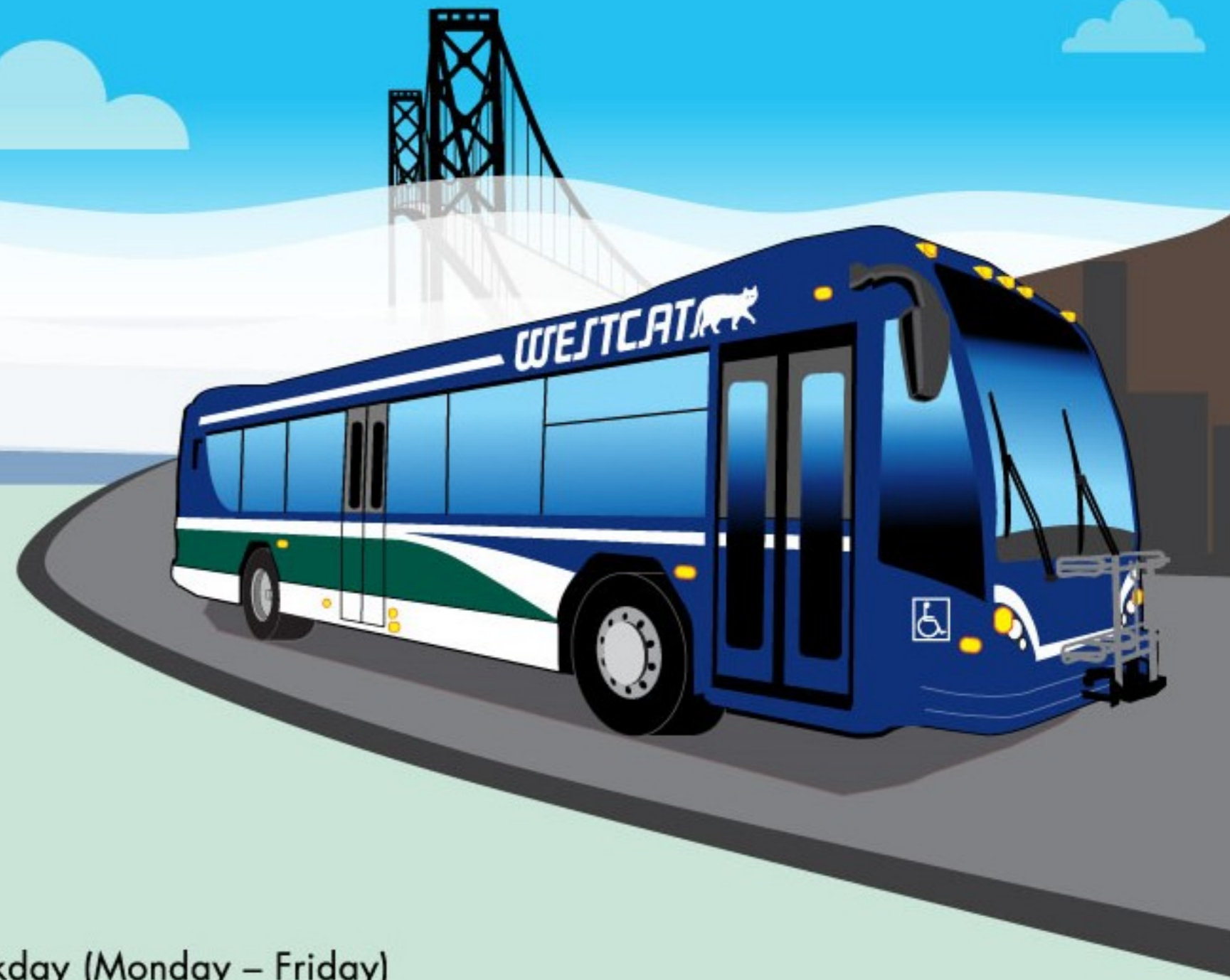
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***For more information visit [www.Westcat.org/SpareTheAir](http://www.Westcat.org/SpareTheAir)***

\*Weekday Spare the Air Days Only (Mon-Fri). While funding is available. Fixed route buses only. Not valid on Paratransit/Dial-A-Ride.





# 2020 Census Applicant Open House Event

WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS

## Learn about Job Opportunities in ALAMEDA COUNTY & CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Supervisory & Non-Supervisory Positions

**\$25.00- \$27.50 per hour**

✓Reimbursement for Work-Related Mileage and Expenses ✓Flexible  
Hours ✓Paid Training ✓Work in your community ✓Weekly Paychecks

### 2020 Census Application Session

**Friday, January 31, 2020 – 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM**  
**Saturday, February 01, 2020 – 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**Oakland Area Census Office**  
**7901 Oakport Street Suite 1000**  
**Oakland, CA 94621**

**1-855-562-2020**

RSVP through Eventbrite: [Eventbrite link](#)

If you are not able to attend, please apply online: <https://recruitment.2020census.gov>

Connect with us  
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For more information:  
2020CENSUS.GOV

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# City of Pinole Recreation Department

## Summer Event Survey

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