



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
ERIC CASH, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: MICHELLE FITZER, CITY MANAGER

PLACES TO BE

Date and Time	Event	Location
Monday, September 23, 2019 7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting	City Council Chamber 2131 Pear Street
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Council Chamber 2131 Pear Street
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:00 pm	Fire Services Study Draft Report Presentation	City Council Chamber 2131 Pear Street

- **LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY – CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 21ST**

The Pinole Police Department will be having 5 class sessions on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm giving citizens ages 14 and up an inside look at the Pinole Police Department. Please see the attached flyer for more detailed information regarding the classes and important dates.

- **COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST**

This year's City of Pinole Coastal Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Bayfront Park (onsite registration). Come help beautify Pinole and help the environment. Please bring gloves and wear work clothing. For more information call (510) 724-9062 or email recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us.

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS – SEPT & OCT**

The City has embarked on our Strategic Planning Project and we want to hear from you! Four (4) Public Engagement meetings have been scheduled at various times and locations in an effort to provide ample opportunity for many community members to participate. Please mark your calendar for one of the following meetings:

- ◆ Wednesday, September 25th at 9:00 am at the Pinole Library – 2835 Pinole Valley Road
- ◆ Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 pm at the East Bluff Apartments Club House – 1813 Marlesta Ct
- ◆ Monday, October 7th at 12:00 noon at the Youth Center – 635 Tennent Ave
- ◆ Monday, October 7th at 7:00 pm at the Pinole Middle School Cafeteria – 1575 Mann Dr

Please come and share your thoughts on the future vision of Pinole!

- **ANNUAL CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL - SEPTEMBER 28TH**

The 17th Annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 28th, 2019 in Sacramento. The California Firefighters Memorial is a unique and stunning tribute to more than 1,300 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since California became a state in 1850. The Memorial was born in 1992 with the passage of legislation authorizing the California Firefighters' Memorial in Capitol Park, the historic grounds of California's State Capitol in Sacramento. The site was formally dedicated on May 31, 1995. From its inception, the Memorial was to include three basic elements – a Memorial Wall inscribed with the names of every California firefighter who has died in the line of duty; and two statues that would immortalize these fallen heroes. Individuals qualify for placement on the wall if it is officially determined that their death occurred either on duty or as a result of illness or injury directly related to their job.

<https://www.cafirefoundation.org/programs/california-firefighters-memorial/>

- **DUMPSTER DAY - SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH**

This year's Pinole Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday October 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Pinole Valley Park, near the baseball field. This is open to Pinole residents only, so please bring proof of residency. There will not be curbside collection, and service is limited to one vehicle per household. For additional information please see the attached flyer, contact the Public Works Department (510) 724-9010, or visit our website www.ci.pinole.ca.us.

- **FIRE SERVICES DELIVERY STUDY DRAFT REPORT PRESENTATION – OCTOBER 8TH**

As noted above, the consultants performing the Fire Services Delivery Study will be providing the Council and Community with their presentation of their findings and recommendations. The presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

The consultants have been analyzing Pinole Fire as we operate today, and evaluating what options we have for potential enhancements to our service delivery model. Options include the City re-opening Station 74 and Pinole Fire operating from both Stations; as well as the

City re-opening Station 74 and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District operating both stations.

The Council is very interested in hearing from the Community about your interest in Fire services and the potential to re-open Station 74. A parcel tax measure is being discussed by the City and may appear on the November 2020 ballot. Now is the time to make your voice heard, as it is important that the Council know what the Community as a whole would like to see with regard to Fire services, and what we are willing to pay for them.

- **GREAT SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL - OCTOBER 17TH**

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On on October 17* during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills. 2019 is the 12th ShakeOut, which began in southern California in 2008. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes– wherever you live, work, or travel. More information can be found at: <https://www.shakeout.org/california/>

- **FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE OCTOBER 19TH**

Please see the attached flyer with more information about the book sale. Help the Pinole Library and your community.

- **PYC HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE OCTOBER 19TH**

Join PYC on Saturday, October 19 from 6:30-8:30pm as we host our first Halloween Family Dance! This event is for the whole family, come in costume and join us. There will be music, games, face painting, and tattoos. No outside foods allowed. Food & drinks will be available for purchase. Costume parade starts at 7:30pm. \$20 admission for family of 4 or \$6/person). Contact, (510) 724-9004, youth@ci.pinole.ca.us Sponsored by the Pinole Youth Foundation

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **ENRICHMENT CLASSES AT STEWART ELEMENTARY**

Enrichment classes at Stewart Elementary start on September 25th. Enrollment is currently open for fall session, students can register for Basketball, Chopped Jr. and Moviemaking. **Register online at <https://pinolerec.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. Once on the registration portal, go to PROGRAMS, YOUTH, CAMPS.** If you have additional questions please contact the Youth Center at youth@ci.pinole.ca.us or 510-724-9004.

- **COUNT ME IN! CENSUS 2020 WE ALL COUNT!**

The US Constitution requires that the US Census Bureau take a count, or census, of America's population every ten years. This information can be critical for community services. Please see the attached flyer with more information.

- **FLASHING RED LIGHT AT PINOLE VALLEY ROAD AND ESTRELLA**

School is back in session! Watch for pedestrians and school children...thank you for your patience with the signal at Estrella, which remains in a flashing red pattern. This will continue as we work to resolve a design issue. There are a few other issues that still need to be completed with this project. If you have any questions please email Development Services Director Tamara Miller at tmiller@ci.pinole.ca.us.

- **PINOLE SENIOR CENTER**

The Pinole Senior Center has had a busy summer and an even flourishing start to the Fall season. The exercise programs are experiencing an increase in member and non member participation. The evening classes and Wednesday night programs continue to be popular with the community and participation has been increasing. The lunch program overseen by Chef Tara continues to bring in over 50+ people in for lunch Monday through Friday. As the Senior Center prepares to wrap up the 2019 year, the rental calendar of the Main Hall is fully booked for Saturday rentals. The next available opening of the Main Hall is in January of 2020. There are limited dates available for Sunday afternoon rentals. The next big thing for the Senior Center is the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 2nd. Registration for vendors is open through Tuesday, October 1st. The fair is open to handmade and commercial vendors. The event is free for people to attend and do some early holiday shopping. For more information regarding the fair or any of the programs at the Senior Center please feel free to stop by the front desk or reach out to the Recreation Coordinator, Kristina Santoyo, at ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us.

- **BAY FRONT PARK PARKING LOT CLOSED OCTOBER 2ND**

The Bay Front Park parking lot will be closed on October 2nd from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm due to construction related activities at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

- **PG&E RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT JULY 2ND COUNCIL MEETING**

Below are the responses received this week from the East Bay Public Affairs Team of PG&E in to questions raised at the July 2nd City Council meeting:

PG&E Payment Assistance and Savings Programs

Regarding your question about the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program, CARE is a PG&E discount program that helps eligible customers pay their energy bills.

Eligible customers receive a monthly discount of 20 percent or more on gas and electricity. Participants qualify through income guidelines or if enrolled in certain public assistance programs. Customers can contact the CARE Program by e-mail at CAREandFERA@pge.com or phone at [1-866-743-2273](tel:1-866-743-2273). To learn more, please click on this link to the [CARE Program](#).

PG&E offers many programs that can help save money and energy. We are dedicated to serving our customers' needs. Below are links to some of PG&E's other Payment Assistance programs:

- [Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help \(REACH\)](#)
- [Family Electric Rate Assistance Program \(FERA\)](#)
- [Energy Savings Assistance Program](#)
- [Payment Arrangement](#)

Medical Baseline Program

PG&E has a Medical Baseline program that provides additional energy at the lowest price for gas and electric customers who are dependent on life-support equipment and/or require special heating or cooling needs for certain medical conditions.

All residential customers receive an allotment of energy every month at the lowest price available on their rate. This is called the [Baseline Allowance](#). Customers who are eligible for Medical Baseline receive an additional allotment of electricity and/or gas per month. This helps ensure that more energy to support qualifying medical devices is available at a lower rate.

More information about the Medical Baseline program, including eligibility requirements and application, can be found online at pge.com/medicalbaseline.

Backup Generators for Customers

At this time, PG&E is currently neither able to provide individual backup generators for customers, nor financing for individual backup generators for customers. However, we understand how impactful it is for our customers to be without power, so we are encouraging all customers to independently plan for an emergency and to be prepared for any extended outages due to extreme weather or natural disasters.

To support this, PG&E provides information about backup generators, how to purchase them, and how to operate them safely at pge.com/backupgeneration. Though PG&E does not make any endorsements or recommendations, we provide a representative list of suppliers and contractors, as well as financing options, on our website. Please note that the list is not inclusive and that customers must contact retailers directly for additional information, including pricing and financing.

Community Resource Center Locations

If gusty winds and dry conditions, combined with a heightened fire risk, threaten a portion of the electric system serving a community, it may be necessary for PG&E to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is known as a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). During a PSPS event, PG&E may also open Community Resource Centers which provide charging stations to help customers with their basic power needs (i.e. charging cell phones, laptops and basic medical equipment).

PG&E is currently exploring potential locations in Contra Costa County to be used as potential Community Resource Center sites, and we are happy to share this information as it becomes available. Community Resource Centers are designed to accommodate up to 100 customers and, depending on factors such as the number of impacted customers and available locations, there may be multiple locations. The actual locations will be made available to customers on pge.com and via social media, local news and radio once locations are determined during the lead-up to a PSPS event.

Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP) Results

As part of our enhanced wildfire safety efforts, we are conducting accelerated safety inspections of electric infrastructure in areas of higher wildfire risk. These enhanced inspections are in addition to our routine inspections and maintenance programs. More than 2,000 PG&E employees and contractors have been conducting enhanced safety inspections of electric towers, poles, substations and transmission and distribution lines in high fire-threat areas.

Customers can view the progress we are making on our accelerated and enhanced inspections and high-priority repairs completed by June 30, 2019, online at the following links:

- [City-by-City Breakdown of Inspections and Repairs Results](#)
- [County-by-County Breakdown of Inspections and Repairs Results](#)
- [Detailed Breakdown of Inspections and Repairs Results](#)

The information above is updated regularly. These numbers may change as we complete further reviews, quality assessments and other processes, including as we finish processing the results of past inspections. Tags are considered open until all records have been processed; as a result, the percentage of tags repaired and made safe in the field is higher than the percentage of repaired tags reflected.

Electric Service to the City of Pinole

Regarding your question about PG&E's ability to segment the electric grid, yes, some transmission lines can be removed from operation while other transmission lines carry their loads when in a network configuration, which can lead to a smaller geography losing power. While the capability to re-route through other transmission lines exists, any customer could have their power shut off because the energy system relies on power lines working together to provide electricity across cities, counties and regions. We want all of our more than 5 million electric customers to be prepared for this possibility no matter where they live or work.

- **GET INVOLVED! JOIN A CITY BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION!**

The City is recruiting to fill vacancies on the following boards and commissions. If you are a citizen interested in community service in a variety of disciplines, there are several opportunities available. These vacancies will remain *open until filled*:

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee (1 position)

The Pinole Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee is a five member panel who recommend or review action on traffic safety, traffic control and planning, speed limits, parking and other traffic related matters. The committee makes recommendations to the City Council; committee members service two-year terms.

Contra Costa Library Commission (1 position - 2-year term as Alternate Delegate):

The Contra Costa County Library Commission was established by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in March 1991. The Commission was created (March 1991) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian. The Library Commission is comprised of 24 members:

- 18 members representing the cities/towns in Contra Costa County - these Commissioners are appointed by the city/town councils (Richmond does not participate)
- 5 members represent Contra Costa County - each member of the Board of Supervisors appoints one Commissioner
- 1 member representing the Central Labor Council.

Currently the Commission meets every other month, on the fourth Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at the Library Administration in Martinez <http://guides.ccclib.org/Commission>.

Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (1 position):

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise them on all matters associated with the planning, development and administration of programs relating to older adults. The ACOA consists of forty (40) members. Fifty percent (50%) of the ACOA must be age 60 and above.

Currently the ACOA meets on the third Wednesday of each month, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill in Board Rooms A & B. Please submit your **Letter of Interest** and/or an application or additional information.

Applications for all Commissions and Committees, and supplemental questionnaires for certain positions, are available on the City's website at:

https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_clerk/boards_and_commission

For more information, you are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's office at 510-724-8928 or email City Clerk Heather Iopu at hiopu@ci.pinole.ca.us. Candidates must be appointed by action of the City Council to all Commissions or Committee

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Pinole Police Department



2019 Law Enforcement Academy

Free For Citizens 14 years old and up

The Law Enforcement Academy is designed to give an inside look at the Pinole Police Department. The Law Enforcement Academy is open to citizens ages 14 and up, who live or attend school in Pinole, or whose parents work in Pinole. Speakers will include the Chief of Police, Police Officers, Detectives, Dispatcher and others.

Sign-up today!

Complete the attached Application and submit it to the Crime Prevention Unit

Class Dates: September 21st -October 26th
(5 Sessions)
Class Times: Saturday Mornings 9:30a- 1:30p
Class Location: Pinole Police Department

Topics Include:

- CSI/Evidence
- K9 Policing
- Physical Agility
- And More...



CITY OF PINOLE COASTAL CLEANUP

Saturday, September 21, 2019
8:30 a.m. to noon

Bayfront Park

(on-site registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)

**Please volunteer for the 35th annual Coastal Cleanup Day,
Coastal Cleanup Day is a global volunteering event
celebrated locally. Volunteers come together to pick up trash
on coastlines and creeks.**

Come help beautify Pinole and help the environment.

**Please bring bucket, gloves and
wear work clothing.**

BBQ lunch will be provided

***Great opportunity to complete Community Service hours**

For information call 724-9062 or
e-mail : CoastalCleanup@ci.pinole.ca.us



The City of Pinole Public Works Department & Community Services Commission present

-A FREE EVENT FOR PINOLE RESIDENTS- 2019 DUMPSTER DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Pinole Valley Park

3790 Pinole Valley Rd

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PINOLE RESIDENTS ONLY- BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY - NOT A CURBSIDE COLLECTION
ONE CAR PER HOUSEHOLD – NO TRAILERS-NO SIDERAILS ON PICKUPS

>YOU MUST UNLOAD YOUR ITEMS <

ACCEPTED: household items, glass, clothing, metal, chairs, tables, couches, small appliances, broken toys, rugs/padding, wood, dishwashers, washers & dryers, refrigerators, ovens/stoves microwaves.

NOT ACCEPTED: No box springs. No mattresses. No green waste or yard waste. No tires. No concrete or construction waste. No household hazardous waste (such as paint, oil, bug spray, oven cleaner, propane tanks, oil, prescription medicine, needles, syringes). No car batteries.. No electronic waste (no TVs, no computers, no screens, no cell phones, etc.) Take household hazardous waste to 101 Pittsburg Avenue Richmond, Wed.—Sat. 9am to 4pm.

>NOTE: EVENT ENDS EARLY IF DUMPSTERS ARE FILLED<

>For more information, call (510)724-9842<

Friends of the Pinole Library Book Sale

Saturday, October 19, 2019

The Pinole Library
2935 Pinole Valley Road
510-758-2741

Additional parking at The Pinole Valley Community Church

Book Sale Hours:

Members: 9:00 am **General Public:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

New memberships are available at the door starting at 9:00 am.



'The Bookworm'

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Stuff-a-Sack Sale

The Pinole Library – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**You will receive a large, double paper bag for \$5.00 that may be
filled with books, games, and puzzles.**

Help the Pinole Library

Help Your Community

Help the Earth



Pinole Youth Center
635 Tennent Ave
Pinole

PINOLE YOUTH CENTER'S
HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE
OCT 19TH, 6:30-8:30PM



510-724-9004 or
youth@ci.pinole.ca.us



Come and join us at our first Halloween Family Dance. There will be music, games, face painting, and tattoos. No outside foods allowed. Food & drinks will be available for purchase. Costume parade starts at 7:30pm.

\$20 /family of 4 or \$6/person. Purchase tickets online by 10/9/19.

Price goes up after 10/9/19 to \$24/family of 4 or \$7/person

Register online at <https://pinolerec.recdesk.com/Community/Home> Once there go to PROGRAMS, YOUTH, SPECIAL EVENTS. You must create an account for you and your child to be able to register. For more info call 510-724-9004 or send an email to youth@ci.pinole.ca.us

PINOLE YOUTH CENTER

PINOLE YOUTH CENTER CAMPS, ENRICHMENT CLASSES, & SPORTS for ages 2.5– 13 yrs old



SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS

THANKSGIVING & WINTER CAMP



Dates:
NOV 25-27



DEC 23-27, DEC 30-JAN 3
(Closed Dec 24-25 & Dec 31-Jan 1)
Ages: 6 –13/Grades 1st – 8th)
Time: 8:30am–6:00pm
Price: \$200/week Resident Rate
\$233/week Non-resident rate
Early Care: \$38 Res & \$43 Non-Res
Location: Pinole Youth Center
635 Tennent Ave Pinole
PYC welcomes elementary and middle school youth to enjoy a week full of activities. There will be at least 4 activities a day including arts and crafts, games, fieldtrip, etc. We do it all! At PYC we encourage all participants to play safe, practice life skills, and most of all have fun!

YOUTH SPORTS

SKYHAWK BASKET BALL

Wed. 2:30-3:30

Ages:6-9 yrs old

Session 1: 9/18/19-11/06/19

\$125/Resident \$147 Non-Resident

Session 2: 11/13/19-12/18/19

Location: Stewart School Playground

This fun skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players looking to take the next step in basketball. Players learn the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and defense, in addition to the rules, strategies, and play calls of the game. Our age-appropriate drills and games teach youth athletes skill development in addition to vital life lessons including leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship. All participants receive a Skyhawks t-shirt and Merit Award.



REGISTRATION INFO

ALL programs require pre-registration. Restrictions may apply.

Register online.

- Go to <http://pinolerec.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- Once there. go to PROGRAMS, YOUTH & CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (CAMPS, ENRICHMENT, SPORTS)

*Please go on our website for specific locations of each activities.

Note: Activities are subject to change pending number of registrants, costs, and other unforeseen circumstances.

Office: 510-724-9004
email: youth.ci.pinole.ca.us

INTERESTED IN TEACHING A CLASS

We are looking for Youth program instructors who would like to teach classes especially in music, sports, language, and dance. If you are interested, please contact the Recreation Coordinator.

Office: 510-724-9004
email: youth.ci.pinole.ca.us

Stewart School :
2040 Hoke Dr, Pinole, CA

**Fernandez Park
Basketball Court:**
595 Tennent Ave. Pinole

LEGO PLAY-WELL TEKNOLOGIES



TUESDAY

2:45-4:15PM

1st –5th graders

9/17/19-11/5/19

\$213 Resident

\$245 Non-Resident

Location: Stewart School MPR

Master your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKnoLogies and tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Apply real-world concepts in Physics, Engineering, and Architecture through engineer-designed projects such as Boats, Snowmobiles, Arch Bridges, and Battletracks! Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment.

Registration Available Online <http://pinolerec.recdesk.com/Community/Home> For more info: youth.ci.pinole.ca.us

CITY OF PINOLE ENRICHMENT CLASSES



COOKING



CHOPPED JR **WEDNESDAYS** **2:30-4pm**

Ages: 8-13 yrs old
9/26/19-11/28/19 (8 classes)
\$160 Resident/Session
\$186 Non-Resident/Session

Location: Stewart School MPR

The children will create a delicious dish using mystery basket ingredients. That is the puzzle that teams of children are challenged to figure out. Each week, children in the "Chopped Junior" class will create a delicious solution using 3 mystery ingredients to make a dish. They will work together in teams of 4-6 with a new child team leader each week to make a tasty, appealing and beautifully presented dish using *only* 3 ingredients, all of which are a surprise to the class participants! Children are given 1 hour to make their dish - then comes judging and tasting. The winning team gets a prize each week. "Chopped Junior" takes creative Thinking, learning by doing, and getting to know your ingredients really well! So much fun!

Materials fee: \$20 made payable by check to Cooking Round the World; presented on first day of class to

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MOVIE MAKING

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THURS 2:45-3:45pm

9/26/19-11/28/19

(No class October 31st)

AGES: 6-14

\$200/Resident \$233/Non-Res

Location: Stewart School Room 23 Portable

This is an exciting adventure into movie making, teaching the kids to use coding to create their own Movie projects. It will teach them to use Scratch tools to create their own animated movies, nurture their creativity, and encourage them to use dance, movement, fun colors, and music while applying their coding knowledge to create their movie projects. Please note, this is not teaching them to assemble movie clips but also to teach them to write their own code for their projects.

Materials fee: \$45 made payable to SiliconValley4U and presented on the first day of class to the instructor.



REGISTRATION INFO

ALL programs require pre-registration. Restrictions may apply.

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**Classes are held at Stewart Elementary School
2040 Hoke Dr, Pinole, CA 94564**

Online Rec Registration <http://pinolerec.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

For additional questions contact, 510-724-9004 * email: youth@ci.pinole.ca.us

Count Me In! Census 2020 We All Count!

The US Constitution requires that the US Census Bureau take a count, or census, of America's population every ten years. This information can be critical for community services. Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities, divided according to Census Bureau data. The last census, held in 2010, counted 18,390 people in Pinole, a 3.409% percent decrease over the 2000 count of 19,039. The 2020 US Census day is April 1, 2020.

Federal and state governments, as well as community organizations across the country, are already gearing up for the new count. The Census Bureau will use data that the public has already provided to build an accurate address list and automate its field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

In 2020, new technology will make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, as well as by mail or phone. In March 2020, the Census Bureau will mail an invitation to participate to nearly every household in the country.

Residents will be able to respond to the census online or over the phone in 13 languages, including English, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, and Japanese. Language guides, glossaries and videos will be provided in 59 additional languages. The confidential data collected will be used solely for statistical purposes.

Contra Costa County's Census 2020 Complete Count committee has been working to build partnerships and coalitions to ensure an accurate Census 2020 count. To learn more and see how you can help, go to www.cococensus.org.

The census bureau has done research over the years to determine which populations are missed at higher rates in the census. Their research shows that children, homeless, lower income, lower education, English language learners, undocumented immigrants, and racial/ethnic minorities are least likely to be enumerated properly. Since the 2020 census will be conducted mostly online, households with poor internet access will likely also be undercounted.

The U.S. Census Bureau is also hiring Census staff and would welcome hiring local residents, particularly in hard-to-count communities. Apply at 2020census.gov/en/jobs.

The City of Pinole is committed to ensuring a complete and accurate count. To-date, we have issued a proclamation in support of the Census 2020 importance and have appointed City Clerk, Heather Iopu, to serve as the City's lead on Census 2020 activities. You will notice an uptick in Census 2020 communications as we move closer to Census day, April 1, 2020. The day that all of us say "Count Me In" because "We All Count!"