



# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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## PLACES TO BE

- FEBRUARY 9 – PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON GATEWAY SHOPPING CENTER

The Planning Commission will be conducting a Workshop on Monday February 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers located at 2131 Pear Street. The Commission will be reviewing a proposed shopping center consisting of four new commercial buildings and a 75-foot high pylon sign.

The approximately 5.5-acre proposed development site includes portions of both sides of Pinole Valley Road north of Interstate Highway 80 and south of Henry Avenue. The proposed project includes a grocery store, a retail shop space building, a drive through coffee shop and a medical office building with accompanying signage and landscape improvements. Project information is available for review at the Pinole Library, the 2nd Floor counter at City Hall and on the City's website at <http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/planning/projects.html>

- FEBRUARY 21 – PINOLE ROTARY CRAB FEED

Save the Date! The annual Pinole Rotary Club Crab Feed is scheduled to take place on February 21 at 6:00 pm at the Pinole Senior Center. As in the past, Police Officers and Firefighters of the Year from both the cities of Pinole and Hercules will be honored at this event. Tickets are \$45 and will be available at the Police Department after January 20. For more information please contact Jamie Cepernich with the Pinole Rotary Club at 510-758-8267.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### NEW THIS WEEK...

- **BREAK WEEK CAMPS**

Don't miss **Break Week Camps** at the Pinole Youth Center! Our **Winter Break Camp** featured Pinole's very own Police Officer Angela Likos who brought her furry partner Spike along one day, then returned the next in plainclothes to can cranberries with the kids! Other highlights included a trip to Walnut Creek for Ice Skating and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom's Winter Wonderland.

In each of our programs we strive to provide unique experiences to children to help them learn who they are. Whether they are enjoying a Nature Walk or blazing trails through Fernandez Park, the youth here always come first. Our **President's Week Camp** will feature special guests from Challenger Sports and British Soccer Camps as well as a day-long field trip your child will not forget!

When you are considering a camp to make your child's Ski Week/Presidents Week or Spring Break memorable, safe and fun, consider the Pinole Youth Center. Prices are competitive and our trained staff support children's exploration through guidance and support in a safe structured environment. We look forward to having YOUR child join us here at the Pinole Youth Center! For further information please call us at **510-724-9004** or via email at **youth@ci.pinole.ca.us**

- **SUCCESSFUL 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CRAB FEED AT THE SENIOR CENTER**

On January 10, the Senior Center hosted its annual Crab Feed. The event was sold out with over 240 guests attending plus over 20 hard working volunteers. The energy was high and the room was full of excitement as guests had a chance at over one fifty-one raffle prizes. All in all, the event was a successful fundraiser made possible by the hard work and generosity of all the volunteers and donors (a complete list of donors will be featured in the Senior Center February Newsletter). It's never too early to start thinking about next year so save the date of January 9, 2016 which will be the 23rd Annual Crab Feed.

### **CONTINUING ITEMS...**

- **SAND BAGS ARE AVAILABLE TO PINOLE CITIZENS**

As you are aware the winter season is upon us and we have already had several storm fronts move in. As we have done in the past the City has made sand bags available to the residents of the Pinole community in case you need them. There is a mound of sand and empty bags are available so that you may fill them as you need them. They are located in the parking lot adjacent to the Police Department and St. Joseph's School and will remain so during the winter months.

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- **OPEN SEATS ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Consider volunteering for our community by serving on a City board or commission. There are openings on the Planning Commission, several on the Community Services Commission and Pinole delegates to two regional boards; the Contra Costa Council on Aging and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Citizens Advisory Board. These positions are appointed by the City Council.

Applications & supplemental questionnaires are available at Pinole City Hall and the City board applications may also be downloaded from the City website at <http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/admin/cityclerk.html>. The filing period is open until the positions are filled.

For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 510-724-8928 or email [pathenour@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:pathenour@ci.pinole.ca.us). Completed applications are accepted at the City Clerk's Office, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole 94564.

- **BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR AT PROJECT SECOND CHANCE**

Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County library's adult literacy program, trains volunteers to help adults improve their reading, writing and spelling skills. The required 14 hours of training include one Wednesday night (January 28, 2015) and two Saturdays (January 31 and February 7). Training is held at the Pleasant Hill library but tutoring can take place anywhere in the county.

Register now for the upcoming training cycle! To sign up, apply online at <http://ccclib.org/psc/tutors.html>. For more information call 510-527-7558.

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# Winter Break Camp 2014 at the **PINOLE YOUTH CENTER**

**Was a HUGE success!**



***DON'T MISS OUR***  
**President's Week Camp** (Feb 16-20)  
**& Spring Break Camp** (April 6-10)  
**PINOLE RESIDENTS: ONLY \$160/ WEEK**  
**NON-RESIDENT: \$186/ WEEK**

**At the PYC our *Youth come first!***

★ outdoor activities    ★ sports    ★ cooking

★ nature walks    ★ computer room

★ video games room    ★ arts and crafts

★ team games and sports

★ Special Guests include **CHALLENGER SPORTS**