



# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: MARCH 6, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

## PLACES TO BE

- MARCH 11 – COFFEE WITH A COP

The next "Coffee with a Cop" will be held at the Bear Claw located at 2340 San Pablo Avenue on Wednesday, March 11th at 8 AM. The Pinole Police Department has initiated this new program to provide an opportunity for the community to interact and meet the officers working in their area. This is a monthly program that rotates each month to various locations throughout the city.

- MARCH 12 – PINOLE-HERCULES WASTEWATER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Pinole Hercules Wastewater Subcommittee will be meeting in Pinole on Thursday March 12 at 8:30 AM. The meeting has been changed to the second Thursday of every month due to scheduling conflicts.

- MARCH 17 – CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS MEASURE S 2104 FUNDS

The Pinole City Council will continue their discussion about the use of Measure S 2014 funding at their regular March 17 City Council meeting. This is a continuation of the February 7 and March 3 discussions. This is an opportunity for the public to provide their input on how these monies should be spent.

- MARCH 18 – POLICE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL MEETING

The Police Department will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alex Clark Room at the Public Safety Building. Police Chief Neil Gang will host the event and local beat Officers, Detectives, the Crime Prevention Unit, and the K-9 Officer with K-9 Spike will all be present. Please see attached flyer.

- **APRIL 2 – STATE OF THE CITY LUNCHEON**

The Pinole Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual State of the City luncheon on April 2 at Due Rose in Pinole. The event this year will include Mayor Pete Murray as the featured speaker. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased directly from the Chamber's website at <http://pinolechamber.org>

- **APRIL 4 - SPRING EGG HUNT BY PINOLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Pinole Recreation Staff is busy planning the annual Spring Egg Hunt scheduled to take place in Fernandez Park on Saturday, April 4. Please mark your calendars as this will be a fun filled day for the family. If you have any questions or want to volunteer your support for the event please email [Recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:Recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us).

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

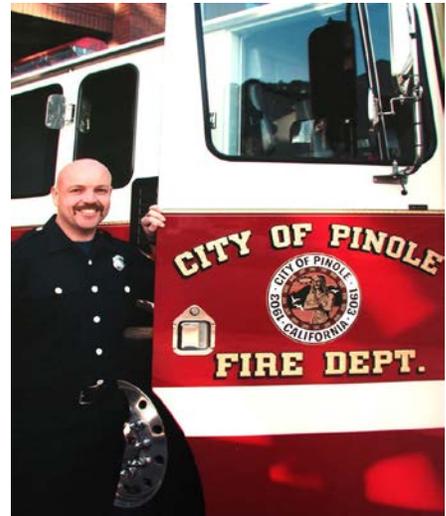
### **NEW ITEMS...**

- **FIRE CAPTAIN RICHARD VOISEY HAS PASSED**

Pinole Fire Captain Richard "Rich" Voisey passed away on Wednesday morning after suffering from brain cancer for the last two years. Rich served the City of Pinole for 35 years in the Pinole Fire Department. He was well known to many citizens of Pinole having been a lifelong citizen and servant of the City for the majority of his life.

Rich was an enthusiastic employee with a passion for providing community awareness of fire and emergency services. He had a smile that echoed his love of life, his community and his family. He leaves behind his wife Nancy and three children, Sasha, Sara and Josh.

We will all miss you Rich.



- **CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR RICHARD LOOMIS SET TO RETIRE**

The City's Finance Director Richard Loomis has announced his retirement from the City of Pinole effective March 27, 2015. Mr. Loomis has been an invaluable member of the executive management team since 2004. He has been responsible for overseeing all of our

finances including accounts receivable and payable, investments, budget preparation, payroll, purchasing, annual audits of all funds and public financing.

Throughout Richard's tenure, the City has received excellent audit review reports with little or no negative findings. Awards have been received from the Government Finance Officers Association every year during Richard's tenure for our budget and financial reporting.

Richard was instrumental in assisting the City Manager through one of the most difficult financial times in Pinole's history and also with the dissolution of the Pinole redevelopment program. He will be greatly missed and his shoes will be difficult to fill. We all wish you the best of luck in your retirement and we sincerely thank you for your service to this community over the years. You served with class, integrity and the highest of ethics!

- **APPIAN 80 CLEANERS BEGINS "ENVIRONMENTAL" CLEANUP**

Beginning March 5, 2015 work will begin at the Appian 80 Cleaners located 1577 Tara Hills Drive to remove some cleaning solvents found in the soil and groundwater found under the dry cleaners. Attached is an update that the City has received from the Department of Toxic-Substances Control explaining the problem and the cleanup efforts. For more information please visit [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public) then type "Pinole" in the City field, and then click on "Get Report" Find "Appian 80 Express Cleaners" and click on the report next to the Site name.

- **SKATE PARK PLANS OUT FOR BIDS**

Plans for the Pinole Skate Park which is funded through Measure WW are now out for bid. The bids are scheduled to be opened on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. The plans and specifications were forwarded to five firms that were found to be qualified through the City's pre-qualification process. The Skate Park will be located in Pinole Valley Park.

- **UPDATE ON PINOLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD**

Mayor Pete Murray, Councilmember Debbie Long and city Manager Belinda Espinosa met with representatives from the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board on Monday to discuss a variety of topics including an update on the High School project. Phase I of the Hillside Stabilization Project has been completed and Phase II will begin after the demolition of the old campus is completed in late summer/early fall of 2015. The demolition has already begun with the perimeter fencing being installed and some interior clean up taking place.

At Pinole Middle School, the new soccer and multi use field will be completed on March 30, 2015. The field is located adjacent to Appian Way and can be seen by the public through the black wrought iron fencing. If you haven't had a chance to drive by and take a peek. It is very impressive and looks first class. The School District was the Project Lead and funds

were provided from the local bond measures and also the City of Pinole who donated \$500,000 towards this project. A public ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned in the near future.

### CONTINUING ITEMS...

- **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HEALTH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON MEASLES**

The Contra Costa County Health Department has issued an update with information regarding the spread of measles (see attached flyer). Though there are no confirmed measles cases in Contra Costa County as of February 3, there have been several cases in the Bay Area and it is possible there will be more. Since late December, 92 people have been confirmed to have measles in California. Measles is a serious and life-threatening illness that is preventable through vaccination and Contra Costa Health Services urges both children and adults be immunized.

The attached flyer answers the following questions:

- How do I know if my family and I are protected from measles?
- Should children get the measles vaccine?
- Should adults get the measles vaccine?
- Where can I get the MMR vaccine?

Information regarding vaccines can be obtained from your regular health care provider, a community immunization provider, including pharmacies or at Public Health Immunization clinics. Please check out [cchealth.org/measles](http://cchealth.org/measles) for additional information and sources.

- **PINOLE POLICE BEARS AND BLANKETS PROGRAM**

The Police Department has received many positive comments regarding the implementation of the “Bear and Blankets” program. The goal of the program is to provide comfort to children suffering from a traumatic event.

Police meet children daily who are coping with a recent traumatic incident, whether it’s a vehicle accident, or the arrest of a loved one. A gift of a stuffed animal can provide them with a level of comfort, according to Officer Cassie Johnson. Officer Johnson also hopes this will help build trust between youth and police officers and result in more youth coming to the police for help. Pinole Police officers will be carrying teddy bears and blankets in their patrol cars that can be given to children needing some comfort and warmth.

The Pinole Police Department is accepting donations of new teddy bears to assist in launching this program. Please bring your donations to the Pinole Police Department located at 880 Tennent Avenue, during business hours. Please contact Officer Cassie Johnson for information or questions on the program: 510-869-5871 or [cjohnson@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:cjohnson@ci.pinole.ca.us).

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- **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GRAND JURY SEEKS APPLICANTS**

The Contra Costa County Superior Court is accepting applications for the Civil Grand Jury for the FY 2015-16 term (see attached flyer). There are 19 members chosen from throughout the County and each serves for a one-year term. Approximately 75 applicants will be selected to be interviewed by the Grand Jury Selection Committee which is composed of Superior Court Judges. After the initial interviews the judges will nominate 30 applicants from which a total of 19 will be eventually selected to serve.

If you are interested in applying please contact the Office of the Civil Grand Jury at 925 957-5638 or visit their website at [www.cc-courts.org/grandjury](http://www.cc-courts.org/grandjury) to receive additional information. The application deadline is Friday, March 27.

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

Consider volunteering for our community by serving on a City board or commission. There is an opening on the Planning Commission and several on the Community Services Commission. There is also an opening for a delegate to the Contra Costa Council on Aging and. 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.

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## Appian 80 Cleaners Interim Removal Work to Begin March 5, 2015

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this notice to inform the community about upcoming work at the Appian 80 Express Cleaners (Site), 1577 Tara Hills Drive, Pinole, California 94564. This Site is one unit in the Appian 80 Shopping Center which also houses a restaurant, bank, and exercise studio. A dry cleaner has operated in this unit since 1981. In 2002 the dry cleaners stopped using tetrachloroethene (PCE) in its dry cleaning operations. However, in 2008 PCE and other solvents were found in soil, soil gas, and groundwater under and near the dry cleaners by an environmental contractor hired by the owner of the shopping center. To address this contamination quickly, an Interim Remedial Measures workplan was developed by the consultant. DTSC approved the workplan and work will begin March 5, 2015. The interim remedial measures include excavating contaminated soil. Remaining soil and groundwater will then be treated to break down remaining toxics. To prevent contaminated air from reaching the building interior, a soil vapor extraction system (SVE) will be built to remove and treat the air beneath the Site. Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to determine if this work is effective. **The current Appian 80 Express Cleaners will remain open during these investigation and cleanup activities.**

### What are the health risks?

DTSC believes that there is no immediate health risk at the Site. However, the elevated PCE levels below the building are a problem that should be dealt with immediately. Long-term exposure to these solvents may cause health problems. This expedited removal action only addresses the known contamination beneath the building slab and is necessary to lower PCE levels. More investigation at the Site may reveal the need for further cleanup. DTSC will oversee the development of a final cleanup plan for any remaining solvents. The final cleanup plan will be submitted for public review and comment.

### What Work Will be Done?

Because of the sampling results, DTSC has concluded that it is necessary to immediately lower the levels of PCE beneath the building and in indoor air. To do so, contaminated soil will be removed and remaining soil and groundwater will be treated. A SVE system will be installed to collect soil gas. Gas from beneath the slab area will go through an activated carbon treatment system. PCE will be captured on the carbon. The treatment system and associated equipment will be on the Site. Clean air will be released from an exhaust stack as permitted under Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) permit. A pilot test, conducted by the environmental consultant in 2012, shows the SVE system will operate properly.

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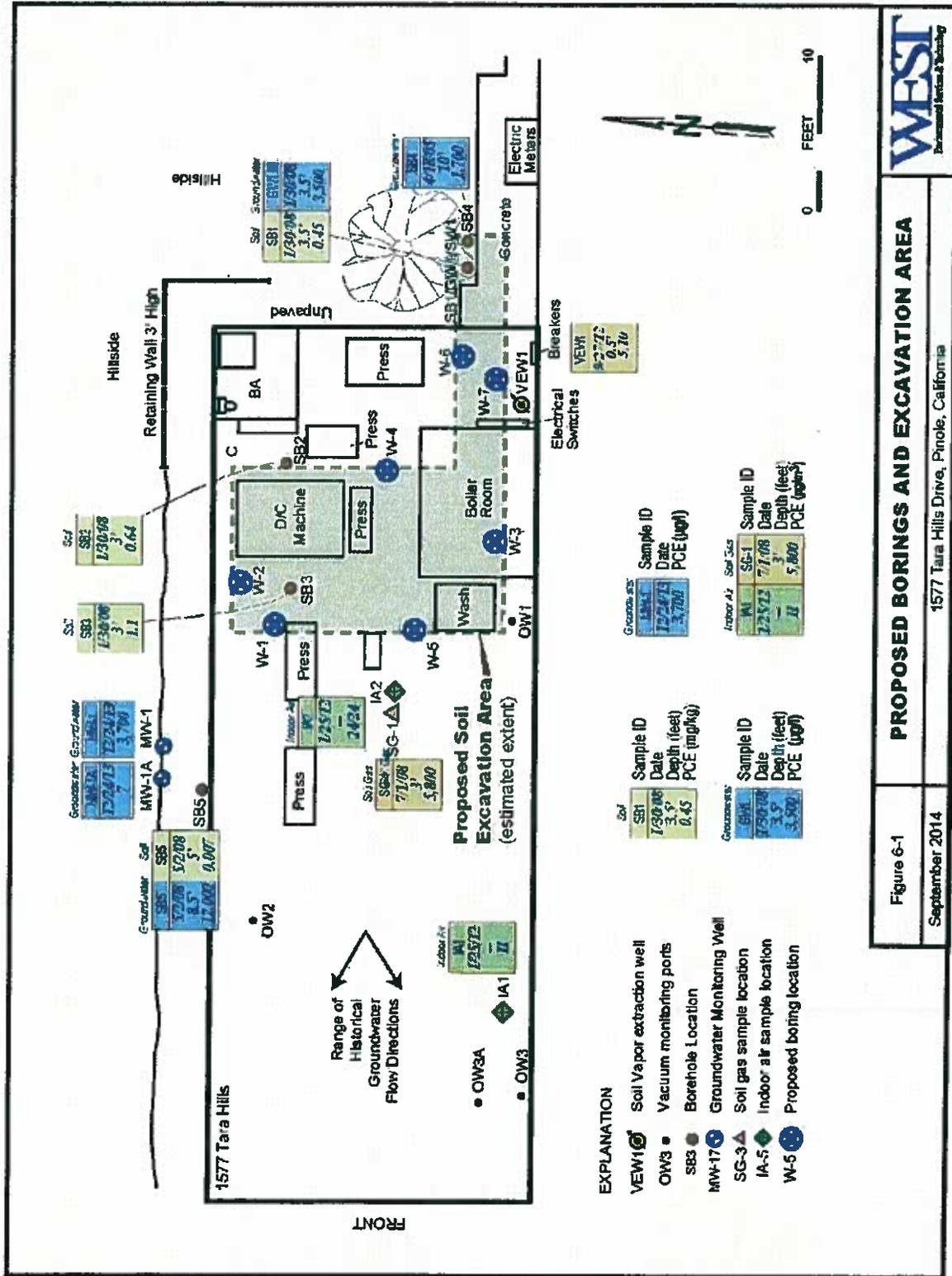


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September 2014

**PROPOSED BORINGS AND EXCAVATION AREA**

1577 Tara Hills Drive, Pomona, California



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Serve Your Community As A  
Contra Costa County Grand Juror

The Deadline to Submit an Application to Become a Member  
of the 2015/2016 Contra Costa County Grand Jury is:

**\* FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015 \***

Go On-Line: [www.cc-courts.org/grandjury](http://www.cc-courts.org/grandjury)

or

Call (925) 957-5638 For An Application

**Become Involved**



**Promote Sound  
Government**



**Make Recommendations  
to County Agencies  
and Cities**

**Together We Make a Positive Difference  
The Grand Jury**





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**CITY OF PINOLE  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

For further information:  
Secretary to the Grand Jury  
Phone: (925) 957-5638

For immediate release

January 27, 2015

**APPLICATIONS FOR GRAND JURY SERVICE SOUGHT**

The Contra Costa County Superior Court is accepting applications for Civil Grand Jury Service for the fiscal year 2015-2016 term.

The Civil Grand Jury is made up of 19 members who serve for one year, July through June, to monitor, review and report on city and county governments, special districts and school districts.

Every effort is made to ensure that the Grand Jury reflects the makeup of the residents of the county. Approximately 75 applicants will be selected to be interviewed by the Grand Jury Selection Committee, which is composed of Superior Court Judges. After interviews, the judges will nominate approximately 30 applicants to constitute a grand jury pool from which the final panel of 19 will be selected by random drawing.

The drawing is scheduled to be held on **Friday, June 12, 2015**, with the members of the 2015-2016 Grand Jury officially being sworn in on the same day.

Individuals selected for service will be expected to be available during the last two weeks of June to meet with outgoing jurors, tour county facilities, meet with department heads, become familiar with their colleagues, learn about juror responsibilities and procedures, and select committees on which they will serve.

Grand jurors must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, who have been a resident of Contra Costa County for at least one year prior to selection. They cannot currently hold any elected position within the county. Applicants should have reliable transportation to Martinez, and must be prepared to devote at least 20 hours per week to Civil Grand Jury service. Citizens who work should apply only if they can be released from their jobs to perform the jury duties. Applicants selected as one of the 30 nominees will be fingerprinted before the drawing.

Jurors receive a stipend for attending full jury and committee meetings and are reimbursed for allowable jury travel. Parking permits may be provided to park in the City of Martinez while performing Grand Jury duties.

Persons interested in applying may contact the Office of the Civil Grand Jury at (925) 957-5638, or visit the website at [www.cc-courts.org/grandjury](http://www.cc-courts.org/grandjury) to receive additional information regarding service on the Civil Grand Jury and to obtain an application.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015**

PINOLE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

# Pinole Police Department

## Pinole Police Department Presents: Town Hall Meeting

The Pinole Police Department invites you to a Town Hall Meeting at the Alex Clark Room located in the downstairs lobby of the Public Safety Building. Chief Neil Gang will host the event and you will be able to meet your local beat Officers, Detectives, Crime Prevention Unit, and your K-9 Officer along with K-9 Spike.

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - 5:30p.m

880 Tennent Avenue



# 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**