



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: MARCH 27, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

PLACES TO BE

- **MARCH 28 – FRIENDS OF PINOLE LIBRARY TO HOST AN “UPSCALE GARAGE SALE” AT THE PINOLE LIBRARY**

The Friends of Pinole Library are hosting an “*Upscale Garage Sale*” at the Pinole Library from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday March 28 (see attached flyer). The purpose of this event is to raise funds for public programs, new books and other library needs. The sale will include new handmade crafts to lightly used and new items. For additional information please call the Library at (510) 758-2741.

- **MARCH 28 - MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR CAPTAIN RICH VOISEY**

The memorial services for Pinole Fire Captain Rich Voisey will be held on March 28 at Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church beginning at 1:00 PM. Pinole Fire Captain Richard “Rich” Voisey passed away 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.

The services will be well attended by friends, family and officials from across the state. Old Town Pinole will be heavily impacted by traffic and parking may be an issue for Old Town residents and businesses. *The following streets will be closed during portions of the day and as listed below:*

- **Tennent Avenue between Pear and Prune**
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM (Approximate)
Local traffic should use Fernandez Avenue to detour around the closure.
- **Pinole Valley Road between Simas Avenue and Savage Avenue**
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Local traffic should use Savage Avenue to detour around the closure.

As mentioned above, streets that will be heavily impacted include Pinole Valley Road from Old Town all the way to Pinole Valley Park and all of the streets adjacent to Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Note: Residents on Pinole Valley Road and participants of the Pinole-Hercules Little League will be allowed access and egress to and from Ellerhorst School and residences.

The City will be closing the parking lots directly in front of the Public Safety Building, the Employee lot behind City Hall as well as the parking lot adjacent to Saint Joseph's Catholic School.

In addition, the Farmer's Market has been canceled on March 28 due to the services and to allow additional parking for attendees of the service.

- **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 Restaurante Due Rose in Pinole. The event this year will feature Mayor Pete Murray as the 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 its annual Spring Egg Hunt with support from our local café, the **East Bay Coffee Company**. Mark your calendars for this family fun-filled day, scheduled to take place in Fernandez Park on Saturday, April 4. The event will include:

- Free Egg Hunt for kids age 0-12, 9 am start time;
- Easter Bunny Photo Opportunity (bring your camera!);
- Special Guest **Challenger Sports** will be running a demo of **British Soccer Camps** right after the Hunt!
- Snack Bar open for purchase of food; and
- Special Guest **Macaroni Kid** will have a free crafts table with fun activities for all ages.

So don't forget to bring your baskets and athletic shoes. We look forward to seeing you and your family. If you have any questions or want to volunteer your support for the event, please email Recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us.

- **APRIL 6 – SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON GATEWAY SHOPPING CENTER**

The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on Monday April 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers located at 2131 Pear Street to consider a proposed shopping center consisting of four new commercial buildings and a 75-foot high pylon sign. The new development project is proposed on land on both sides of Pinole Valley Road north of Interstate Highway 80 and south of Henry Avenue.

The City has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to identify the potential project environmental impacts. The Planning Commission will consider the draft MND and the accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

Project information is available for review on the 2nd Floor counter at City Hall and on the City's website at <http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/planning/projects.html>.

- **APRIL 8 - PINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT COFFEE WITH A COP**

The next "Coffee with a Cop" event will be held on Wednesday, April 8th, from 8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Starbucks, located at 1540 Fitzgerald Drive. The Pinole Police Department has initiated this program to provide an opportunity for the community to interact and meet the Officers working in their area. Thanks in advance to all of you who plan to stop by and say hello.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEW THIS WEEK...

- **PINOLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CROSSWALK ACROSS PINOLE VALLEY ROAD**

The new high-visibility signal light is located at the temporary High School crosswalk on Pinole Valley Road is now fully operational. This traffic signal was constructed by the West Contra Costa Unified School District. The signal will be active during the period of time that the new High School is under construction and the temporary campus is operational. Once the High School is completed, this signal light will be removed.



The signal will rest in a green position for motorists and will turn red, only when activated by a pedestrian. The delay in bringing this signal on line has been due to a delay from PG & E establishing electrical service at the crosswalk location.

With the completion of the PG & E electrical work, construction of the new bus turn out adjacent to the library can be completed. The completed bus turn out will enable buses to turn out of the traffic lane when picking up or dropping off passengers. This will improve traffic conditions considerably.

- **THE BIG READ – LIBRARY PROGRAMS TO COMMEMORATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR**

A National Endowment for the Arts “Big Read” grant will fund a series of free public events at Contra Costa County Libraries and Contra Costa College beginning in April. Tim O’Brien’s “*The Things They Carried*” (1990) is considered one of the finest books ever written about the Vietnam War and is the featured selection. Free copies will be available to the public while supplies last at the Pinole Library beginning on March 30.

The Big Read will feature a number of free programs about Vietnam, present day veterans, Vietnamese culture and the experiences of immigrants fleeing the Vietnam conflict. Book discussion programs will commence at 7:30 PM on April 10 at the Knox Performing Arts Center at Contra Costa College in San Pablo and run through May 16 at various locations through West County.

For more information, on the book discussions and all other Big Read programs, please see the flyer attached at the end of this report or access the Big Read subject guide at: <http://guides.ccc;ib.org/onebook/westcounty>

CONTINUING ITEMS...

- **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 eventually be 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 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. The City is recruiting for one opening on the Planning Commission and several on the Community Services Commission. There is also an opening for Pinole's delegate to the Contra Costa Council on Aging. 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. Completed applications are accepted at the City Clerk's Office, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole 94564.

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Friends of the Pinole Library

Presents

An Upscale Garage Sale

to be held on
Saturday, March 28, 2015
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Friends of the Pinole Library fundraiser for programs,
new books, and other library needs.
Please come and support our local library.

This sale will feature diverse and unique finds,
from new hand-made crafts
to gently-used and new items.

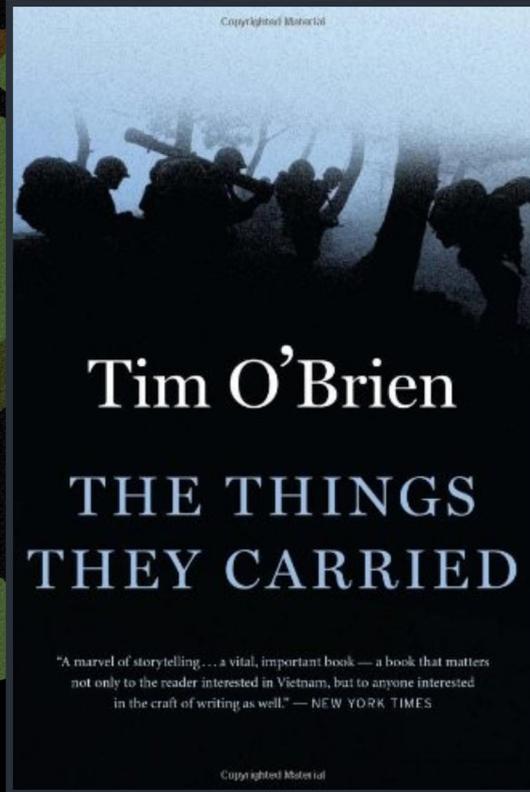


'The Bookworm'

For additional parking, space is available at
Pinole Valley Community Church
2885 Pinole Valley Rd.

Help the Pinole library. Help your community. Help the earth.

THE BIG READ



FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 7-9:30PM A Staged Reading of *The Things They Carried* by the Word for Word Performing Arts Company

CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE - KNOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER • 2600 MISSION BELL DR, SAN PABLO 94806

Vietnamese Colonial Republican: The Political Vision of Vu Trong Phung

Monday, April 13, 7-8PM
Kensington Library 61 Arlington Ave, Kensington 94707
Join Dr. Peter Zinoman in discussing his new biography of Vietnamese author Vu Trong Phung.

Exploring Vietnam

Saturday, April 18, 2-3PM
Pinole Library 2935 Pinole Valley Rd, Pinole 94564
The Au Co Vietnamese Cultural Center in San Francisco presents a travelogue with Jake Nguyen

Service Memories

Thursday, April 30, 6:30-8PM
El Sobrante Library 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante 94803
Local veterans are invited to share their experiences and reflections serving our nation.

Van-Anh Vo and The VA'V: A concert of Vietnamese folk songs

Saturday, May 16, 3-4PM
Hercules Library 109 Civic Dr, Hercules 94547

Scholar Event-*The Things They Carried* Panel Discussion: "Memory Traffic and the Trouble with War Stories - A Conversation with Veterans"

Wednesday, April 15, 5:30-7:30PM
Contra Costa College Library 2600 Mission Bell Dr, San Pablo 94806

"The Vietnam War and Refugee Reflections: A Conversation"

Monday, April 27, 5:30-7:30PM
Contra Costa College Library 2600 Mission Bell Dr, San Pablo 94806

***The Beautiful Country*: a film at the Rialto Cinemas Cerrito**

Thursday, May 7, 7:15-9:30PM
Rialto Cinemas Cerrito 10070 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito 94530

Memorial Day Concert at Rithet Park

Monday, May 25, 1-4PM
Crockett Library, 991 Loring Ave, Crockett 94525

Program details and additional programs listed at: <http://guides.ccclib.org/onebook/westcounty>



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**National Endowment for the Arts Funds Library Programs to Commemorate
40th Anniversary of End of Vietnam War**

SAN PABLO, CA – March 24, 2015 -- A National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant will fund a series of free public events at Contra Costa County Libraries and Contra Costa College beginning in April. Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* (1990), considered one of the finest books ever written about the Vietnam War, is the featured selection and was chosen in part to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment.

Free copies of *The Things They Carried* will be available to the public (while supplies last) at the following participating Contra Costa County Libraries beginning on March 30th: Crockett, Rodeo, Hercules, Pinole, El Sobrante, San Pablo, Kensington and El Cerrito. Visit ccclib.org for addresses and open hours.

The Big Read will feature a number of free programs about Vietnam, present day veterans, Vietnamese culture, and the experiences of immigrants fleeing the Vietnam conflict. These events will include a dramatic reading by the award winning Word for Word Performing Arts Company, a performance of traditional Vietnamese music, lectures, a film viewing and community forums. Contra Costa College faculty will also lead a series of participatory book discussions on various topics at the College Library and select Contra Costa County libraries.

Here are just a few of the exciting programs the Big Read will offer:

Friday April 10, 7pm: A Staged Reading of *The Things They Carried* by the Word for Word Performing Arts Company. Contra Costa College Knox Performing Arts Center

Monday April 13, 7pm: Vietnamese Colonial Republican: The Political Vision of Vu Trong Phung, Kensington Library

Wednesday April 15, 5:30pm: Scholar Event: *The Things They Carried* Panel Discussion: "Memory Traffic and the Trouble with War Stories – A Conversation with Veterans. Contra Costa College Library

Saturday April 18, 2pm: Exploring Vietnam: A Travelogue at the Pinole Library

Monday April 27 5:30 pm the Vietnam War and Refugee Reflections: A Conversation, Contra Costa College Library

Thursday April 30 6:30pm: Service Memories: Local Veterans Share Their Experiences and Reflections on Serving Our Nation, El Sobrante Library

Thursday May 7, 7:15pm *The Beautiful Country*: A Film at the Rialto Cinemas Cerritos

Saturday May 16, 3pm: Van-Anh Vo and The VA'V: A Concert of Vietnamese Folk Songs, Hercules Library

Monday May 25, 1pm: Memorial Day Concert at Rithet Park, Crockett

For more information on the book discussions and all other Big Read programs, please see the Big Read subject guide at: guides.ccclib.org/onebook/westcounty.

Event Details

What: A dramatic reading, music programs, lectures, film viewing, community forums, and participatory book discussions of *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. *Free copies of the book will be available to the public while supplies last.*

Why: To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War

How: A \$16,000 Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

Who: Contra Costa County Library, Contra Costa College

Where: Public library locations throughout West Contra Costa and Contra Costa College

When: April 10th through May 28

Media

For more information, the media can contact Ian Richards, Senior Community Library Manager. Ian can be reached at: Monday & Wednesday 510-758-3267, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 510-374-3482

The logo for 'The Big Read' features a stylized icon of an open book with a person reading, positioned to the left of the words 'THE BIG READ'. 'THE' is in a smaller font above 'BIG', and 'READ' is in a larger font below 'BIG'.



“The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.”

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!*

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★ nature walks ★ computer room

★ video games room ★ arts and crafts

★ team games and sports

★ Special Guests include **CHALLENGER SPORTS**



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

or

Call (925) 957-5638 For An Application

Become Involved



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**Make Recommendations
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and Cities**

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





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

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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 to receive additional information regarding service on the Civil Grand Jury and to obtain an application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015