



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: APRIL 3, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

PLACES TO BE

- 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.

- **APRIL 15 PINOLE-HERCULES WASTEWATER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

The Pinole Hercules Wastewater Subcommittee will be meeting in Pinole on Wednesday April 15 at 8:30 AM.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CONTINUING ITEMS...

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

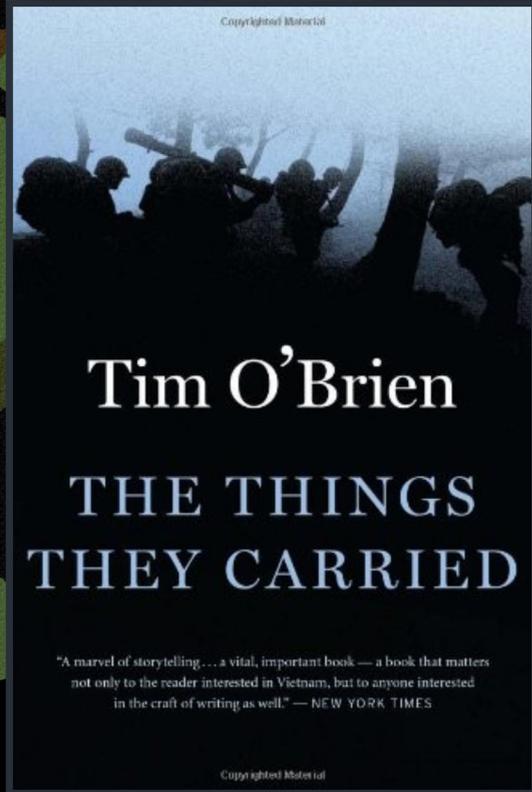
Consider volunteering for our community by serving on a City board or commission. The City is recruiting for one opening on the Planning Commission and several on the Community Services Commission. There is also an opening for Pinole's delegate to the Contra Costa Council on Aging. These positions are 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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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 inside, positioned to the left of the words 'THE BIG READ' in a large, bold, sans-serif font.



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

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