



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2020
TO: CITY COUNCIL AND PINOLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
FROM: ANDREW MURRAY, CITY MANAGER

UPCOMING EVENTS

CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings	Date and Time	Location
Planning Commission Meeting	Monday, August 24, 2020 7:00 pm	Videoconference*
Finance Subcommittee Meeting	Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:00 pm	Videoconference*
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 6:00 pm	Videoconference*
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020 6:00 pm	Videoconference*

* Due to the State of California's declaration of emergency, City Council meetings are currently being conducted through videoconference pursuant to authorization from Governor Newsom's executive orders. Please submit public comments for City Council meetings to the City Clerk before or during the meeting via email to hiopu@ci.pinole.ca.us. City Council meetings can be viewed live on Channel 26 or video-streamed live on the City's website, www.ci.pinole.ca.us. If none of these options are available to you, or you need assistance with public comment, please contact the City Clerk, Heather Iopu, at (510) 724-8928 or hiopu@ci.pinole.ca.us. Agendas, minutes, and other information regarding City Council meetings can be found on the City website, https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_clerk/agendas_and_minutes

OTHER CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS

Events	Date and Time	Location
None*	N/A	N/A

* The City has cancelled or postponed all City-sponsored events for the time being to comply with the County Health Officer's health orders.

FIRE STUDY UPDATE

With the increase in COVID cases and the continued Orders to Sheltered in Place, the presentation on the finding of the Fire Study, which was tentatively scheduled to be heard at the September 1, 2020 Council meeting, is being postponed. The September 1, 2020 date had been tentatively selected because it was thought that City Council meeting would resume with in-person Council meetings by then. Due to the importance of this item, it was felt that scheduling a presentation at an in-person meeting would allow more robust community input to the presentation and Council discussion.

With COVID, it is unclear when we will have our next in-person meeting. However, once a date has been confirmed for discussion of this item, staff will make sure to provide ample notice.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

In response to the COVID-19 epidemic and the Governors July 13, 2020 Health Orders, to close all business and offices for non-essential personnel, the City of Pinole has modified its operations and services. City Hall will remain closed, but members of the public can call on an appointment-only basis for the time being. Certain City facilities will remain closed for the time being, including the Senior Center and Youth Center. The City will reopen these facilities as soon as possible. You can find more complete information on the City's COVID-19 website:

https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/coronavirus_covid_19

The Contra Costa Health Services COVID-19 website (<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org>) is a comprehensive, authoritative resource for information on the virus and resources. Pinole residents are encouraged to visit the website for information. Please follow the social distancing order, and wear a face covering when you leave home or when you are near other people. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently and stay home if you are not feeling well.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pinole Police Department's Video Reporting Program Wins Technology Innovation Award

The Pinole Police Department's Video Reporting Program was awarded the CPCA (California Police Chiefs Association) & Motorola Excellence in Technology Innovation Award for 2020. The CPCA Excellence in Technology Innovation Award is sponsored by Motorola and recognizes a California municipal police agency's superior achievement and innovation in the field of technology. Through the Video Reporting Program, residents can contact and engage with an officer and report non-violent crimes without leaving their home or office by using social media platforms such as Facetime, Skype, and Facebook. The department would like to thank everyone who uses this platform and is excited to be the first department in the nation to implement this service model!

Sign Up for Emergency Notifications – Wildfire

The Pinole Fire Department recommends that residents sign up to receive notifications of critical safety information regarding wildfires and other emergency situations. The Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS) is an all-hazards integrated system designed to warn and inform our residents about an emergency or disaster and the protective action residents need to take to stay safe. If you have an AT&T landline, the County-wide Community Warning System will give you an automated call with instructions on what to do, and where to go as the emergency dictates. If you do not have an AT&T landline, you can register your cable-provided home phone and/or cell phone by going to www.cococws.us or <https://cwsalerts.com> and registering your device through the Community Warning System Alert Self-Registration Portal. Residents can also register for emergency alerts through Nixle at <https://local.nixle.com/register/>.

Update on Senior Center Activities

The Pinole Senior Center has been and continues to be a resource for many individuals throughout the West Contra Costa County area during these challenging times.

During the current shelter in place order, the Pinole Senior Center has provided virtual programs and services to the senior community. Since April, the Senior Center has maintained several exercise classes for senior members and non-members at no additional cost. A few of the center's instructors have volunteered their time and computer experience to offer classes such as Balance, Hatha Yoga, Stretch for Yoga and Balance, and Zumba through ZOOM. Each class is open to all skill levels. Instructors have also assisted participants with various ZOOM IT support questions.

In addition to exercise classes, the Senior Center has had the Book Club and Craft Group go virtual on ZOOM as well. For the month of August, the book club is reading *The Fire is Upon Us* by Nicholas Buccola and in September they will be reading *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Former members of the Book Club have converted over to the new virtual format with the addition of a few new readers. The Craft Group offers a weekly opportunity to work on any craft project whether it be knitting, scrap booking, sewing, you name it all while having fun discussions. Both the Book Club and the Craft group are available to members and non-members at no additional cost. Volunteers moderate each activity through ZOOM.

A new interactive monthly program we will be offering starting at the end of August is half hour Virtual Coffee Chats. Each month will be focused around a new and fun topic to help individuals take a break from all the other news going on in the world. The conversations will be moderated by the Senior Center Recreation Coordinator via ZOOM. Individuals have been informed that if they do not have a computer or access to the internet, they can also call into the coffee chat and participate.

We understand that not all our seniors have access to or prefer to use a computer. The Senior Center Recreation Coordinator, Senior Center Chef, Recreation Manager, and a few members of the Senior Center Board of Directors made a total of 248 calls to Senior Center members that have not been participating in Senior Center programs or receiving Senior Center communications electronically. We shared all updates regarding the Pinole Senior Center and offered resources to Food Pantry and Prepared Meals in the surrounding West Contra Costa County area. The majority are doing well and are looking forward to when the center can open again.

To keep everyone informed on updates or announcements during the current COVID-19 closure of the Senior Center, paper newsletters will resume being mailed in September to members who have opted to receive physical copies. Electronic newsletters will continue to be emailed out to those who have opted for email notification. Electronic copies of the newsletter will continue to be posted on the Senior Center Facebook page and City of Pinole website (https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/senior_center). There are several new things taking place and we only hope to continue to provide more for our senior community. The front desk phone line is monitored Monday through Friday by the Senior Center Coordinator. If any person from the senior community has a question regarding the closure or are looking for resources, they will be assisted. Although the doors of the Senior Center are closed, aid and support are still available at a safe distance. If you have any questions about the Senior Center or its virtual programs and services, please contact the Senior Center Recreation Coordinator, Kristina Santoyo, at ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us

Republic Services – Special One-Day Household Hazardous

Republic Services will be hosting a Special One-Day Household Hazardous Waste & Mattress Drop-Off Event at Hilltop Church of Christ, 330 Morningside Drive, on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

No Business Waste, No Garbage, No Trailers. No Walk-up, Bicycles or Motorcycles.

If you cannot make the event, visit the Permanent HHW Collection Facility at 101 Pittsburg Avenue in Richmond (Wed. – Sat. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.).

To access the event, enter on May Road from Valley View and then follow the signs.

Census 2020! It's Time To Respond!

There's no denying we are living in unnerving and uncertain times as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. That's why it's more important than ever that everyone respond to Census 2020. In fact, how we respond to this Census will impact our ability to respond to future public health crises like the one we are living through right now. Thankfully, the Census is a social distancing approved activity and it has never been easier to respond in the comfort and safety of your own home.

By now, all households should have received a notification in the mail inviting them to respond to the census. You can fill out the census online at my2020census.gov, by phone ([numbers available in 13 languages at this link](#)), or by mail. Starting Mid-May, the Census Bureau will begin sending out Enumerators to follow up with households who haven't responded.

Make sure to count **everyone** living in your household as of April 1, 2020. Remember, your responses are confidential and will shape how much federal funding and civic representation our Pinole gets **for the next decade**. When you've completed your census post a picture on your social media with your receipt and tag #CountMeIn and #CoCoCounts.

Still have questions about how to respond to Census 2020? [Click here to check out answers to frequently asked questions.](#)

For more information about Census 2020 and Contra Costa County's efforts visit cococensus.org.

2020 General Municipal Election

The next General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and will include the election of two Pinole City Council seats and Pinole City Treasurer. The nomination period for candidates opens on July 13, 2020 and closes on August 7, 2020. This is the period when individuals officially receive, circulate, and file nomination papers for candidacy.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to receive nomination papers, please contact:

City Clerk Heather Iopu
hiopu@ci.pinole.ca.us
(510) 724-8928

Additional information about the General Municipal Election, including candidate and voter assistance information, will be posted to the City's website as it becomes available throughout the election season.

Get Involved! Join A City Board, Committee, Or Commission!

The City is continuously looking for volunteers to serve on City boards, committees, and commissions. More information, including current vacancies, can be found on the City's website: https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_clerk/boards_and_commission. Candidates must be appointed by action of the City Council.

Regional Parks Closed Due to Extreme Fire Activity

Due to the extreme fire activity in the region, all Regional Parks are closed until further notice, except some shoreline parks.

The Park District is currently experiencing an unprecedented number of wildfires in parks, including Round Valley Regional Preserve, Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, Del Valle Regional Park, Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve, Ohlone Wilderness Regional Preserve, Mission Peak Regional Preserve, and Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

Overall, 85,000 acres have burned in the region, with 5% containment. For updated information, visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/18/scu-lightning-complex/>

Extreme heat, poor air quality, and extreme fire dangers are expected throughout the week, adding to park safety concerns. While some parks are remaining open, the District is advising against using Regional Parks at this time due to poor air quality.

Paved regional trails are not affected by the closures and will remain open. Parks remaining open are:

- Crown Beach State Park
- Hayward Regional Shoreline
- MLK Jr. Regional Shoreline
- McLaughlin East Shore State Park
- Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline
- Point Isabel Regional Shoreline
- Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area

For fire-related questions, contact CalFIRE at 925-588-6809 (Media Inquiries) or 669-247-7431 (Public Information).

For park closure-related questions, contact Park District Public Information Supervisor Dave Mason at 925-482-7078.

The East Bay Regional Park District is the largest regional park system in the nation, comprising 73 parks, 55 miles of shoreline, and over 1,300 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and environmental education. The Park District receives more than 25 million visits annually throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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