

# CITY OF PINOLE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mayor, Vincent Salimi Mayor Pro Tem, Devin Murphy Council Member, Anthony Tave Council Member, Maureen Toms Council Member, Norma Martínez-Rubin

DATE: JULY 21, 2022

TO: CITY COUNCIL AND PINOLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

FROM: ANDREW MURRAY, CITY MANAGER

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Meetings	Date and Time	Location
Community Services	Wednesday, July 27, 2022	Zoom / Council
Commission Meeting	5:00 pm	Chamber
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, August 2, 2022 6:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Planning Commission	Monday, August 8, 2022 7:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee (TAPS)	Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 6:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Planning Commission Meeting	Monday, August 22, 2022 7:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber

#### PLEASE NOTE - MOST PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE HYBRID

The public may attend and participate in-person in the City Council Chamber or via Zoom.

Agendas, minutes, and other detailed information regarding how to attend and participate in Pinole's public meetings can be found on the city website: <a href="https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city\_government/city\_clerk/agendas\_and\_minutes">https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city\_government/city\_clerk/agendas\_and\_minutes</a>

#### OTHER CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS

Events	Date and Time	Location
Food Distribution	Monday, August 9, 2022, 9:00am-11:00am	Pinole Senior Center 2500 Charles Ave.

#### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**

#### **COVID-19 VACCINES APPROVED FOR KIDS UNDER AGE 5**

Federal and state health officials have authorized pediatric COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months to 4 years. Previously, COVID-19 vaccine had only been available for kids ages 5+. Immunizations to this age group are now available at County-run vaccination clinics. For more information, visit https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/vaccine-for-kids.

#### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### REMINDER TO TAKE THE LAND USE PLANNING FOR PINOLE SURVEY

Who in our community has the greatest need for housing and related services? How concerned are you about evacuating in the event of a disaster? Are you worried about health risks associated with climate vulnerability (such as wildfire, flood, sea level rise)? Does everyone in Pinole have access to affordable and healthy food? Your knowledge and observations are critical. Take the Land Use Planning survey today!



#### **ATTENTION SHOPPERS!**



Have you heard of **Pinole Perks** – the new digital community card designed to support both our local small merchants and community members? Buy your Pinole Perks card today and snag up to an additional \$100 per card, **for free**, courtesy the City of Pinole. Send a card to friends, family, neighbors, coworkers (or yourself!) for holidays, thank-yous, birthdays, graduations, teacher appreciation, housewarmings, employee rewards, and treat yo' self-days!

Get yours today at <a href="www.pinoleperks.com">www.pinoleperks.com</a> and check out our growing list of over 20 locations in Pinole where you can use the card – visit your go-

to shop or discover a new favorite! Happy shopping!

#### **SUMMER JOB FAIR**

The West Contra Costa Unified School District will host five summer recruitment fairs starting on June 30th to July 30th, as they look to fill multiple certificated and classified positions before the start of the school year on August 16.

The **in-person Summer Job Fairs** will be held at DeJean Middle School (<u>3400 Macdonald Ave, Richmond, CA 94805</u>) on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, June 30, 2022 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Saturday, July 16, 2022 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Saturday, July 23, 2022 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Saturday, July 30, 2022 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

The virtual Summer Job Fair will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please continue to check the Summer Job Fair website, at <a href="https://www.wccusd.net/workwithwccusd">www.wccusd.net/workwithwccusd</a>, for more information and the zoom link.

#### PINOLE STAFF AND COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Pinole will host its first Community Blood Drive in honor of Blood Cancer Awareness Month on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at the Youth Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. To make an appointment please visit <a href="http://www.red-crossblood.org/rapidpass">http://www.red-crossblood.org/rapidpass</a> and enter the sponsor code PCYC or use the link: <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=PCYC">https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=PCYC</a>. Appointments and identification are required. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.



#### PINOLE VISTA PROJECT AT 1500 FITZGERALD DRIVE

On July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the Planning Commission will consider approval of entitlements for the development of the Pinole Vista Project at 1500 Fitzgerald Drive. You may attend the meeting inperson or virtually. The proposal includes the demolition of the existing vacant K-Mart building

and the development of a new five-story residential building containing 223 units, as well as associated site improvements. Units offered include a mix of 36 studios, 99 one-bedroom units, 68 two-bedroom units and 20 two-bedroom plus office units. The project will provide 13 units affordable to very-low-income households and 14 units affordable to low-income households. The parking and landscaping around the building would be redesigned. Review project materials on the <a href="Pinole Vista page">Pinole Vista page</a>. The agenda and staff report for the hearing will be posted on the <a href="Planning Commission meetings and agenda's">Planning Commission meetings and agenda's</a> page by Friday, July 22. Please contact <a href="Planning Manager David Hanham">Planning Manager David Hanham</a> for additional details and information.

#### PINOLE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

On July 19, 2022, the City Council approved a one-time extension through June 16, 2023, of the Pinole Square Shopping Center redevelopment project located at 1201-1577 Tara Hills Drive. The Council originally reviewed and approved the project and all entitlements on June 16, 2020. The project proposes to redevelop the property into a more modern facility that will create a destination for the community and includes a new Safeway grocery facility, several shops for restaurants and retail outlets, a junior anchor for a more regional commercial user. outdoor dining in two areas of the shopping center, a fuel station and kiosk, and a restaurant pad for that could be used for a drive through facility. The City's municipal code requires that an applicant "exercise" their entitlements (i.e., pull a building permit) within one year of entitlement approval or request extension of the entitlements for up to three years from original approval. The applicant's request for an extension of time indicated that the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to increasing construction costs, international supply chain issues, and a changing retail landscape, were the primary drivers for the request. After the applicant has applied for a building permit, the normal timeline for review and approval of a building permit for this type of project is four to six months, with construction normally taking a subsequent 24-36 months. Project construction is anticipated to have multiple phases, as shown below, with parking facility and landscaping improvements completed throughout the phases:

- Phase 1: demolition of the CVS pharmacy building
- Phase 2: construction of the new Safeway and fueling station (existing Safeway building will intact and open during construction of new Safeway structure)
- Phase 3: demolition of existing Safeway building and construction of the new retail buildings (new Safeway building being utilized during this and subsequent phases)
- Phase 4: preparation of the pad and site conditions for the drive-through facility (building design for drive-through has not been entitled and must go through the Design Review process when the tenant is identified)

Any questions about the Council's action or the project can be directed to Planning Manager Dave Hanham (DHanham@ci.pinole.ca.us).

#### **SECTION 115 TRUST FUND UPDATE**

At the July 19, 2022, City Council meeting, staff provided an update on the City's use of the funds in the Section 115 Trust Fund, to clarify that the funds are being used consistent with the intended purpose. To access the staff report, use the link: <a href="mailto:2022-07-19">2022-07-19</a> HYBRID AGENDA PACKET FINAL.pdf (civiclive.com) and see agenda item 12A.

The City maintains a Section 115 Trust Fund, established in 2018, which sets asides funds to offset the anticipated significant increases in future City pension costs. Specifically, the City Council intended to withdraw funds from the Section 115 Trust Fund each fiscal year to cover the increase between the City's contribution toward employee pensions in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19, the baseline year, and the City's required contribution in future years.

The city intends to engage an actuarial firm to estimate the City's future pension contributions and the remaining lifespan of the trust. The City will also create a written financial policy on the use of the Section 115 Trust Fund.

#### WEED ABATEMENT

Fire season has arrived and with the continued drought, this season of **overgrown vegetation is extremely hazardous**. In March, the city mailed out its annual fire season letter to the community. The letter informed property owners that they are required to do their part to make our community safe by complying with the following:

- All properties: all weeds are required to be cut within three inches off the ground.
- Large properties (5 acres and above): a minimum of 30 feet of defensible space is required around the perimeter of the property and fire breaks of at least 20 feet wide are required every five acres throughout the property.

Defensible space means removing dry or dead vegetation at least 30 to 100 feet and 100 feet on a slope from all structures. Examples of common defensible space measures include pruning tree branches away from roofs and chimneys, clearing debris from roofs, and using fire-resistant plants in landscaping, in addition to other strategies.

The deadline for compliance with weed abatement requirements was May 31<sup>st</sup>. If a property owner fails to correct the violation, the City may issue citations with fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 a day. If the property owner does not comply, the city may obtain an abatement warrant to abate the violation. All fines and costs associated with the abatement action are than placed as a special assessment against the property.

Complaints for weed abatement violations can be made by phone at (510) 724-CODE (2633) or by email at <a href="mailto:codenf@ci.pinole.ca.us">codenf@ci.pinole.ca.us</a>. Resources to help make your home fire safe are available at <a href="https://www.CAfiresafecouncil.org">www.CAfiresafecouncil.org</a>.

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County will be providing free boxes of nonperishable food and bags of fresh produce every second Monday of the month. The next drive-thru distribution is **Monday**, **August 9 from 9 AM to 11 AM** (or as supplies last) at the Pinole Senior Center parking lot, 2500 Charles Ave. You do NOT need to be a member of the Pinole Senior Center or a senior to receive food. Quantities are limited. First come first serve. One box and/or bag per household. This will be a contact-less event, please follow the directions from staff and volunteers when you arrive. Parking or exiting your vehicle will not be allowed. Please open your vehicle's trunk when you enter the parking lot. Food items will be placed in the trunk only by staff/volunteers. If you have any questions, contact the Recreation Coordinator at ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us or call the Front Desk at (510) 724-9800.

#### SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMP

Keep your children busy and engaged this summer by signing up for our Summer Specialty Camp. This in person camps will be offered all summer long from June 13- Aug 10th at various locations, for youth ages 5-13. Our weekly camps are made up of different specialized classes to immerse your children each day in exploring new interest, mastering skills, and developing unforgettable new friendships. Campers can choose from a wide range activities cooking sports. Registration available from to is https://pinolerec.recdesk.com/Community/Program, click on the name of each camp to see a full description of each specialty classes, age requirement, and fees. Minimum number of campers must be met 2 weeks before camp begins to offer the camps. If you have any questions, contact the Recreation Coordinator at youth@ci.pinole.ca.us or call the at (510) 724-9004.

#### PINOLE COMMUNITY SUMMER EVENTS

The City of Pinole is excited to announce the return of our summer events that have been on hold since 2020. All summer events take place at **Fernandez Park**, **595 Tennent Ave**. For more information on community events, please see the attached flyer. Questions: email: recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us or call (510) 724-9062.

#### **SUMMER BIKE CHALLENGE**

Looking for FREE summertime fun? Explore your hometown on two wheels with 511 Contra Costa's <u>Summer Bike Challenge</u>. Simply bike to each destination on your city's gameboard, and cross off the squares as you go. Pick up free prizes on select dates, take weekly Bonus Challenges, and enter the iPad Grand Prize drawing just by signing up. All ages are welcome to play! Ready to roll? Visit <u>511cc.org/sbc</u> to get started. For more information on the Summer Bike Challenge, please see the attached flyer.

#### SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (SFMNP)

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is a federally funded program which provide low-income seniors with check booklets that can be used to purchase fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs at select local farmer's markets in Contra Costa County including our very own Pinole Farmer's Market.

All seniors 60 years of age or older who's annual income does not exceed more than 185% of poverty level are encouraged to apply. The exact annual income is broken down to the following based on the family size:

Family of 1 - \$25,142

Family of 2 - \$33,874

Family of 3 - \$42,606

Family of 4 - \$51,338

Family of 5 - \$60,070

Family of 6 - \$68,802

Family of 7 - \$77,534

Family of 8 - \$86,266

The Pinole Senior Center will be a designated site that will distribute the SFMNP check booklets. Each participant will be given five (5) checks redeemable for \$10 each. If you are interested in applying or have any questions please contact Kristina Santoyo, Recreation Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us">ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us</a> or call (510) 724-9802. The last day to register is September 30th, 2022.

#### **MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

The Nomination Period for the November 8, General Election is now open and closes at 4:30 p.m. on August 12, 2022. Please note, that City Hall is closed on Friday; however, the City Clerk will be available by appointment on the final filing deadline of Friday, August 12, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please note: Candidates must schedule an appointment with the City Clerk to take out and/or file nomination papers.

#### GET INVOLVED! JOIN A CITY BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION!

The city recruitment to fill vacancies on the following boards and commissions is now open continuously:

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee
- Community Services Commission

For more information on how to apply, please visit the <u>Boards and Commission</u> page or contact the City Clerk, Heather Bell at (510) 724-8928 or hbell@ci.pinole.ca.us.

#### **CONTACT THE CITY**

City of Pinole City Hall 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, CA 94564 (510) 724-9000 www.ci.pinole.ca.us

Find us on social media by following the City of Pinole on Facebook and Instagram.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list to receive the biweekly Administrative Report, please email Ana Avila at <a href="mailto:avila@ci.pinole.ca.us">avilesavila@ci.pinole.ca.us</a>.



#### **FREE FIRST TIME** HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP



\*This course satisfies HUD's First-Time Homebuver Education requirements for federal, state, and local housing assistance programs.

Learn how to create a budget, repair credit, and how to shop for a lender. Discover types of mortgages, and know what to expect in the loan and escrow process.

**JULY 30, 2022** 

9:00AM - 5:00PM



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\*This training is made possible with funding from UnidosUS, and the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton. It is available to residents of Alameda, Contra Costa, and Monterey Counties and those employed in the cities of Livermore or Pleasanton.



PINOLE SENIOR CENTER 2500 CHARLES AVE

the Pinole Senior Center or senior to receive food. Quantities are limited. First come first serve. This is a drive-thru event, parking or exiting your vehicle will not be allowed.

PLEASE OPEN YOUR TRUNK WHEN YOU ENTER THE PARKING LOT.

STAFF WILL PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE TRUNK ONLY.

Questions: Call 510-724-9800 or email ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us



# City of Pinole Summer Events 2022

Date & Time	Event Details & Location	
Saturday, June 18	Community Service Day	
9am - 12pm		
Sunday, June 26	Pinole's Annual Classic Car Show and	
7am - 3pm	Pinole Senior Center  Pancake Breakfast  *7am-10am*	
Monday, July 4	4th of July and	
6pm - 8pm	*Fireworks will be launched over the Bay at sundown	
Thursday, July 7	Summer Sounds Concert:	
6:30pm - 8pm	Soul Mechanix	
Friday, July 15	Pinole Cinema:	
Sundown	Encanto	
Thursday, July 21	Summer Sounds Concert:	
6:30pm - 8pm	Rumbacha	
Friday, July 29	Pinole Cinema:	
Sundown	Spider-Man: No Way Home	
Thursday, August 4	Summer Sounds Concert:	
6:30pm - 8pm	The Saddle Cats	
Friday, August 12	Pinole Cinema:	
Sundown	Grease	

Event Location: All events take place at Fernandez Park, 595 Tennent Ave. with the exception of Community Service Day which takes place at the Pinole Youth Center, 635 Tennent Ave. and the Pancake Breakfast which takes place at the Pinole Senior Center, 2500 Charles Ave.

For more information on community events, scan the QR code.

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**JUNE 13- AUG 10** 

LOCATIONS:
PINOLE YOUTH CENTER
& PINOLE VALLEY PARK

## OUR ACTIVITIES

COOKING, SPORTS, STEM, ARTS & CRAFTS, ETC

OPEN TO AGES 6-12 Y.O

FOR MORE INFO

YOUTH @CI.PINOLE.CA.US 510-724-9004

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PRICE VARIES FOR EACH WEEKLY CAMP HURRY! LIMITED SPACE



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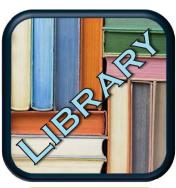
Pinole 2022 SUMMER BIKE CHALLENGE

Explore your town from the seat of a bike!



**BIKE** to as many squares as you can June-August and win **FREE STUFF!** 





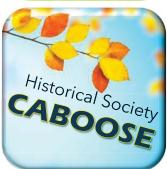




















iPad Grand Prize

FREE Fun All Summer





# **START**

# Fun for all ages

**It's free!** Sign up by August 31 and be entered in the iPad Grand Prize drawing:

511cc.org/go

# RIDE

Bike to each square and clear the board!

Can't bike to certain Squares? That's @K! Sub in bike-able destinations of your choice.

# **FREE STUFF!**

Date	Time Drop-in	Bike Here Look for the 511CC table	Prize
June 9	<b>10</b> a <b>-12</b> pm	Fernandez Park	Jamba Juice card
June 21	<b>1-3</b> pm	Bayfront Park	Target card
July 14	<b>10</b> a <b>-12</b> pm	Pinole Valley Park (near restrooms)	Safeway card
We follow county COVID guidelines, check 511cc.org/sbc for possible changes.		Prizes for pedaling cyclists, while supplies last.	

## **BONUS! Weekly Prize Drawings**

We'll email one **Bonus Bike Challenge** each week. Reply to sbc@511cc.org with a selfie of you + your bike to be entered in weekly drawings for \$20 Amazon gift cards.













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