



# CITY OF PINOLE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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**DATE:** MARCH 23, 2023  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL AND PINOLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
**FROM:** ANDREW MURRAY, CITY MANAGER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings	Date and Time	Location
Planning Commission Meeting	Monday, March 27, 2023, 7:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Joint City Council/Planning Commission	Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Finance Subcommittee Meeting	Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 3:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 5:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Planning Commission Meeting	Monday, April 10, 2023 7:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee (TAPS)	Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 6:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Planning Commission Meeting	Monday, April 24, 2023, 7:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Budget Workshop <b>Special Meeting</b>	Tuesday, April 25, 2023 Time: TBD	Zoom / Council Chamber

Community Service Commission	Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 5:00pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
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**PLEASE NOTE - MOST PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN HYBRID FORMAT**  
 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:

[https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city\\_government/city\\_council/agendas\\_and\\_minutes](https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_council/agendas_and_minutes)

**OTHER CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS**

Events	Date and Time	Location
Egg-Stravaganza	Saturday, March 25, 2023, 10 am – 12 pm	Fernandez Park 595 Tennent Ave.
Community Clean Up	Saturday, March 25, 2023, 10 am – 12 pm	Henry Ave. Bridge Between Collins School and Sprouts
Senior Food Program	Tuesday, March 28, 2023 10 am – 11 am	Pinole Senior Center 2500 Charles Ave.
Alternatives to Single-use Plastic Expo	Thursday, April 6, 2023 9 am -1 pm	Youth Center 635 Tennent Ave.
Food Distribution (Drive-thru)	Monday, April 10, 2023, 9 am – 11 am	Pinole Senior Center 2500 Charles Ave.
Native Plant Workshop & Plant Sale	Saturday, April 8, 2023 9 am – 1 pm	Community Corner (Lot on the corner of Tennent and San Pablo Aves.)
<a href="#">Fight Climate Change with Diet Change</a>	Friday, April 14 5:30 pm – 7 pm	Pinole Senior Center 2500 Charles Ave.
Community Clean Up	Saturday, April 15, 2023 10 am – 12 pm	Bayfront Park 1 Tennent Ave.
Earth Day Storytime	Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:30 am	Pinole Library 2935 Pinole Valley Rd.
<a href="#">Pinole Earth Walk</a>	Saturday, April 22, 2023 9am -12pm	Fernandez Park 595 Tennent Ave.

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

Under [new state guidance](#), people no longer need a negative covid test to end their isolation period after five days so long as they feel well, have improving symptoms, and are fever-free for 24 hours. People should continue to mask for a total of 10 days after being infected, especially in indoor settings.

These guidelines are for the general public, including k-12 students and staff. Healthcare workers should follow their own isolation and quarantine guidance. For more information, visit <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/vaccine-for-kids>.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

Please join the City of Pinole for our annual Egg-Stravaganza! Saturday, March 25th, from 10am to 12pm. There will be arts & crafts, free face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, local vendors, and much more! Parents, please make sure to bring a basket for your children! More details are in the attached flyer. For more information, please get in touch with Cristina or Natasha at (510) 724-9004 or [nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us)

### **HOW TO REPORT POTHOLES**

Report potholes by calling (510) 724-9010 or email [publicworks@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.pinole.ca.us). Please be prepared to describe the location of the pothole.

### **ENERGY RECOVERY AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The Energy Recovery System at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is now in operation again. The system was taken out of service while a major plant upgrade project was completed, and most recently in 2022, for cleaning and repairs. The Energy Recovery System consists of a cogeneration engine, two hot water boilers, a heat loop and three heat exchangers. The cogeneration engine was replaced in 2002.

One of the WWTP's core functions is processing solids. The first phase of solids processing is solids reduction, which is accomplished using four anaerobic digesters. The digesters are large, circular enclosed tanks that are heated to 98 degrees. This process reduces the total solids content by approximately 50%. The breakdown of solids causes the production of methane gas. The cogeneration engine uses the methane gas as a fuel source that powers other plant equipment, thereby reducing the power the City would otherwise buy from PG&E.

The hot water generated from the cogeneration engine's cooling system is fed into a heat loop that heats the digesters to the required temperature of 98 degrees. By using the hot water generated by the cogeneration engine to heat the digesters, the hot water boilers are typically not called to run. When there is no demand for the hot water boilers, the daily natural gas consumption for the WWTP is significantly reduced.

## **EARTH DAY**

The City of Pinole will celebrate Earth Day throughout the month of April with various activities and workshops for the public to attend. The main event will be the Pinole Earth Walk that will take place on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-12pm. For more information and to view a list of additional events, Earth Day resources and register for the Pinole Earth Walk, visit the website: [Earth Day - City of Pinole, CA](#)

## **SAVE THE EARTH WITH FOOD SCRAPS!**

Save the Earth with your food scraps! Learn how to effectively convert food waste into soil with Free & Virtual Worm and Home Composting Virtual Workshops offered by the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development.

### REGISTRATION Links:

Worm composting

[April 29](#)

[October 14](#)

Home composting

[June 10](#)

[August 12](#)

LEARN More at: [Composting and Gardening Programs | Contra Costa County Recycling, CA \(cccrcycle.org\)](#)

Worm composting (or vermicomposting) relies on worms to make soil, while Home composting relies on bacteria.

### Composting:

- closes the gap on emissions from methane, a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon, from food waste in the landfill
- revitalizes your soil's health without synthetic fertilizers
- fun way to engage with science and nature

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County will be providing free bags of fresh produce every second Monday of the month. The next drive-thru distribution is **Monday, April 10, 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. One 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](mailto:ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us) or call the Front Desk at (510) 724-9800.

## SENIOR FOOD PROGRAM

The Pinole Senior Center will be partnering with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County on the Senior Food Program. Low-income senior citizens 55+ will be able to receive free groceries, including healthy pantry staples, eggs, cheese and assorted meats twice a month. The program at the Pinole Senior Center is available for Pinole senior residents ONLY. It will be every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next distribution will be on Tuesday, March 28th. The new distribution time will be 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

Individuals interested in the program must complete the Senior Food Program Application. Applications will be available at the Front Desk of the Senior Center and can also be found on the Pinole Senior Center website:

[https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city\\_government/senior\\_center](https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/senior_center)

Applications can be submitted to the Pinole Senior Center Front Desk Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am - 1 pm and on the day of the food pick up. Individuals must bring proof of age such as an ID or Driver's License and proof of home address which can be a PG&E bill, water bill, or statement listing out the name and residence of the individual. Any questions regarding the program please contact Kristina Santoyo, Recreation Coordinator, at [ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us)

## WINTER WALK CHALLENGE

Fun, free, and healthy: 511 Contra Costa's [Winter Walk Challenge](#) will get you outside and on the move. Sign up and receive a new challenge each Monday, January through March. You'll complete fun and easy challenges while walking to earn entries in weekly drawings for \$20 Amazon gift cards (10 winners each week!) Be entered to win the iPad Grand Prize just by signing up. Start 2023 on the right foot and [register](#) today!



## PLASTIC WISE PINOLE: SINGLE-USE PLASTICS REDUCTION



*A vision for a healthier and cleaner Pinole!* The City of Pinole is currently working on an initiative, Plastic Wise Pinole, in the hopes of transitioning Pinole away from single-use plastic bags and foodware. Single-use plastics are unhealthy and unsustainable for our well-being as well as our planet's. Microplastics can be found in our blood. A trash study of the Pinole Creek found single-use food packaging to be a major pollutant.

Two surveys are live: Resident/Visitor and Business Survey to gather the public's thoughts on regulation of single-use plastics. Surveys will take approximately 5-8 minutes to complete.



[Resident/Visitor Survey](#)



[Business Survey](#)

Healthy and sustainable solutions to single-use plastics will be showcased at the City's ALTERNATIVES TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS EXPO on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Pinole Youth Center. Guests can drop in between 9 am to 1 pm to come see, touch, and test innovative and cost-effective products, technologies, and systems in the reusable and compostable foodware space.

Let us know you will be joining us at this FREE event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alternatives-to-single-use-plastics-expo-tickets-597327902837>

We hope a future Pinole will no longer rely on single-use plastics. Learn more at [CI.PINOLE.CA.US/PLASTICWISE](https://www.ci.pinoles.ca.us/plasticwise).

### 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 [www.pinoleperks.com](http://www.pinoleperks.com) 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!

## COMMUNITY CORNER

How should “Community Corner” at Tennent and San Pablo Avenues be used? The City of Pinole want to hear your ideas that will help determine the best future uses of the property. Share your voice & learn more here: [www.PinoleCommunityCorner.com](http://www.PinoleCommunityCorner.com)

The “Community Corner” lot at 2301 San Pablo Ave (corner of Tennent and San Pablo Avenues) is in the heart of the City of Pinole. Formerly a gas station, the property has been remediated and has been a vacant property under City ownership since the 1990s. Past ideas for use of the property have included mixed-use development with ground floor retail, as well as a community park or gathering center. The City is conducting this current effort to gather community feedback to determine the best use for the property which will benefit the Pinole community.

## FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023/24 BUDGET KICK-OFF

The City has kicked off the development of its FY 2023/24 operating and capital improvement budget and long-term financial plan. We welcome you to get involved in the process. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to get involved including regular meetings of the City Council and Finance Subcommittee, special workshops, and community surveys. More information to come!

To learn more about the City's budget, please visit the Finance Department's website at [https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city\\_government/finance/budget](https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/finance/budget).

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

The city recruitment to fill one vacancy on the following board and commission is **now open until Friday, March 31, 2023:**

- **Planning Commission**

The city recruitment to fill one vacancy on the following board and commission is **now open until Friday, April 21, 2023:**

- **TAPS (Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee)**

For more information on how to apply, please visit the [BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS](#) webpage or contact the City Clerk, Heather Bell at (510) 724-8928 or [hbelle@ci.pinoles.ca.us](mailto:hbelle@ci.pinoles.ca.us).

### **CONTACT THE CITY**

City of Pinole  
City Hall  
2131 Pear Street, Pinole, CA 94564  
(510) 724-9000  
[www.ci.pinoles.ca.us](http://www.ci.pinoles.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 [aavilesavila@ci.pinoles.ca.us](mailto:aavilesavila@ci.pinoles.ca.us).



The City Of Pinole's



# EGG-Stravaganza!

Please join the City of Pinole for our annual Egg-Stravaganza! There will be arts & crafts, free face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, local vendors, and much more! Parents, please make sure to bring a basket for your children!

**Saturday, March 25th**

**Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**\*Egg hunt start time: 11:00 AM**

**Where: Fernandez Park,  
595 Tennent Ave. Pinole**



For more information, please contact Cristina or Natasha at  
(510) 724-9004 or [nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us)

# PINOLE EARTH WALK

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
**FERNANDEZ PARK**  
**9:00AM TO 12:00PM**

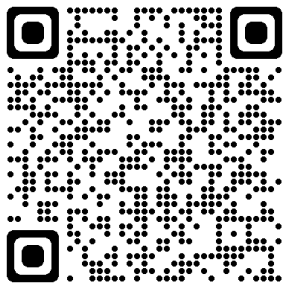
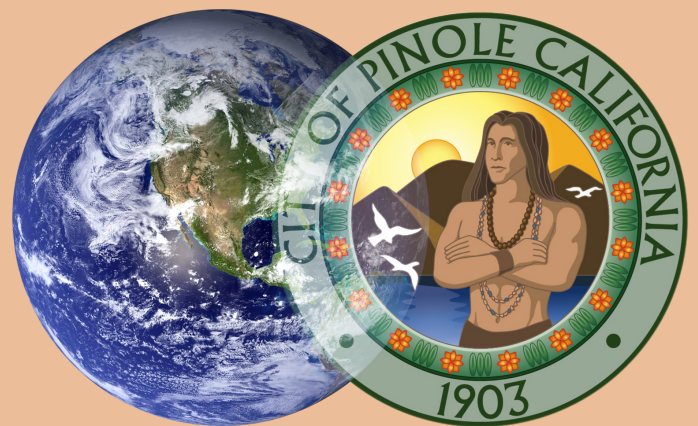
**FREE EVENT**

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## **FINISH LINE ACTIVITIES**

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**FIRST 50 PEOPLE TO REGISTER WIN A REUSABLE HYDRATION BAG!**



The walking path will follow a 3-mile paved loop along the bay and Pinole Creek, starting and ending in Fernandez Park. Learn more about the Pinole Earth Walk, volunteer opportunities, and **REGISTER** at:

**[WWW.CI.PINOLE.CA.US/RESIDENTS/EARTH\\_DAY](http://WWW.CI.PINOLE.CA.US/RESIDENTS/EARTH_DAY)**



# LA CAMINATA POR LA TIERRA DE PINOLE

**SÁBADO, 22 DE ABRIL  
FERNANDEZ PARK  
9:00AM - 12:00PM**



**GRATIS**

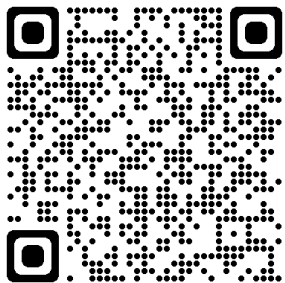
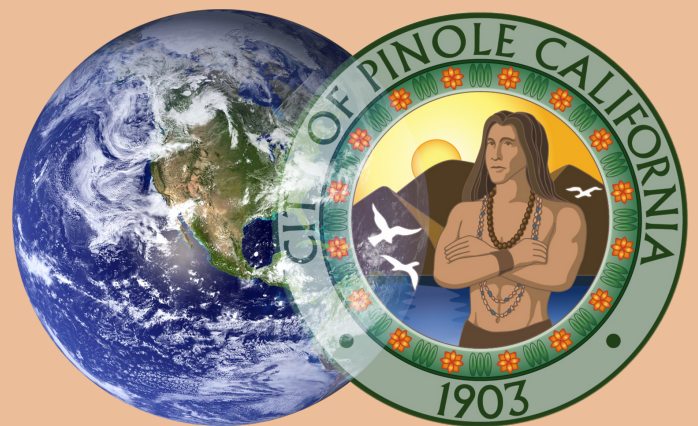


**Únete a tu comunidad en un compromiso  
andante para proteger el planeta**

## **ACTIVIDADES EN META**

- **Artes ecológicos para los niños**
- **Aprenda sobre grupos ecologistas**
- **Meriendas y refrescos gratis**

 **LAS PRIMERAS 50 PERSONAS A REGISTRAR SE PUEDEN GANAR UN BOLSA DE HIDRATACIÓN**



El sendero seguirá un circuito pavimentado de 3 millas a lo largo de la bahía y Pinole Creek, comenzando y terminando en Fernandez Park. Obtenga más información sobre la Caminata de la Tierra Pinole, las oportunidades de voluntariado y **regístrese:**

**[WWW.CI.PINOLE.CA.US/RESIDENTS/EARTH\\_DAY](http://WWW.CI.PINOLE.CA.US/RESIDENTS/EARTH_DAY)**

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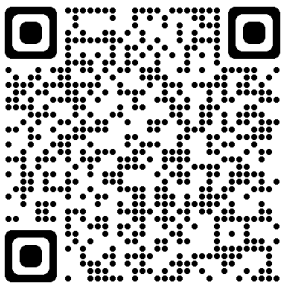
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Join Pinole Creek Allies & Earth Team



**MONTHLY CLEAN-UP**  
**25 MAR. 2023**



**MEETING PLACE**

**Henry Ave. Bridge**

**The site is between Collins  
Elementary and Sprouts!**

**10am -12pm: Clean Up**

**12pm - 1pm: Water Quality Demo  
hosted by The Watershed Project**

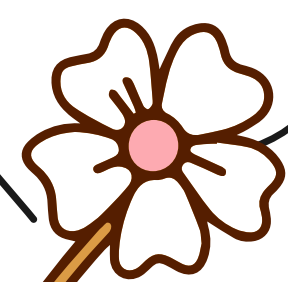
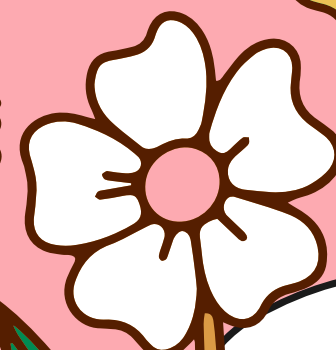
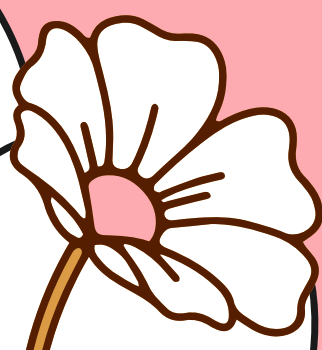
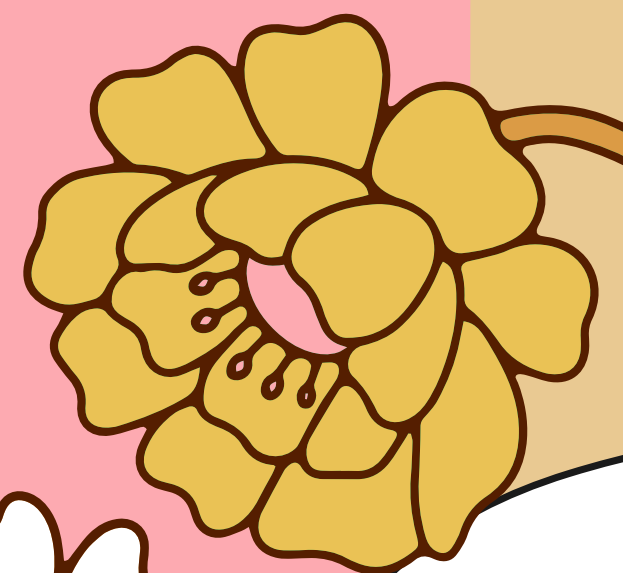
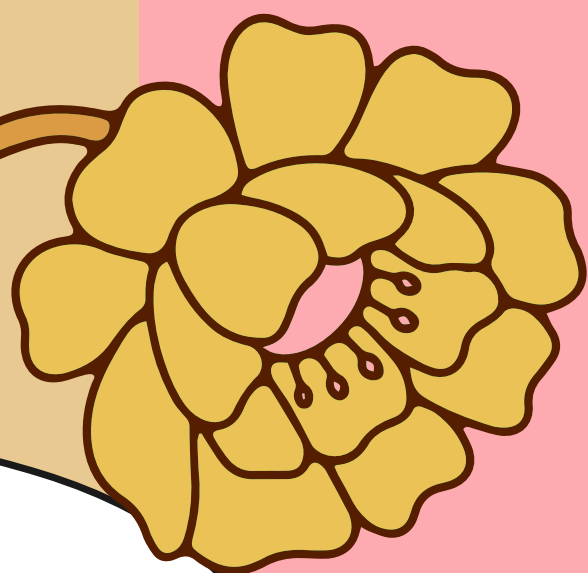
**Snacks, water, and tools are  
provided!**

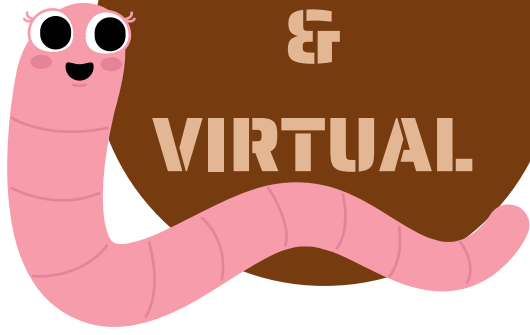
**Wear boots and sunscreen + bring  
refillable water bottles**



**Fun Fact!**

**March 22 is  
World Water  
Day**





**FREE  
&  
VIRTUAL**

# **Worm & Home Composting Workshops**

## **WORM COMPOSTING**

**SAT APR 29      10 AM-12PM**

**SAT OCT 10      ZOOM**

## **HOME COMPOSTING**

**SAT JUN 10      10 AM-12PM**

**SAT AUG 12      ZOOM**

**Open to all County residents**

**Registration links in caption**

SPONSORED BY THE CCC DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT



# Drive-Thru Food Distribution



**MONDAY  
APRIL 10  
9AM-11AM**  
*(or as supplies last)*

**PINOLE SENIOR CENTER  
2500 CHARLES AVE.**

*The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County will be providing free bags of fresh produce. You do NOT need to be a member of 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](mailto:ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us)

A vibrant assortment of fresh produce is displayed across the middle of the page. It includes a variety of fruits such as apples, oranges, kiwis, and grapes, along with vegetables like broccoli, bell peppers, and tomatoes. Some items are in small white bowls, while others are scattered on a wooden surface.

## ***Senior Food Program*** **Available to Senior 55+ Pinole Residents**

The Pinole Senior Center will be partnering with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County on the Senior Food Program. Low-income senior citizens 55+ will be able to receive free groceries, including healthy pantry staples, eggs, cheese and assorted meats twice a month.

All individuals interested in the program are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the Front Desk or on the day of distribution. Proof of age and Pinole residence will be verified.

**March 14th and March 28th**

**10:00 AM - 11:00AM**

**Pinole Senior Center**  
**2500 Charles Avenue**  
**Pinole, CA 94564**

**Questions: Call 510-724-9800 or email [ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us)**





# Alternatives to Single-use Plastics EXPO



**WHEN:** Thursday, April 6, 2023

**WHERE:** Drop in 9am-1pm

Pinole Youth Center (635 Tennent Ave.)

**WHAT:** At this free event see, touch, and test alternatives to single-use plastics! Explore new innovations and technologies in the compostable and reusable foodware space. Take our survey to help inform the next steps of this initiative.

**WHY:** The City of Pinole is exploring a transition away from the unsustainable use of single-use plastics. Single-use plastics pose a detriment to our health, pollute the beauty of our planet, flood our landfills, and rely on the unsustainable consumption of non-renewable, natural resources.

FREE RAFFLE TICKET  
FOR ALL ATTENDEES  
WIN REUSABLE SWAG!



Let us know you are coming to this FREE event:

[Alternatives to Single-use Plastics EXPO Tickets, Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



# Harnessing the power of native plants



A pop-up information booth hosted by Oaktown Native Plant Nursery to teach about the power and resilience of native plants and their unique ability to conserve water and provide other climate benefits

Community Corner  
Saturday, April 8th  
9am-1pm

(lot at the intersection between  
Tennent Ave. & San Pablo Ave.)



Native plants for sale



EBMUD Lawn to Garden Program  
incentive information

[oaktownnursery.com](http://oaktownnursery.com)





THE CITY OF PINOLE PRESENTS

# **Fight Climate Change** **with** ***Diet Change***



A 1.5-hour cooking demonstration and tasting with professional chef Paula Weiss to showcase how one can take climate action from the comfort of their kitchen with zero waste vegan recipes

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH**

**5:30PM-7PM**

**PINOLE SENIOR CENTER**  
**(2500 CHARLES AVENUE)**



***Register here***

**\$40 PER PERSON**

**CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE**

**LIMIT 20 PEOPLE**

