



CITY OF PINOLE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mayor, Vincent Salimi
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DATE: AUGUST 22, 2022
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	CANCELED -Monday, August 22, 2022 7:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Community Services Commission Meeting	Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 5:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Special Planning Commission Meeting	Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 7:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Wastewater Subcommittee Meeting	Thursday, September 1, 2022, 8:30 am	Zoom / Council Chamber
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Planning Commission Meeting	Monday, September 12, 2022, 7:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
TAPS- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting	Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, 6:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 6:00 pm	Zoom / Council Chamber
Planning Commission Meeting	Monday, September 26, 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:

https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_council/agendas_and_minutes

OTHER CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS

Events	Date and Time	Location
Food Distribution	Monday, September 12, 2022, 9:00 am-11:00 am	Pinole Senior Center 2500 Charles Ave.
Coastal Cleanup Day	Saturday, September 17, 2022 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration begins at 8:30 am	Bayfront Park 1 Tennent 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

PINOLE RECEIVES GRANT TO ESTABLISH ONLINE, AUTOMATED SOLAR PERMITTING

The City of Pinole has been awarded up to a \$40,000 grant from the California Energy Commission to establish an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits in real time for a solar energy system. This grant funding will help the City continue to pursue and fully implement a small pilot program initiated in 2022 with [SolarAPP+](#). SolarAPP+ is a web-based portal, developed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, that automates project plan review and produces code-compliant approvals to support building departments in quickly issuing permits for residential solar energy system installations. The Community Development Department is expected to introduce SolarAPP+ to all customers soon after the city has fully updated its outdated permit tracking system (anticipated in early 2023).

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 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!

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 31st. 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 then 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 codenf@ci.pinole.ca.us. Resources to help make your home fire safe are available at www.CAfiresafecouncil.org.



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 and enter the sponsor code **PCYC** or use the link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=PCYC>. Appointments and identification are required. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

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, September 12 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.

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

California Coastal Cleanup is a global effort – rooted in love for our oceans and community involvement. On Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 am to noon, grab your bag and gloves and help clean the coast by keeping trash out of storm drains, creeks, and rivers, all of which eventually lead to the ocean. Registration begins at 8:30 am at Bayfront Park located at 1 Tennent Ave.

You're busy that Saturday morning? You can still participate! Clean up your neighborhood, parks, and local area anytime during the month of September. Trash from inland areas flows downstream to the coast, so cleaning up neighborhood trash prevents marine debris. Gather cleanup supplies from home, download the CleanSwell App (to count your trash, and to have your trash counted!), and clean on your own time. All clean up that take place during September will count towards our statewide goals.

To learn more visit <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

For questions, please send an e-mail to publicworks@ci.pinole.ca.us

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 ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us or call (510) 724-9802. The last day to register is September 30th, 2022.

PINOLE SWIM CENTER

Effective August 20, 2022, the Pinole Swim Center is operating on a fall schedule. The pool is open Saturday and Sunday only through October 9th. Lap swim 11am-1pm and Rec Swim 1pm-4pm. Please visit the City's swim center website for more information.

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 [Boards and Commission](#) page or contact the City Clerk, Heather Bell at (510) 724-8928 or hbelle@ci.pinole.ca.us.

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**FOOD
BANK**

of Contra Costa & Solano

Drive-Thru Food Distribution



**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
9AM-11AM**

(or as supplies last)

**PINOLE SENIOR CENTER
2500 CHARLES AVE.**

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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

SENIORS FARMER'S *market* Nutrition Program

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