Public Meeting Calendar

• City Council
  First and third Monday at 6:00 pm
• Planning Commission
  Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm
• SPEDC Board Meeting
  Third Wednesday, 6:00 pm at the SPEDC office: 13830 San Pablo Ave., Ste. D
• Safety Commission
  Last Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm on the months of Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct
• Youth Commission
  First and third Thursday at 5:00 pm

* All meetings are held in the City Council Chambers: 13831 San Pablo Avenue unless otherwise indicated.

Upcoming Workshops & Events for Businesses

Business Mixers
12/12/18: Mingle & Jingle, Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, RSVP www.tinyurl.com/minglejingle18
5/9/19: Small Business of the Mixer, Holiday Inn Express, San Pablo
9/19/19: Fall Business Mixer, Mechanics Bank, 20 San Pablo Towne Center
12/11/19: Winter Mixer

Business Workshops
1/17/19: Business Planning 101
3/21/19: Branding & Marketing Workshop
6/20/19: Commercial Lease Negotiations
9/26/19: Access to Business Capital

Shop Local Campaigns
5/28/19–9/3/19: Where’s Pablo?

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holiday Tree Lighting
Friday, December 7, 2018
6pm–7:30pm, City Hall

Holiday Gift Fair
Saturday, December 8, 2018
10am–4pm, City Hall

Valentine Family Dance
Friday, February 8, 2019
6pm–8pm, Community Center

Spring Eggstravaganza
Saturday, April 13, 2019
10am–12pm, Community Center

How San Pablo Is Redefining the Model for Culture of Health

The much anticipated 7,500 square foot Women, Infants and Children Building is now complete! A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to commemorate the opening of the new facility is scheduled for November 20. With many San Pablo mothers as WIC clients, this new WIC location is a welcome addition to the growing medical campus in Plaza San Pablo.

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blue chip sponsor: MCE clean energy

since 2014, MCE has been proud to generate the electricity for San Pablo. As a public, not-for-profit agency, MCE works with PG&E to deliver clean, renewable energy for residents and businesses in San Pablo and the greater Contra Costa community.

With competitive rates, MCE has been able to save customers money while simultaneously reducing their carbon footprint. MCE has some exciting new programs available, including generous rebates for energy efficiency and electric vehicles.

Check out mcecleanenergy.org to learn more and see if you qualify for these new programs.

SPPD Receives “Commitment to Excellence” Award

The San Pablo Police Department (SPPD) is committed to Public Safety through improvements in technology. With integration of surveillance cameras, gunshot detection software, and license plate readers, we have been able to greatly impact crime reduction.

In October, SPPD received the “Commitment to Excellence” award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police for the use of Star Chase technology to enhance San Pablo’s safety. Star Chase allows officers to launch a GPS device onto a stolen or wanted vehicle to avoid high speed pursuits.

Our thanks to our community for working with us. We will continue to look towards technology advancements for innovative ways to protect you!
City Hall-O-Ween

AS A 2017 recipient of the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Culture of Health prize it is very essential that the City of San Pablo provides an opportunity for community members to come out and enjoy events which encourage community celebration and healthy living. Every year on the 3rd Thursday of October the City celebrates its annual City Hall-O-Ween event. This year was a record breaking year in attendance and brought in over 1,600 community members. One of the main components of this event is that there is no candy that is given out by the City, but rather we provide healthier snacks and giveaways intended to provide long lasting memories. Be sure to come to our event next year which will be held on Thursday, October 24th!

How the San Pablo EDC Can Help Your Business

Key partner agencies include California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC) and the Employer Training Panel (ETP). The San Pablo EDC is a strong advocate for local employers and small manufacturers to receive funding for technical assistance (TA) and employee training. The San Pablo EDC can also help businesses retaining and adding jobs to apply for the California Competes Tax Credits.

Contact Vivian Wong, vivianw@sanpabloedc.org for these services, as well as basics like brand toolkits, marketing strategies, ad share direct mail, B2B connections, and business education and TA.

ASK THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

Are Building Permits Really Required for Replacing Windows?

YES. It is best to have a building inspector check all aspects of a window replacement to make sure the right windows are installed properly.

Windows in bathrooms, near showers or adjacent to doors are more likely to break, increasing the chance of serious injury. Windows that are not energy efficient make rooms drafty and increase your electrical bill.

Other issues building officials look for are properly installed windows to prevent water leaks and damage, and windows secured by exterior bars to prevent theft, but that also could prevent life-saving escape in case of an emergency.

To obtain a building permit to replace or install windows, submit a floor plan of the building showing the location and size of all rooms and all windows. A permit can be issued to the building owner or a properly licensed California contractor. Call us at 510-215-3030. We are here to serve you.

Professional Workforce Certifications & Training
Funding available for San Pablo and West County residents

MTS Training Academy
Commercial A&B driver’s license Ongoing enrollment. Call (707) 643-2099

Moler Barber College
Professional barbering license Ongoing enrollment. Call (510) 585-2993

Contra Costa College Forklift, Logistics, Operations and Warehouse (FLOW) Certification
Winter 2019 classes forming soon. Call Evan Decker (510) 215-3977

Rising Sun Energy Center
Pre-apprenticeship Construction, Carpentry, Green Build & Electrical Program
Winter and Spring cohorts enrolling now. Call (510) 665-1501, ext. 201

RichmondBUILD
Pre-apprenticeship Construction Program January 2019 cohort enrolling now Call (510) 621-1781

HazWOPER40 Certification
Hazardous Waste Operations & Clean-up
February 11-15, 2019, 8:30 – 5 pm. Due to high demand, must register to attend a mandatory orientation Call (510) 215-3209

Stride Center
Launch your ICT career as a computer technician
Enroll now for January 2019 classes Call (510) 269-2442

Career Technical Education and Associates Degrees at Contra Costa College
Funding for San Pablo residents in various disciplines Call (510) 215-3209

Eligible Training Provider List
Training in many professional fields
WIOA funding available for San Pablo and West County residents
Contact San Pablo EDC counselor at (510) 215-3209

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**WCHC Extension**

Contra Costa County has broken ground on its 21,000 square foot expansion of the West County Health Care Center located at 13601 San Pablo Avenue. The expansion adds much needed space to house County Behavioral Health Services for both children and adults including therapy rooms, group room and multiple offices. Construction is expected to go for 15 months.

**City Hall**

The New San Pablo City Hall is slowly becoming a reality. Earlier this year, the City awarded the design-build contract to C. Overaa & Co. Construction commenced in September and is expected to be complete by the end of 2019. The new 42,000 square foot two-story building will be LEED Silver certified and will house all City services, except Police Services, under one roof. It will have a new Maple Hall, new Council Chambers and a lot more. The New City Hall is one of the City’s largest public projects to date. Construction is slated to be complete by end of 2019/early 2020. Stay tuned for project updates!

**Winter is coming! Be Prepared for the Rainy Season**

To help residents prepare and protect property during the winter rainy season, the City of San Pablo Public Works Department is providing FREE sandbags to City of San Pablo residents. Sandbags are available 24/7 all winter in the Davis Park parking lot at 1665 Folsom Avenue. Residents must bring their own shovels to fill the bags. Contact Public Works Maintenance at (510) 215-3070 for inquiries.

For questions on whether your property is in or near a special flood hazard area, drainage and other flood related issues, call the City of San Pablo Building Division at (510) 215-3030.

**Got Trash?**

There are many FREE disposal options for San Pablo residents who have items not suitable for reuse/donation.

1. **Household Hazardous Waste Facility:** Residents can dispose of pesticides, TV, paint, motor and cooking oil, and other hazardous waste every Wednesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm (closed noon – 12:30 pm) at 101 Pittsburg Ave, Richmond. For more information call (888) 412-9277.

2. **Dump Voucher Program:** San Pablo residents (see map for City boundary) are eligible to receive $60 worth of dump vouchers per fiscal year to be credited toward disposal at the Golden Bear Transfer Station. For more information call the City at (510) 215-3064.

3. **Curbside Cleanup Collection:** Single family and duplex households are entitled to two curbside collections per year of up to 15 bags (35-40 gallons) per collection. To schedule a pick-up, please call Republic Services at (510) 262-7100.

4. **Curbside Bulky Item or E-waste Collection:** Single family and duplex households are entitled to a curbside collection of one bulky item (i.e. furniture or appliance) or up to 5 electronic waste items (i.e. computer, TV, or phone) once a year. To schedule a pick-up, please call Republic Services at (510) 262-7100.
Where’s Pablo?

THE WHERE’S PABLO? local shopping campaign wrapped up October 14th. People played this game by looking for a cardboard version of Pablo, the San Pablo Police mascot, at 24 participating businesses, collecting playing cards, and turning them in for prizes.

Our grand prize winner, Lidia Lozad, won an ice-cream party for her son’s 4th-grade class at Aspire Richmond Technology Academy. Our runner-up, Sean Hyunh, played for his 9-year-old nephew and received a plushie. Our third place winner, Deysi Pineda, and her son, who is a Dover Elementary 5th grader, won a family caricature.

All participants received gift certificates from our local businesses, such as Brookvale Pharmacy’s donation of $100 La Strada gift card and Taqueria Doña Maria’s donation of $50 to their restaurant. Pablo plushies were generously sponsored by 1st Northern California Credit Union, based at 2500 Nevin Ave, Richmond.

Like to play to win? Our next Where’s Pablo? campaign will kick off May 28th and wrap up September 3rd. Find out more at info@sanpoblede.org.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act – Job Search and Training Workshops
Free workshops are now being hosted jointly by San Pablo EDC, Lao Family Community Development and New Horizons, and are held every week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10-11:30 AM. Workshops rotate between the three locations, so be sure to check the calendar to see where they’re being hosted this week.

- **Tuesdays:** WIOA Orientation, all about how to enroll in our free job search and training assistance program, and work one-on-one with an employment counselor!
- **Wednesdays:** Resume Workshop, to help you create or upgrade your resume, and make sure it is working well for you!
- **Thursdays:** Job Search Workshop, all about how to use your network of connections and resources such as the free CalJobs website to jump-start your job search!

Go to our calendar for the schedule or call 510-215-3200.

Bilingual Computer Classes

- **Windows & Internet:** Session I – February 4 – 25, 2019 | Session II – July 15-31, 2019
- **Microsoft Office:** Session I: March 11 - April 17, 2019 | Session II: Aug. 12 – Sept. 23, 2019
- **QuickBooks 15:** Session I: May 6 – June 17, 2019 | Session II: Oct. 7 – Nov. 20, 2019

Financial “How to” Workshops
Join bilingual Travis Credit Union staff the third Wednesday of the month in 2019 at the San Pablo Library at 5:30 PM for financial courses which break down the basics we all need to:

- Fix our credit
- Build a budget
- Set savings goals
- Understand why we buy things
- Explore if saving for a house is a reasonable goal
- How to apply for scholarships & finance college

Childcare
Are you a San Pablo resident in school or working? Talk with us about a childcare subsidy for children ages 2.5-5 at the Contra Costa College’s Early Learning Center. Call Nora at 510-215-3202.

Tattoo Removal
Removing Barriers tattoo removal clinics are held the 3rd Saturday of the month from 7:45-11:45 AM at the San Pablo EDC, 13830 San Pablo Ave, STE D. Call 510-215-3189 for an appointment; walk-ins accepted but not guaranteed treatment.
Upgrading My Career: Will Panameno

WILLIAM PANAMENO, a twenty-five-year-old San Pablo resident, was working as a mechanic in Oakland, but he was unsatisfied with his career. He felt he was stuck in a job that he just wasn’t enjoying anymore.

Luckily, Will’s best friend had attended computer classes at the Stride Center, and he told Will about this opportunity. As a San Pablo resident, Will was eligible to receive Measure Q-funded assistance for training from San Pablo EDC!

The Stride Center is one of the EDC’s training partners, offering IC3 and A+ Computer Technician training courses in San Pablo. Certification from the Stride Center opens up a whole new world of employment opportunities in the well-paid field of Information Technology!

The computer training at Stride Center helped Will find his purpose in the IT world. Will now works as an IT Specialist at a hospital in San Francisco, earning a great salary and growing his new career.

“As a Latino, I am proud of myself for making my mark in this challenging and demanding field,” says Will. “I am living proof for people of color and low-income people that this can be done and there is someone here for us at all times, like the Stride Center and San Pablo EDC!”

– Will Panameno

I want to get into the service industry and wanted more employment opportunities. I would like to have a career, and having this tattoo prevents people like me from having one. I’m pursuing an education and feel like it will help further that, too.

REMOVING Barriers

JESSE HART

Jesse is a twenty-eight-year-old San Pablo resident, born in the Bay Area and raised in a single parent household.

What difference did having access to having funding for tattoo removal make?

I pay all my own bills, even help out with family bills. Being able to receive tattoo removal funding for my treatments makes a big difference because it means I can afford basic necessities. The Kaiser Permanente grant funding has also meant I could save my money to afford to go to school; it’s been amazing because everything costs money. It is a huge help.

How has your view of the future changed?

I got my GED at 26. I feel accomplished and capable of succeeding. Since Removing Barriers, I’ve changed my major. I’ve also picked up more work, and I’ve been more dedicated towards school. I’ve been employed more and have been volunteering more. I go to school at Contra Costa College as a student and also volunteer as a tutor for 8th graders once a month.

What motivated you to get your tattoo removed?

What advice would you give our youth today?

I would say think about the image you are portraying when you choose to get a tattoo, especially when you’re trying to find employment later on in life. Eventually, you’ll have to pave your own way, and this could be something that might hold you back.

SPEDEC Welcomes New Members

To join as a member or sponsor, please visit goo.gl/BmykZ. Visit these new members and experience the exceptional service they have to offer.

– Anytime Fitness – Pinole
– Bajan Security
– Benoit-Casper Brewing
– Blessed Kiss Cosmetics
– BurgerIM
– Capital Access Group
– CCC Health Services (WIC)
– Comcast Business, Rob Estifanos
– El Tazumal I
– El Tazumal II
– Gurpreet Kaur Restate Team
– Heavenly Janitorial & Hauling
– Homomo
– Ice Chamber
– Athletic Performance
– Curacubby
– Jersey Mike’s
– Juniors Construction
– Kawa Ramen
– Kelly Moore Paints – San Pablo
– Maya Thai Laos Restaurant
– New York Life (Brian Quan)
– Retirement Funding Solutions (Russell Doi)
– Song Insurance
– State Farm, Sonny Randhawa
– Tracy’s Tax Services
– USA Carpet & Vinyl
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– Windermere Rowland Realty

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SAN PABLO EDC and partners are your new AJCC

The Contra Costa County Workforce Development Board selected the Contra Costa Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) to take over the employment “One Stop” services that were being delivered in the America’s Job and Career Centers.

In West County, you can go to San Pablo EDC, Lao Family Community Development (San Pablo) and New Horizons (Rodeo) for all of your employment needs. There are a host of free workshops, career training funding opportunities, local hiring fairs and more.

Additionally, you can apply to participate in our free job search and training program, and work one-on-one with a career counselor who will help you with your job search, including pursuing training, job placement, and employment retention.

To see a calendar of events, go to www.sanpabloedc.org/calendar.

LOCATIONS ARE:
• San Pablo EDC, 13830 San Pablo Ave, STE D, San Pablo, CA 94806; (510) 215-3200
• Lao Family Community Development, 1865 Rumrill Blvd, San Pablo, CA 94806; (510) 215-1220
• New Horizons, 199 Parker Ave, Rodeo, CA 94572; (510) 799-2916

Staffs are multilingual. We look forward to helping you find a great job!

Small Business of the Year 2019

NOMINATE your favorite Small Business of the Year starting January 2nd through March 4th. This is your chance to tell us about the small businesses that make a difference in your life.

When you nominate San Pablo business at tinyurl.com/sboty19, you enter a chance to win $100 to local businesses and the business winner will receive $10,000 worth of marketing. That’s a win-win!

Add jobs to the local economy, celebrate those mom-and-pop shops and nominate!

Winter Business Mixer

COME to mingle with San Pablo EDC and businesses from West County on Wednesday, December 12th from 5:30–7:30pm at 13956 San Pablo Ave, sponsored by Brookdale Senior Living Solutions and San Pablo EDC. There will be key business connections, local food, drinks, music and drawings for prizes, not to mention the White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a locally purchased gift, and let the games begin! RSVP at 510-215-3206 or www.tinyurl.com/minglejingle18.