



Pinole **Historical** Society

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We look forward to sharing Pinole's history with you.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

PHS TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT PINOLE SENIOR CENTER

The Pinole Historical Society will take its “museum on wheels” to the Pinole Senior Center on Wednesday, March 9, for a 1:30 p.m. program during the center’s monthly membership meeting.

Presenting “*Things Never Change in Pinole ... Or Do They?*” will be PHS co-founder George Vincent, the society’s historian, current vice president, and co-author of the recently published book “*Pinole Through Time.*”

The program will feature some never-before-seen photos (at least not by anyone who is alive today!), and stories based on photos from the book, which features old photos — some dating back to the 19th century — and current photos showing the same locations.

The program is open to all Pinole Senior Center members.

Pinole Historical Society



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Mayor Peter Murray presented certificates to students in this Collins school kindergarten class last year for participating in the essay contest.

PHS essay contest encourages students to explore city’s history

The results in the seventh annual Pinole Historical Society Essay Contest are about to be tabulated, with students from schools throughout the city writing 250-word essays on the topic, “Describe three of your favorite historical places and/or events in Pinole.”

Students from Ellerhorst, Collins, Shannon, and Stewart elementary schools, Pinole Middle School, Pinole Valley High School, and St. Joseph school were invited to participate.

Essays will be collected on March 14 and awards at all schools will be presented the week of June 6. Mayor Roy Swearingen will present the awards, which will include certificates to the authors of the best essays in each grade, and gifts to the Grand Prize winners.

In memoriam



REBECCA GUTIERREZ
September 12, 1940 — January 18, 2016

Rebecca Gutierrez, a lifetime member of the Pinole Historical Society and a former PHS vice president, died January 18 in Las Vegas. She was 75.

Rebecca and another PHS lifetime member, Gail Snyder-Von Aspern, were responsible for setting up the Pinole history displays at Pinole City Hall.

Rebecca was formerly Becky Kanalz, an older movie actress with a host of movies to her credit. She was also a U.S. Navy nurse and then an RN in the private sector for the remainder of that career until she retired nine years ago.

She moved to Las Vegas and decided to get back into the movies. At her death she had just finished filming a movie with Nicholas Cage.

LOVIE L. AMOS
September 6, 1920 — February 10, 2016

Lovie Amos, a lifetime member of the Pinole Historical Society, died February 10. She was 95.

Lovie had lived in Pinole since 1953. She was the only woman on a seven-person crew at one of the Richmond shipyards during WWII. She was an employee of the East Bay Municipal Utility District for 36 years and was the first woman appointed by the EBMUD Board of Directors as a division manager.

She was most proud of being named among the top 400 women in the country listed in Who's Who of American Women.

Lovie Amos



Rebecca Gutierrez (center) and Gail Snyder-Von Aspern (right) receiving a commendation from Supervisor Gayle Uilkema in 2002 for establishing the Pinole history displays at city hall.

PHS WILL BE BACK AT FARMERS' MARKET IN APRIL

The Pinole Historical Society will be back at its booth at the

Pinole Farmers' Market beginning April 2 and will be there every other week through December.

We thank you for your many years of support, and look forward to seeing you.

The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 6:60-7:30 P.M.

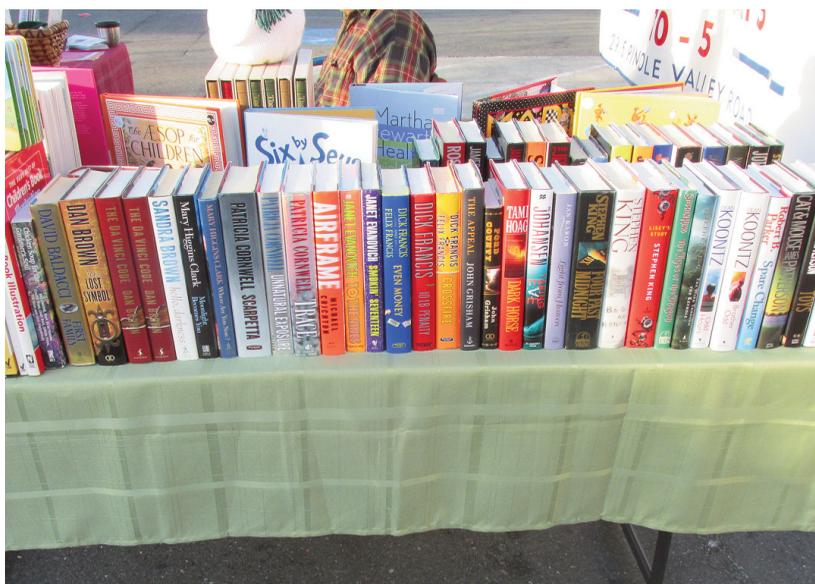
Presented by the Friends of the Pinole Library, the **East Bay Vivarium Traveling Reptile Show** will be at the Pinole Library on Wednesday, March 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Come see, touch, and learn about reptiles. The program includes tarantulas, frogs, and a giant monitor lizard (photo, right).

The show is both educational and entertaining.

Membership drive

The Friends of the Pinole Library membership drive continues at the Pinole Farmers' Market (dates below). The organization is in need of volunteers to do some lifting during setup and tear down, as well as help with the biannual book sales.



FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

MARCH 12 AND 26
Pinole Farmers' Market

The Friends of the Pinole Library displays selected books at the Pinole Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on alternate Saturdays. This popular display offers many different genre of books, accessories, CDs, and DVDs, and varies from week to week.

PHS ENROLLED IN S.H.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM

The Pinole Historical Society has enrolled in Save Mart's S.H.A.R.E.S (Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education and Sports) program, a fund-raising program offered free to more than 8,500 schools, groups, and organizations by Save Mart and its affiliated stores (Lucky Supermarkets, FoodMaxx and S-Mart Foods).

Each year, Save Mart sets aside a reserve of \$4.5 million specifically to benefit those who have enrolled in S.H.A.R.E.S. It's Save Mart's way of



giving back to the communities it calls home.

Using this card on qualified purchases made at the above stores in California and Nevada will earn the Pinole Historical Society up to 3% of qualified purchases annually.

Pinole Historical Society S.H.A.R.E.S. cards are available at the

PHS booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market and at our five yearly membership programs. Or, please request a S.H.A.R.E.S. card via e-mail (info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org) and we will mail one to you. Please remember to include your street address.

PHS PROGRAMS SET FOR MAY, SEPTEMBER

We have several interesting programs lined up this year. Our focus will be not only on Pinole history, but the history of the region. We have scheduled programs for our May 13 and September 9 meetings. We'll announce our November 4 program as we move closer to that date.

Here are our scheduled programs all from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road:

May 13: The Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) operates a major archival collection documenting the history of the county at its Contra Costa History Center at 724 Escobar Street, in Martinez. CCCHS representatives will describe the collection, consisting of letters, diaries, manuscripts of writings, legal records, photographs, maps, newspapers, periodicals, and books.

September 9: Beverly Lane, former mayor of Danville and curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, will speak about the history of the San Ramon Valley, which has many parallels to the history of West Contra Costa County. Beverly is the author of the recently published book, *San Ramon Chrinocles: Stories of Bygone Days*.

Pinole featured on KGO Radio

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

Listen to the segment here: <http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Support the activities of the PHS by becoming a member in 2016.

Please send your \$30 membership check to

PHS, PO Box 285,
Pinole, CA 94564.

Join (or renew your membership) the Pinole Historical Society and help promote and

preserve the history of our city.

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to

our residents.

Please fill out the membership form on the next page and mail it to us today with your check. Thank you.



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2016

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents through exhibits at the Pinole Library, quarterly membership programs, history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction promoting and preserving Pinole's history for future generations.

**JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP)
AND HELP PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY.**

Please mail the membership application today!

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2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

**PLEASE SEND CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO
PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

NAME: (each member): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cash Check (Payable to Pinole Historical Society

Credit Card: (Visa MasterCard American Express Discover)

Credit Card # _____ CVV _____ Expiration Date _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Upcoming events

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March 1-31: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY EXHIBITS

The Pinole Historical Society has two exhibits at the Pinole Library. "Pinole ... Then and Now" features photos from the society's archives of buildings that existed at the turn of the 20th centu-



ry and recent photos of buildings on those sites today. This joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from Pinole's history.

For more information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole, visit our website at www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.

PHS VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our history programs on Pinole Community TV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to PINOLE HISTORY on its "Videos Online" page.

You can view the numerous PHS programs right on your computer. Go to the city's website www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded most of these events for the society.

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Flag Holidays

Every year we see more American flags being displayed for community and special events.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Francis Hopkinson, of New Jersey, a naval flag designer and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, designed the 1777 flag.

The original flag has been modified 26 times and was unchanged with its 48 stars for 47 years, beginning with Arizona's and New Mexico's admittance to the Union on July 4, 1912. On January 3, 1959, when Alaska was admitted to the Union, the number of stars increased to 49. On August 21, 1959, when Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the flag showed 50 stars.

Flag holidays include:

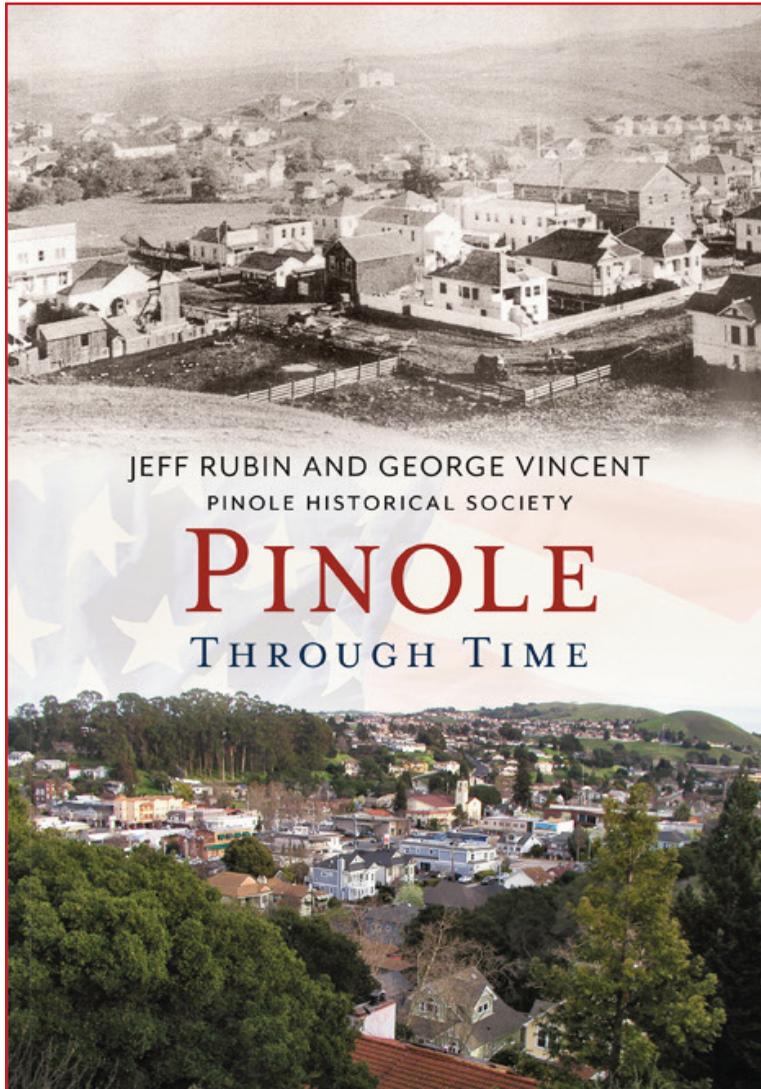
- New Year's Day (Jan. 1)
- Inauguration Day (Jan. 20)
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (Third Monday in January)
- Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12)
- Presidents Day (Third Monday in February)
- Washington's Birthday (February 22)
- Easter Sunday
- Army Day (April 6)
- National Day of Prayer (First Thursday in May)
- V-E Day (May 8)
- Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15; half-staff all day)
- Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May; half-staff until noon)
- D-Day (June 6)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Korean War Veterans Day (July 27)
- V-J Day (September 2)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Patriot Day (September 11; half staff all day)
- Constitution Day (September 17)
- Gold Star Mothers Day (September 27)
- Columbus Day (Oct. 12)
- Navy Day (October 27)
- Election Day (First Tuesday in November)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7; half staff all day)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

Other flag holidays include Inauguration Day (every four years), election days, state and local holidays, Admission Day, and others proclaimed by the President of the United States.

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Order your book(s) today!

PINOLE THROUGH TIME

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

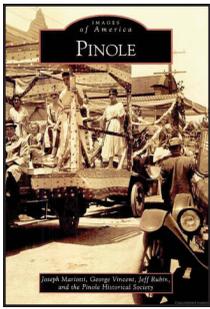
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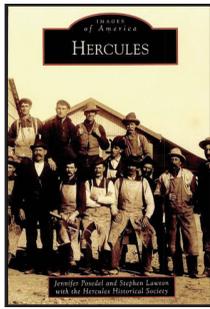
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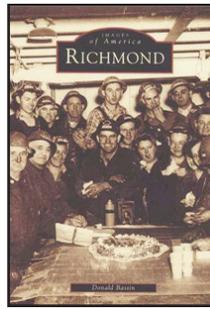
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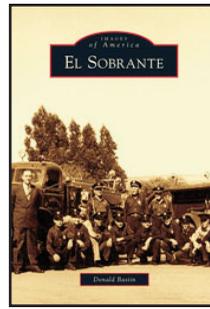
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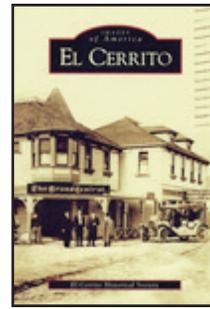
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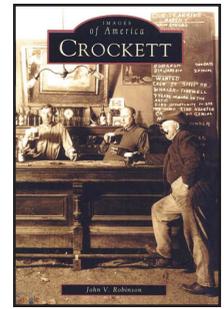
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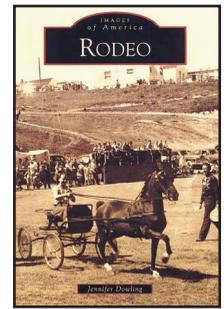
LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December.

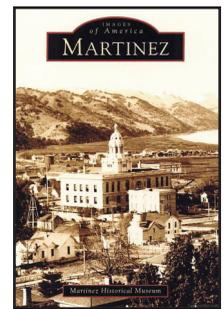
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books are \$24, including sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$22, including sales tax.

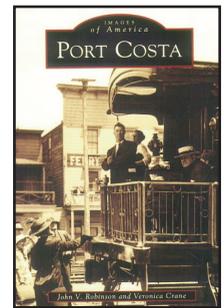
Or, you may order one or more by mail. See the mail-order form below for instructions. We now accept credit cards.



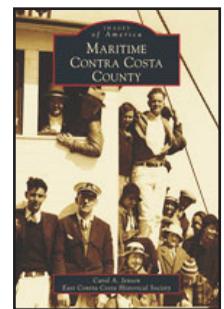
Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa



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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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of Richmond books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

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of Maritime Contra Costa County books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Crockett books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Rodeo books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

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WANTED

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**ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE
SIGNIFICANT IN PINOLE'S HISTORY**

PHOTOS: People, family, events, buildings
(particularly buildings no longer standing)

MOVIES: VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm,
Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm film of parades
and events, floods, fires, etc.

ALL PHOTOS AND MOVIES WILL BE RETURNED.

MEMORABILIA/ARTIFACTS: Documents, programs,
pins & ribbons (events, sports, political), sports,
trophies, Fiesta del Pinole/Holy Ghost gowns, etc.

We are collecting, digitizing, cataloging, and preserving
these items to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

Contact the Pinole Historical Society

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SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK LAUNCHES ONLINE SALE OF PARK PASSES

Visitors can pre-purchase passes and store them on their mobile devices

The National Park Service (NPS) has launched a pilot program to make entrance passes for San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (SAFR) available for sale through visitors' smartphones.

Visitors to the Park now have the convenience of purchasing — at no additional cost — SAFR annual and seven-day entrance passes using a free mobile app (the app currently runs on iOS, and will soon be available for Android). The app is available from the park's website at www.nps.gov/safr/planyourvisit/fees.htm.

"Today, many of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's potential visitors, especially Millennials — the next generation of national park visitors — conduct business on mobile devices," said Superintendent Kevin Hendricks. "We want to make it as easy to experience your national park as buying a cup of coffee!"

The park's authorized pass vendor, Viply LLC, has created an app that allows park visitors to pre-purchase an entrance pass and skip the long ticketing lines by quickly scanning a Quick Response (QR) code at the park's entrance booth.

The electronic version of the seven-day park pass or park annual pass is also convenient — it can't get lost or misplaced because it resides on the visitor's own mobile device. The pass is non-transferrable, non-refundable, non-replaceable and should be available on visitors' smartphones at all times while in the park.



Hercules at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

The annual entrance pass fee for San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is \$40, and seven-day entrance passes are \$10. Children 15 years or younger accompanied by an adult do not need an entry ticket. Entrance fees are also not charged to holders of the America the Beautiful pass series including – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual, Senior, Access, Every Kid in a Park 4th Grade, or Military Pass.

"We are excited to be working with the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park and provide a convenient, hassle-free app enabling visitors to access park passes in advance, by-pass ticketing lines and immediately enjoy all of the park's amenities," said John Masterson, co-founder and president of Viply.

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is located at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. The park includes a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, a visitor center, a maritime museum, a public maritime research center, and the Aquatic Park Historic District.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016, the park seeks to connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates and invites visitors to join in celebrating its centennial milestone.

For more information, please call 415-447-5000 or visit nps.gov/safr, and join the conversation at [@SFMaritimeNPS](https://twitter.com/SFMaritimeNPS), facebook.com/SanFranciscoMaritimeNHP, www.youtube.com/user/SFMaritimeNHP, www.flickr.com/photos/sfmaritimemns, and www.instagram.com/sfmaritimemns.

Meeting Rooms at The Pinole Senior Center

The Pinole Recreation Department is pleased to offer Meeting Rooms at our Senior Center to local community groups, organizations, and businesses. The full meeting room policy and the application form, along with additional information about booking meeting rooms, can be found at:
<http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation/docs/SeniorCenterRoomRentalApp.pdf>

Standard Rental Rates

Deposit	\$40
<i>Business Hours (M-F 8:30am-4:30pm)</i>	
2 Hour Minimum Rental	\$50
Each Additional Hour	\$25 per hour
<i>Non-Business Hours (M-F 4:30pm-7:30pm)</i>	
2 Hour Minimum Rental	\$75
Each Additional Hour	\$35 per hour

There are three meeting rooms available for rent. The first is the Conference Room (Room 106), which sits approximately 15 people maximum. The second is the Large Activity Room (Room 109), which sits approximately 40 people maximum. Lastly we offer the Small Activity Room (Room 112), which sits approximately 25 people maximum. All rooms have WiFi capabilities. Fax and copy services may be available upon request (additional fees apply).

Application approval is dependent upon availability. Reservations can be made for weekdays, and Saturdays upon special approval. There are no Sunday rentals. Please feel free to contact the Pinole Senior Center Coordinator to see if your desired date and time is available.

Great for business meetings, neutral and convenient meeting space with clients, presentations, small lectures, and more.

Call today for more information!

Rentals are considered private events, and thus any activities occurring during a rental are not promoted or endorsed by the City of Pinole or Pinole Senior Center. Attendees of private rentals must use designated entrances, and any activities must be confined within the designated rental space. Renters may not solicit or promote their events at the Senior Center. Renters are responsible for set up and clean up of their rental space before and after use. Time for set up and clean up must be accounted for in the time frame requested.



Pinole Senior Center

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PROGRAMS

Tours
&
Events

MARCH 2016

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted

SUNDAYS:

Junior Ranger Fun!

3/6 at 2:00PM (30 minutes)

Kids of all ages, we want your opinion! Help a ranger test brand-new junior ranger ideas and activities, and earn a junior ranger badge.

Bay Trail Walk

3/27 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

Take a one hour leisurely stroll along the Bay Trail and explore home front history with a park ranger.

Rosie the Riveter Memorial – a closer look

3/6 - Drop by from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Drop by Marina Bay Park (Melville Square) to visit the Rosie the Riveter Memorial—a very thoughtful public art sculpture of a World War II cargo ship under construction along a 450-foot timeline. A docent will be available to answer questions, and introduce the memorial. (Rain Cancels)

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

3/20 at 11:00 AM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

MONDAYS:

What We Wore During the War

3/7 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

The war changed everything including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front. We'll have a look at the clothing worn by working men and women, children, and even Hollywood stars!

For directions and information: Call 510-232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori

Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.

(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).

Mondays continued...

Warbling through the War Years

3/21 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

World War II produced popular music from jitterbug to broken hearts, which we'll see and hear through samples from radio, records, and the movies.

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

3/28 at 1:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

TUESDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

Park Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

***Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.**

WEDNESDAYS

Richmond Bus Tour with a Park Ranger (Reservations Required)

3/2 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (2 Hours)

Hop aboard with a Park Ranger for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. A short tour of the Maritime Child Development Center is included. Space is limited, reservations are required: call 510-232-5050 x0 for start time and location.

THURSDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/31 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)

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Blossoms and Thorns

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

FRIDAYS:

Rosie Meet and Greet

3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

Rationing on the Home Front

3/4, 3/18 at 12:30 PM (30 minutes)

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Listen to stories about the Federal Government's rationing program and how it affected families on the Home Front.

Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager

3/25 at 3:00 PM (45 minutes)

Greater independence, and defense plant salaries, forever changed America's ideas and attitudes towards young adults during the war years. Join a park ranger for a program that explores the lives of teen-aged Americans on the home front.

SATURDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

Park Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

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Henry J. Kaiser: "Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard"

3/26 at 3:30 PM (45 minutes)

Join author Steve Gilford for a presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.