



Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District

About Us

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District is a dynamic, independent California Special District, separate from the City and other jurisdictions we serve. Established in 1951, we provide exceptional parks, recreational programs, and community services that play a vital role in shaping the quality of life within our diverse community.

Vision

To be the leaders in providing **WOW!** experiences every day. This vision guides our commitment to service excellence, innovation, and meaningful community impact.

Play for All

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District is committed to providing equitable and inclusive access to all parks, facilities, programs, and services. Individuals of all abilities, backgrounds, and identities are welcomed, valued, and served.

District by the Numbers

5,616 acres / 8.8 sq. mi. service area including the City of Pleasant Hill, portions of City of Lafayette, and the unincorporated community of Walden/Contra Costa Centre and Reliez Valley

275+ acres of parks and open space

15 parks, including an aquatic park and a sports complex

8 community facilities, including 2 community centers, a teen center, a senior center, and a historic ranch site, Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center

2,300+ classes, programs, and activities offered annually

68 full-time equivalent employees

Parks, Programs & Services

The District offers a wide variety of year-round services that support wellness, learning, recreation, and community connection for all ages.

Parks & Facilities

- Parks, trails, and open space
- Community facilities (park and facility rentals)
- Free public pool and spray ground access

Programs

- Enrichment and fitness classes
- School-year preschool (18 months–5 yrs)
- Youth and teen after-school programs
- Seasonal day camps
- Sports programs and recreational leagues
- Aquatic programs (swim lessons, swim team, water fitness)
- Senior recreation and group travel programs
- Special events
- Inclusive recreation dances

Support Services

- Senior resources, nutrition & care management services
- Fee waivers for District residents in need
- Job skills training and development

Board of Directors

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District operates under California's Public Resources Code and is governed by an elected five-member Board of Directors. Board members play a critical role in guiding District priorities, approving the budget, and ensuring alignment with community needs.



Capital Improvement Projects

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are financed through the District's operating budget and are designated specifically for maintaining and enhancing existing parks and facilities. These funds also support park and facility-related operational needs.

2025 CIP Project Highlights

- Replacement of Rodgers Smith Park Restroom
- ADA improvements (facilities & parks).
- Large shade structure at Pleasant Oaks Park Group Picnic Area along Santa Barbara Rd.

Total 2026/2027 CIP Investment: \$1.6 M

Finances & Funding

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District demonstrates strong fiscal governance through stable financial performance, consistent budget surpluses, and reinvestment in capital improvement projects, all reflecting responsible stewardship of public funds.

Budget Overview

The District maintains a balanced budget with strategic investments that prioritize sustainability and community benefit. The District operates on a two-year budget cycle, with each fiscal year running from July 1 – June 30.



Revenue Sources

- Property taxes and assessments **\$6.9 M**
- Program revenue **\$3.7 M**
- Facility and field rentals **\$1.4 M**



Expenses

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District is a service-based organization that depends on staff to maintain facilities and deliver programs, events, and services to the community.

- Wages & Benefits **\$7.6 M**
- Operating Expenses **\$3.9 M**



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