



District 2 Highlights

West County Edition

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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Wishing

Everyone a Very

Happy New Year!

My staff and I would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to serve you.

Thank you for your involvement in your community, whether it was serving on a neighborhood committee, volunteering to help those who needed help, or calling me about your issues and concerns.

Best regards,

Gayle



Supervisor Uilkema tours Huey helicopter with veteran Steve Mazalka.

“Walk of Honor” Recognizes Vets

In November in celebration of Veterans’ Day, over 250 people gathered in Crockett to walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge to honor our veterans. The “Walk of Honor for Our Veterans” will be an annual event with 100% of all sponsorship contributions going directly to the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV).

The VNVDV is a nonprofit organization composed primarily of former members of the Armed Forces who served during the Vietnam conflict. The VNVDV is committed to providing support to veterans.

Following the two mile walk the participants enjoyed a BBQ luncheon at Crockett’s “Old Homestead”. Supervisor Uilkema had the pleasure to dine with a local hero, former POW Bill Marshall. Bill was wounded and held in a prisoner of war camp during the Korean War.

After lunch, Supervisor Uilkema thanked all the veterans for their service and asked that we never forget their sacrifice for our freedom.

For more information about the VNVDV, please visit their website at www.vnvdv.com or call 925-355-8051.

For more photos of the event, please see Page 3.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in Contra Costa and California, with one in eight women developing breast cancer in their lifetime. Early detection, along with access to treatment, is the best defense in lowering breast cancer mortality rates for all women. "All women need to take an active role and learn how to do a self-examination to aid in the early detection of this disease", said Supervisor Uilkema. The Board of Supervisors proclaimed October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and presented a resolution to Rosemary Nishikawa and Dr. Sharon Hiner of the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (CCRMC). CCRMC held Breast Health Fairs for uninsured Contra Costa women in October. CCRMC offers free pap smears and breast exams to all women who qualify. In addition, women aged 40 – 55 may receive a free screening mammogram if eligible. Call **1-877-616-8674** for more information.



From left, Nurse Rosemary Nishikawa and Dr. Sharon Hiner accept the Board resolution from Supervisor Uilkema.



Supervisor Uilkema visited the **Bayo Vista Child Development Center** located at 2 California Street in Rodeo. The center is a program of the Contra Costa Child Care Council. For more information about the services they provide, call **510-758-5439** or visit their website at <http://new.cocokids.org>.



The beautiful new facility at the Pinole Middle School.

Pinole Middle School Enters New Phase

Superintendent Bruce Harter of the West Contra Costa Unified School District joined with City of Pinole Mayor Peter Murray in celebrating the grand opening of Phase I of the Pinole Middle School. This school construction project is part of the 2002 \$300 million voter-approved Measure D and City of Pinole joint venture. The event, emceed by Principal Katie Cobb-von Husen, included facility tours, a presentation of colors, and performances by the Pinole Middle School band and cheerleaders.

In addition to brand new classrooms, the new facility houses the administrative office, library, computer lab and a state-of-the-art gymnasium. The gymnasium is a joint use project between the school district and the city and provides for sports and fitness programs for the residents of the community as well as for the students. The Pinole Recreation Department manages the sports and fitness activities from 6pm – 10pm weekdays, all day on weekends and during school breaks. For more information about the City of Pinole Recreation Dept., visit the City's website at www.ci.pinole.ca.us.



The John Muir Parkway and Tsushima Bridge (named after Hercules' sister city Tsushima, Japan) officially opened. The new access to Interstate 80 and Highway 4 provides much needed traffic relief for commuters. Hercules Mayor Joanne Ward and other council members and staff cut the ribbon to open the roadway.



Members of the Contra Costa and Solano Board of Supervisors join with Food Bank representatives to kick off the annual "Counties Care Friendly Food Fight"

Friendly Food Fight Pits Contra Costa against Solano County to Aid Food Bank

The Board of Supervisors accepted the annual challenge of Solano County to see which county can raise the most money and donations of food to assist the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano to help those in need. The food drive will take place between November 24th and December 25th. Virtually every Contra Costa County department, approximately 7,500 employees, has taken on the challenge to meet a goal of \$9 per employee.

To learn how you can help, visit the Food Bank's website at www.foodbankccs.org, call them at 925-676-7543, or call the Supervisor's office at 925-335-1046.

Thank you for your generosity!

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At left, Bill Marshall (in hat), a Korean War Purple Heart recipient and POW, joins Gayle at lunch during the "Walk of Honor" event held in Crockett.

At right, Supervisor Uilkema addresses the crowd attending the event and walked the Zampa bridge to show their appreciation to our selfless veterans.



Veterans' Day Flag Retirement in Pinole

The Pinole Historical Society and City of Pinole Community Services Commission conducted Pinole's first U.S. Flag Retirement ceremony on Veterans Day at Fernandez Park. Commander Carl Persdorf of The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2798 led the flag raising while the Pinole Valley High School Marching Band played The Star Spangled Banner. Mayor Peter Murray addressed the crowd. At a barbecue pit in the park, Scoutmaster Bob Mareiro presided over the Boy Scout Troop 86 flag retirement ceremony. Ten worn-out flags turned in by citizens, who had donated and received new flags, were honorably destroyed.



Rodeo Chamber President Mark Hughes, left, and past-President John Ellis, right, surround Gayle with camaraderie.

Rodeo Chamber Has Supervisor for Lunch

Supervisor Uilkema joined the Rodeo Chamber of Commerce for lunch at the Lefty Gomez Community Center. After lunch, the Supervisor reported on the status of the County budget and how the County's financial situation will likely impact the community. She gave an update on the Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council's activities and the recruitment of new members for that board. The Rodeo Marina and the Town Plaza project were also discussed. Gayle praised the work of the Chamber in its continuing efforts to make Rodeo a great place to live.

Board of Supervisors Actions

August '08 - November '08

Authorize disbursement of funds from the Industrial Job Training and Educational Support Fee to JSUSD, as recommended by Supervisor Uilkema.

Approve/Authorize waiver of rental fees at Lefty Gomez Field in Rodeo for Rodeo Chamber of Commerce's Annual Chili Cook Off and Car Show on 9/6/08 as unanimously recommended by the CSA R-10 CAC.

Add County Administrator-Exempt position for 9/1-9/30/08 in the CAO.

Public Employee Appointment: Title: Conservation and Development Director.

Declare September '08 "Nat'l Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month" in CCC, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Report on the Action Plan Updates for Routes of Regional Significance; Authorize letter to CCTA supporting a workshop on the Action Plan Updates; Consider need for further BOS discussion, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Conference with Labor Negotiators.

Prohibit parking, except for vehicles of individuals with disabilities, on north side of Winslow Street beginning at Bay Street for 20', Crockett.

Sidewalk Maintenance & Repair Ordinance imposing a duty on property owners for injuries to third parties as a result of property owner's failure to maintain abutting public sidewalk; Fix 9/23/08 for adoption.

"Support" position on US SB 294: Amtrak reauthorization; Authorize letter to congressional representatives.

Report on proposed Rule 20A Underground Utility Program Project Priority List.

Adopt Secured Roll Property Tax rates; Levy of property taxes FY08/09.

Continue emergency action taken by BOS 11/16/99 re: homelessness in CCC.

Report on progress made implementing CCC's Secondhand Smoke Ordinance.

Recommendation to award grant from Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund to Wildlife Project for habitat monitoring and assessment at the Moorhen Marsh; Authorize 9th annual bbq for law enforcement agencies to discuss fish & wildlife conservation/enforcement of regulations in CCC.

Terminate emergency action by BOS 11/27/07 re: Cosco Busan oil spill, SF Bay.

Report from Treasurer-Tax Collector on CCC investment policies.

Resolution kicking off '08 CCC Combined Charities Drive.

Report from CAO on the status of the state budget.

Consider adopting official position re: Peripheral Canal, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Fully close McEwen Road from 8am on 9/5 through 10am on 9/6/08 for roadwork, Martinez/Port Costa area.

Authorize Clerk-Recorder to expand confidentiality of voter registration information to include specified public safety officials pursuant to California Election Code §2166.7.

Amendment to Crockett Community Services District's Conflict of Interest Code.

Approve/Authorize request to CA Dept of Social Services, Adult Program Branch to increase IHSS Public Authority rate for CCC.

Recognize/Honor CAO John Cullen upon his retirement from CCC.

CAO's analysis of "Proposed Changes in Health Care Benefits Affecting Retired CCC Employees"; Determine action to be taken.

Recognize NAMI, CCC Chapter, for 30 years of service to mentally ill in CCC.

Introduce Ordinance which provides it is a misdemeanor for a person to host a gathering on private property where alcohol is consumed by any person under the age of 21.

Support position on EBRPD's Measure WW, regional open space, wildlife, shoreline, park bond that continues/extends provisions of Measure AA approved by voters in '88.

Report on rebalancing FY 08/09 Budget; Recommended alternative short and long-term options to rebalancing Budget; Determine additi'l action to be taken.

Appoint Nicholas Ynda, Dan Hardin to the Rodeo MAC, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Appoint Dalu Lingemann to the CSA R-10 CAC, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Declare vacant a seat on the CSA R-10 CAC; Direct COB to post vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Approve/Authorize a contract w/WCCUSD to pay CCC for School Health and Support Services Coordinator Project.

Resolution recognizing October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month", by Supervisor Uilkema.

County Contacts

Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema	(925) 335-1046
Abandoned Vehicles	(925) 313-2500
Adult Protective Services	(925) 313-2659
Agricultural Department	(925) 646-5250
Airport, Buchanan Field, Keith Freitas	(925) 646-5722
Animal Services Dept., Martinez – Glenn Howell	(925) 335-8300
Animal Services Dept., Pinole	(510) 374-3966
Area Agency on Aging, John Cottrell	(925) 313-1700
Auditor-Controller, Stephen Ybarra	(925) 646-2181
Building Inspection Division, Thom Huggett	(925) 335-1108
Building Application & Permits	(925) 646-1609
CCTV, Patricia Burke	(925) 313-1180
Children's Services – Adoptions	(925) 313-7770
Children's Protective Services – Central County	(925) 646-1680
Children's Protective Services – West County	(510) 374-3324
Clerk-Recorder, Stephen Weir	(925) 335-7899
Code Enforcement, Central County, Tim Honea	(925) 335-1128
West County, Tyrone Ridgle	(925) 335-1147
Lamorinda, Greg Wixom	(925) 299-0116
Community Development Division, Catherine Kutsuris	(925) 335-1221
Community Services, Pat Stroh	(925) 646-5990
Community Substance Abuse Services	(925) 313-6300
County Employment Information	(925) 335-1701
Contra Costa Health Plan, Milt Camhi	(925) 313-6000
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	(925) 370-5000
County Administrator, David Twa	(925) 335-1086
County Assessor, Gus Kramer	(925) 313-7400
County Librarian, Ann Cain	(925) 927-3205
Central Library	(925) 646-6434
Library –Crockett Branch	(510) 787-2345
Library –Hercules Branch	(510) 245-2420
Library –Lafayette Branch	(925) 283-3872
Library –Martinez Branch	(925) 646-2898
Library –Moraga Branch	(925) 376-6852
Library –Orinda Branch	(925) 254-2184
Library –Pinole Branch	(510) 758-2741
Library –Rodeo Branch	(510) 799-2606
Library –Walnut Creek Branch	(925) 646-6773
County Road Maintenance, Joe Yee	(925) 313-7000
District Attorney, Robert J. Kochly	(925) 957-2200
Employment & Human Services, Joe Valentine	(925) 313-1500
Environmental Health, Sherm Quinlan	(925) 646-5225
Fire District of Contra Costa, Chief Keith Richter	(925) 930-5500
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 787-2717
Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection Dist.	(925) 258-4599
Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 799-4561
First Time Home Buyers	(925) 335-7235
Grand Jury	(925) 646-2345
Hazardous Materials Ombudsman, Michael Kent	(925) 370-5020
Head Start Programs	(925) 646-5540
Health Services, William Walker, MD	(925) 370-5003
Homeless Programs	(925) 313-6736
Household Hazardous Waste	(800) 750-4096
Housing Authority, Joseph Villarreal	(925) 957-8011
In-Home Support Services	(925) 313-1770
Juvenile Hall	(925) 646-4800
LAFCO, Lou Ann Texeira	(925) 646-4090
Law Library	(925) 646-2783
Legal Assistant for the Elderly	(510) 374-3712
Martinez Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(925) 646-4495
Medi-Cal Services Eligibility	(925) 646-2941
Mental Health Services, Donna Wigand	(925) 957-5150
Mosquito Abatement/Vector Control	(925) 685-9301
Office of Emergency Services	(925) 646-4461
Private Industry Council	(925) 646-5239
Probation Department, Lionel Chatman	(925) 313-4023
Public Defender, David Coleman	(925) 335-8000
Public Works, Julie Bueren	(925) 313-2202
Retirement Office	(925) 646-5741
Sheriff-Coroner, Warren Rupf	(925) 335-1500
Superior Court, Clerk of the Court	(925) 646-2951
Superior Court, Jury Services	(925) 646-2002
Superior Court, Richmond	(510) 374-3800
Superior Court, Richmond, Jury Info	(510) 374-3803
Treasurer-Tax Collector, William Pollacek	(925) 646-4122
Veterans Service Office, Phil Munley	(925) 313-1481
West County Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(510) 262-4200

Additional county departmental information can be found on the county website: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/

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Board of Supervisors Actions (continued)

Recognize Loc Nguyen on his retirement from CCC DOIT.

Approve/Authorize grant from Crockett Community Foundation for beautification project of the Crockett Library.

Approve/Authorize grant from Target Corp on behalf of CCC Library and W. County Reads for publishing the W. County Reads! '09 Read Around the Year Calendar.

FY 08/09 local departmental cuts and associated CCC/Special District appropriations and revenue adjustments to rebalance Budget; State cuts to local programs for CCC/Special Districts to adjust for impact of State revenue loss; Direct CAO continue to work w/departments and return once final State allocations are known to adopt specific appropriation adjustments; Authorize reduction of General Fund Reserve Designation; Authorize transfer of appropriations to Contingency Appropriation-General/Appropriation for Contingency; Acknowledge further economic impacts may require subsequent adjustments; Declare intent to adopt no growth FY 09/10 Budget.

Reappoint Dr. Allan Tobias and Deborah Campbell to the Emergency Medical Care Committee, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Declare vacant Seat on CCC Mental Health Commission; Direct COB post vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Approve/Authorize grant from CA Dept of Boating/Waterways for boating safety enforcement/abandoned vessel removal.

Report experience w/local vendor preference program during 07/08; Direct another experience report in one year.

Honor East Bay Stand Down for providing services to veterans in CCC.

Report on measures to mitigate impact of housing foreclosure crisis on local communities; Consider amending CCC Vacant Structures Ordinance to shorten time for abating vacant structures; fix 11/18/08 for adoption; adopting related CEQA.

Delta Water Strategic Plan, Action Plan/Platform Executive Summary/prioritization documents, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Report on Union Pacific's plans to restart freight train operations on "Mococo" RR line; Authorize letter to CCC congressional and senate delegation seeking assistance to review/consider changes to existing federal RR legislation to allow more local jurisdiction input, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Prohibit parking on south side of Pomona Street beginning at Duperu Drive and extending west for 100', Crockett.

Approve/Authorize amendment to agreement for easement w/Pinole to extend term of agreement for Pinole Creek Demonstration Project, Pinole.

Report on PG&E Coordination Efforts for Street Light Maintenance w/Cities and CCC.

Approve/Authorize Termination Agreement terminating the lease for the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building.

Approve/Authorize Termination Agreement terminating the lease for the Rodeo Veterans Memorial.

Note: this is a partial list of Board activities. A complete record of Board activities can be found at the County's web page: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you been looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in meeting new and interesting people? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then here is your opportunity!

County Service Area R-10 CAC

Applicants must be from Rodeo. This Committee serves to advise and make recommendations to Supervisor Uilkema and the administrative departments of the county regarding the desires of the Community of Rodeo in the area of local parks, recreation facilities and youth programs. Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Lefty Gomez Recreation Center. Term is two years.

Rodeo Municipal Advisory Council

Applicants must be from Rodeo. This Council serves to advise the BOS on land use and planning matters affecting the Rodeo Community, represents the Rodeo Community before the County Planning Commission Zoning Administrator, and the Board of Supervisors on such land use, planning and zoning matters. The Council may also request related County assistance concerning the foregoing planning matters. The duties of the former Rodeo Redevelopment Project Area Committee have also been transferred to the Rodeo MAC. Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Rodeo Senior Center.

Montalvin Manor Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Applicants should be business or property owner or their representative from Tara Hills Shopping Center. This committee serves to advise the RDA and the Board of Supervisors on issues related to redevelopment in the Montalvin area and unincorporated San Pablo.

Contra Costa County Library Commission

Serves to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian as to the needs of the public as well as to develop and recommend proposals for the betterment of the County Library including such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County; to provide a link between the community and the Library System; and to establish a forum for the community to express its' views regarding goals and operations of the County Library. Meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 7pm.

Juvenile Systems Planning Advisory Committee

JSPAC was formed in 1992 to plan for and fund a replacement juvenile hall and later, to develop an entire continuum of services for delinquent youth of Contra Costa County. Having achieved its initial goals, JSPAC continues to assess and provide for the current needs of the Juvenile Systems in Contra Costa County. The Committee meets monthly. The term is two years.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board

Applicants shall have a professional interest in, or personal commitment to, alleviating problems related to drug abuse and inappropriate alcohol use in their community. Any individual who is a paid employee of or a paid consultant to any agency which contracts with the County on behalf of its Health Services Department for any drug or alcohol-related programs is prohibited from serving on this Board. Any individual who is a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of any agency which contracts with the County on behalf of its Health Services Department or any drug or alcohol-related program is discouraged from serving. Meets the 4th Wednesday from 3:45-6:15pm.

Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission

Serves to review and evaluate mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems; advise the governing body and local mental health director; review performance outcome data and communicate findings to the State Mental Health Commission; assess impact of realignment of services delivered to clients and the local community. Meets in Martinez, 4th Tuesday at 4:30.

Application forms available from Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema's office at 925-335-1046, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office at 925-335-1900 or can be downloaded from the District 2 website at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/