

Clayton Community Calendar

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR CLAYTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR EVENTS BY 5 P.M. DEC. 12 FOR THE DEC. 21 ISSUE. FAX TO 672-6580 OR E-MAIL calendar@claytonpioneer.com

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THROUGH DEC. 9

Holiday Teas and Faire @ Shadelands Ranch Museum

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Thursdays until 7 p.m.). The 25th Annual Shadelands Ranch Museum Holiday Tea and Faire is sponsored by the non profit Walnut Creek Historical Society and will feature high-quality crafts and specialty holiday items for sale. Hand-made gifts and quilts, clothing, jewelry, porcelain, and gourmet foods are only a few of the items available. High tea (3 course luncheon) will be served 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free. 935-5354. Shadelands Ranch Museum, 2660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

THROUGH DEC. 9

What the Butler Saw @ Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill

A comedy by Joe Orton, What the Butler Saw is a wild melee of disappearances, disguises and discoveries as husband and wife try to hide their indiscretions from one another. Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2:30 p.m., tickets are \$8-\$13. Call (925) 687-4445. Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Road Pleasant Hill.



THROUGH DEC. 11

Patty Cakes @ Clayton Community Library

11 a.m. Tuesdays. Story time for babies up to 3 year olds. Child attends with caregiver. 673-0659. Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road.

DEC. 6 - 9

Holiday Art Sale @ Civic Arts Shadelands and Civic Arts Studios D & E, Walnut Creek

Great holiday shopping opportunity, or gift yourself. All events held at both sites. Opening Party Dec. 6 from 5 - 9 p.m. Refreshments and live music. All media sale continues Dec. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sale will include works from Clayton artists Ellen Sachschaale and Sauzia Qureshi. Civic Arts Education, Shadelands campus, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Civic Arts Park, 1313 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. For info call 925-943-5846.



DEC. 7 - 15

Contra Costa Christian Theatre Presents Christmas at the Biltmore @ Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church

This touching story examines the resilience of family in the midst of crisis. It revolves around the Biltmore Hotel and their annual holiday event. As each guest arrives we see that their family has brought a burden with them on their vacation. Aided by quirky members of the hotel staff, the guests come to a deeper meaning of family while resolving their problems. Performances Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. Ticket Prices \$15 - \$20. For tickets go to www.ccchristiantheatre.org. Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Avenue, Walnut Creek.

DEC. 8

CBCA Presents Santa and Mrs. Claus @ Clayton Community Library

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visit with Santa Claus and enjoy dessert with Mrs. Claus. There will be prizes, party favors, candy canes and photo. Free for children 12 and under. Donation appreciated. Christmas in Clayton hosted by the elves of the CBCA (Clayton Business & Community Association, 672-2272). Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road.

DEC. 8

Holiday Girl Scout Boutique @ Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Looking for some cute, fast and inexpensive gifts for the upcoming holidays? Come to our boutique. We'll have handmade crafts, gift baskets, decorations, baked goods, jewelry and much more. Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Concord.

DEC. 31

Clayton Counts Down @ Clayton Community Gym

5 - 10:30 p.m. Annual Clayton Counts Down New Year's Eve party for families in an alcohol-free environment with food, games and prizes. Clayton Community Gym, 700 gym Court. For information call YMCA at 889-1600.

JAN. 6

Annual Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling

Clayton residents, have your tree curbside by 8 a.m. for recycling of your Christmas tree. Keep your tree out of landfill and help support Boy Scout Troop 484. Donations accepted, checks made to Troop 484 and attach to tree inside a bag or send to BSA Troop 484, c/o 709Tally Ho Court, Clayton 94517. No flocked or artificial trees. Questions? Call Ken Frey at 925-323-1524 or kjfrey1701@yahoo.com.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

DEC. 6

Sons in Retirement (SIRS) @ Oakhurst Country Club

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month. SIRS is dedicated to promoting the independence and dignity of retired men and has no initiation fees or dues. The only requirement, other than being a man who is retired from his primary employment or career, is attendance at the monthly luncheons. Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Dr., Clayton. For more information, call Carl Sisson, 672-6418.

DEC. 9, 16, 23

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting @ Clayton Community Church

7-8 p.m. AA Big Book Study every Sunday night. 673-9060. Clayton Community Church, 6055 Main St., Clayton.

DEC. 9

Concord Mystery Book Club @ Concord Library

2:30-4 p.m. All mystery readers are invited to participate and explore a different genre each month. Group meets the second Sunday of the month. Concord Library, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord, 646-5455.

DEC. 9

VFW Breakfast @ Concord Veterans Memorial Hall

8 - 11 a.m. Breakfast is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausages, coffee, tea and orange juice. \$4/adults and \$2/children under 12. Concord Veterans Memorial Hall located at 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord.

DEC. 10

Clayton Valley 4-H Club @ Farm Bureau Hall, Concord

7 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 5 - 19, and adults. Many projects, community service and leadership opportunities. Conferences, 4-H Camp and scholarships. For information contact Candy Hogan 925 969-1325. Farm Bureau Hall, 5554 Clayton Rd. Concord 94521.

DEC. 11, 22

Scrabble Club @ Carl's Jr.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Club meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month. All ages and skill levels. Prizes and contests. We have grown from six players to a roster of sixty in a year's time. Just \$2 to play for the day. Carl's Jr., 1530 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton.

DEC. 11, 18

Kiwanis Club of Walnut Creek

12-1:30 p.m. every Tuesday. All are invited to check us out and be our guest for lunch. Call Sam Totah at 941-1536. Massimo's Ristorante, 1604 Locust St., Walnut Creek.

DEC. 11

Clayton Valley Woman's Club @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. coffee; 10 a.m. meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The drawing for the raffle baskets prepared for our recent Kitchen Tour will take place. Call Joyce at 672-3850 or Sheila at 672-7947. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1092 Alberta Way, Concord.

DEC. 13, 20, 27

Rotary Club of Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise @ Oakhurst

7 a.m. every Thursday. Meeting includes breakfast and usually features a speaker. Visit www.claytonvalleyrotary.org or call Chuck Graham at 689-7640. Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Dr., Clayton.

DEC. 13, 20, 27

Weights Watchers Meeting @ Contra Costa Farm Bureau Building

10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Weekly Weight Watchers weigh-in and

meetings. Call 800-326-8450, x 2023. Contra Costa Farm Bureau, 5554 Clayton Rd., Concord.

DEC. 15

Contra Costa Chess Club @ Starbucks, Clayton

7:30 - 10:30 p.m. The Contra Costa Chess Club welcomes chess players of all ages and skill levels, and we provide instruction and materials for beginners. We are governed by the USCF Rules of Chess, and it's coffeehouse chess at its best. There is no cost to playing in or joining the club. Contra Costs Chess Club meeting at Starbucks, 1536 Kirker Pass Rd., Clayton.

DEC. 15

Creekside Artists Guild Holiday Party

Both the regular General and Events meetings will be cancelled this month so that artists can greet and gather for festive holiday cheer. Potluck will be held at CAG member's home, please call: Lucille @ (925) 674-0517. Next CAG General meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, January 9th @ 7-8:30pm in the Story Room of the Clayton Community Library. Website...www.creeksideartists.org Questions? Arlene Kikkawa-Nielsen (925) 673-9777 or nielsenjanc@aol.com

DEC. 16

Clayton Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Christmas Luncheon @ Oakhurst

No host bar at 12 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. All veterans and those supporting America's Veterans are invited. Cost is \$26.00 per person. Luncheon selection is Tri-tip Beef, Pork Tenderloin or, Pasta with or without Chicken. Seating is limited. Call Pete Loechner (925) 255-3449, or Paul Carroll, (925) 628-9508. Merry Christmas Clayton Valley, Thanks for supporting all Veterans. Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Drive, Clayton.

DEC. 19

Ygnacio Valley Republican Women @ Oakhurst County Club.

10 a.m. Lunch is \$20. Installation of new officers. Please phone Barbara Allen at 672-5061. YVRW meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek Drive, Clayton.

DEC. 20

Veterans of Foreign Wars Meeting @ Concord Veterans Hall

6 p.m., with meeting beginning at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. All veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend. The VFW is here to support eligible veterans and their families. Wives and daughters of eligible veterans are invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary. Veterans Memorial Hall, corner of Colfax and Willow Pass Road, Concord.

DEC. 26

Blue Star Mom Meeting in Concord

6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Blue Star Moms is a support and service group for those serving in all branches of the Armed Forces. 676-3654.1792 Elmhurst Lane, Concord.

BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT

DEC. 10

Clayton Trails and Landscape Committee @ Clayton Library

7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. Residents are invited to attend to hear what is being proposed and to provide input and get answers to questions. Clayton Community Library Meeting Room, 6125 Clayton Road.

DEC. 11

Clayton Planning Commission @ Clayton Community Library

7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. www.ci.clayton.ca.us or 673-7304. Clayton Library Meeting Room, 6125 Clayton Road.

DEC. 11, 18

County Board of Supervisors @ County Administration Building

9 a.m. Tuesday mornings. www.co.contra-costa.ca.us or 335-1900. County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Room 107, Martinez.

DEC. 13

Clayton Community Services Commission @ Clayton City Hall

7 p.m. The commission meets the second Thursday of the month. Clayton City Hall, 6000 Heritage Trail.

DEC. 18

Clayton City Council @ Clayton Community Library

6 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. Agendas posted at City Hall, 6000 Heritage Trail. Clayton Community Library Meeting Room, 6125 Clayton Road.



The Clayton YMCA offers a variety of classes and activities for all ages. From Pilates to ornament decorating, from Kids' Nights Out to Lego Camp, try the Y for fun things to do.

DEC. 5-26 PILATES

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Ages 12 and up. All levels welcome. This class benefits all body systems and contributes to overall wellness. This ongoing class is an ideal complement to any exercise program and great for stress relief.

DEC. 8 ALL STAR BASKETBALL CLINIC: DRIBBLING AND PASSING

2-4 p.m., Grades 1-5. This is the second clinic in a series of three. Focus will be placed on each participants dribbling and passing skills through group work, drills, scrimmage and individual attention.

DEC. 12 ORNAMENT DECORATING

6-8 p.m. Free Event. Family programs are offered on a regular basis at the Clayton Community Gym. They are designed to provide families with quality time so they can interact with each other and participate in activities, as well as develop new friendships in their local community.

DEC. 15 ALL STAR BASKETBALL CLINIC: DEFENSE

2-4 p.m., Grades 1-5. This is the last clinic in a series of three. Focus

will be placed defense and rebounding skills through group work, drills, scrimmage and individual attention.

DEC. 15 KIDS NIGHT OUT

6-11 p.m. Ages 3-12. Bring the kids down to the Clayton Community Gym for an evening of fun while you have a night out on the town. Children will enjoy crafts, games, movies, and dinner while you are worry-free knowing they are in a safe and friendly environment. Dinner and snacks are provided. Kids Night Out is offered the third Saturday each month.

DEC. 26-28 BASKETBALL CAMP AT

9 a.m. -12 p.m., Grades 1-5. Score a slam dunk! You'll have a blast at this camp designed for basketball players of all levels. Drills, games and fun are the highlights for this camp so sign up and start dribbling.

JAN. 2-4

LEGO CAMP: PRE-ENGINEERING

9 a.m. -12 p.m. Grades K-2. Create, play and learn. Instructors from Play-Well TEKnologies, a company specializing in teaching engineering to kids, will help campers build a town, city or star base with houses, buildings, pyramids, bridges, tunnels, towers, and more. Campers will build motorized cars, trains, buses, and trucks and then race, crash and repair them. Explore the many possibilities of LEGO building systems while learning useful construction techniques and having a ton of fun!

JAN. 2-4

LEGO CAMP: ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS

1-4 pm, Grades 3-5. Led by instructors from Play-Well TEKnologies, campers will get to design and build motorized machines, catapults, pyramids, demolition derby cars, truss and suspension bridges,

buildings, and other constructions. Explore concepts in physics, mechanical engineering, structural engineering, and architecture while playing with your favorite creations. This is a hands-on and minds-on class suitable for LEGO novices to "maniacs."

JAN. 26-MAR. 15 BASKETBALL

9 a.m. Grades Pre K-8. Dribble, pass and shoot your way into the YMCA's basketball league. The games are coached by parent volunteers and are refereed by YMCA staff. All practices and games are played for one hour on Saturdays and game times are scheduled by the YMCA at the Clayton Community Gym. Register by December 26 and receive special early bird pricing.

For more information or to register for any of these classes, call (925) 889-1600, or register online at mdrymca.org.