



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

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"Most people have to talk so they won't hear."

– May Sarton, Belgian-American writer

Fire Station #2

Last week we celebrated the groundbreaking for Fire Station #2 located at 2290 University Avenue. Congratulations to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District on this new chapter of the project; we are very excited to have a new Fire Station in East Palo Alto!



Our Residents



East Palo Alto resident Folau Niuva has made his third start for the United States' Eagles rugby team. We are very proud of all of the accomplishments of his career, and we wish the team the best of luck in their quest for the 2015 Rugby World cup!

PGA Superstore

The PGA Superstore recently celebrated their one year anniversary. Many people came from near and far to celebrate on Saturday March, 22. Congratulations PGA Superstore! We are very fortunate to have you in our City.



Operation Sunny Day

As recently covered by the media, the grand jury indictment of sixteen members and associates of three criminal street gangs from the cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. This indictment is the result of the year-long investigation by numerous law enforcement officers from San Mateo County, and the neighboring counties of Santa Clara and San Francisco. This multi-agency investigation, named "Operation Sunny Day" was the largest and most extensive investigation of its kind in San Mateo County.



Welcome Steve Belcher

I would like to welcome our new Interim Police Captain, Steve Belcher, to our Police Department. Steve is a wonderful professional and comes back to us with wonderful experience. He was the Police Chief in Santa Cruz and recently served as Interim Chief for the City of Bell and helped rebuild that organization. Steve also served as Interim Chief in East Palo Alto in 2004. Welcome Steve, we're glad to have you!



Measure C Oversight Committee

The City of East Palo Alto continues recruitment for the Measure C Oversight Committee, and the deadline has been extended to April 18th. To qualify, applicants must be residents of East Palo Alto and be 18 years or older. To ensure proper administration of revenue collection and spending, and the implementation of the programs mandated by the Crime Fighting Act of 2007, the City Council will appoint 15 members to the committee. For more information and to download an application follow the link: www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1050. You may also contact Emily Pharr, Measure C Program Coordinator at 650-853-3149 or epharr@cityofepa.org. Please spread the word.

Openings for Advisory Bodies

It's that time of year again where we seek help from the community to serve on the following committees. Please spread the word and apply if you are interested. Recruitment for the following advisory bodies is currently open and will close on April 7, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- (1 Alternate seat term-ending May 31, 2017)
- (1 Regular seat term-ending May 31, 2017)

Public Works And Transportation Commission

- (1 Alternate seat term-ending May 31, 2017)
- (1 Regular seat term-ending May 31, 2017)

Rent Stabilization Commission

- (1 Regular seat term-ending May 31, 2017)
- (1 Regular unexpired term ending May 31, 2015)

Senior Advisory Committee

- (1 Alternate Seat-term ending May 31, 2017)
- (2 Regular Seats-terms each ending May 31, 2017)

Measure C Oversight Committee

- (15 Seats-terms each ending June 30, 2017)

For more information regarding this recruitment please go to <http://www.cityofepa.us/DocumentCenter/View/675>

Community Earth Day Celebration



Saturday, April 19th, is our Community Earth Day Celebration, co-sponsored by the City of East Palo Alto. Registration begins at 8:30am at Bell Street Park, 500 Bell Street. Hands-on activities and workshops

include: Bay Trail restoration, tree care, street cleanup, planting, compost/recycling, and much more. For more information contact Elizabeth Sarniento at Elizabeth@greenfoothills.org or (650) 968-7243 x 340.

Survey: Stormwater Funding Initiative

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County is evaluating the viability of a county-wide funding initiative to generate additional revenue for C/CAG's member agencies for stormwater compliance activities. The purpose of both surveys is to gauge public awareness and opinions about water pollution prevention efforts in their communities. Local residents will be asked a variety of questions related to urban runoff, clean water, and pollution reduction, as well as their willingness to support a local fee for improved water quality. If you receive these surveys or have any questions about these surveys, please contact Sandy Wong at (650) 599-1409.

Reading Rainbow in the Park

This year's Reading Rainbow in the Park event is scheduled for May 17th at Bell Street Park. Join and share the joy and fun of reading with youth of all ages.

National River Cleanup Day

Save the date! Be part of the solution to creek pollution! Saturday, May 17 is Nation River Cleanup Day. Please reserve a spot to volunteer at the San Francisquito Creek from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the corner of Woodland and Manhattan, just across the street from the Four Seasons. Thank you for your support to improve the health of our environment and that of our waterways.

www.cleanacreek.org/upcomingcleanupevents_NRC14.asp



Bell St. Park and O'Connor Pump Station

What do Bell St. Park and the O'Connor Pump Station have in common? Until this March, both have been listed by the County as belonging to entities that no longer exist, the Ravenswood Park, Recreation and Parkway District and the East Palo Alto County Waterworks District. Even though these properties and four others were transferred to the City by operation of law when the Ravenswood District was dissolved at the time the City incorporated in 1983 and when the Waterworks District was dissolved in 2006, the official records did not reflect ownership by the City. The County insisted the only way to reflect City ownership was to process deeds. Thanks to Valerie Armento, and with the assistance of an escrow company, the deeds were prepared and filed so that now all the City parks and all the former waterworks properties are in the name of the City of East Palo Alto.

Silver Dragon Exercise

Volunteers are needed for a countywide exercise on April 17th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. East Palo Alto, like other cities, will have its own response team in the community. Volunteers will participate in a drill to assess their readiness to provide timely emergency assistance in the event of a major health emergency such as Pandemic Influenza, a food or water-borne illness. For more information or to sign up contact Elizabeth Lam at elam@cityofepa.org

Jobs for Youth

The San Mateo County Jobs for Youth Internship program is an 8-10 week summer program for jobs for youth participants who would like the opportunity to work for the County of San Mateo. The internship program is geared to provide young adults valuable work experience and to develop employment skills. Interns are placed in several county departments and receive supervision and mentoring from government leaders. Applications are due April 30th. For more information visit:

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Streamers in Creek

You may have seen streamers located at the San Francisquito Creek and wondered what they are. These streamers were put in by Cal-Trans to ward off birds from nesting on the bridge. Since it is a requirement that we do not disturb nesting birds during construction, these streamers must be placed to prevent them from getting under the bridge.



On a personal note...

I recently participated in my first 5K! The event raised money for our future women leaders. I had a great time and was in good company, including Vice Mayor Gauthier.



"Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore."

- Cesar Chavez