



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

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"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." – Maya Angelou

GFOA Award



The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the City of East Palo Alto the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Congratulations to our finance team! Many thanks to all of your continued work in moving us forward as an organization.

Welcome to East Palo Alto

A new "Welcome to East Palo Alto" sign has recently been installed on University Ave. and Kavanaugh Dr. to replace the one that was previously tampered with. Thank you to our wonderful Maintenance crew!



Westside Area Plan Town Hall Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2014, 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2415 University Ave.

Community members are invited and encouraged to participate in an important General Plan Update Town Hall Meeting focusing on the Westside Area (the area west of Highway 101 – the Woodland, Willows, and University Circle neighborhoods). This is one in a series of General Plan Town Hall Meetings about the Westside, and it's another chance for residents to share their vision and ideas for what they want this area to be in the future.

Employment Opportunities



Have you ever thought about working for the City of East Palo Alto? You can now sign up to receive notifications of all job opportunities at our website:

www.cityofepa.org/list.aspx

Mark Zuckerberg, wife Priscilla Chan donate to SF Bay Area schools

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, have recently announced that they are pledging \$120 million to help improve the San Francisco Bay Area's public school system. The first \$5 million will go to support school districts including East Palo Alto, and will focus on principal training, classroom technology and helping students transition from the 8th to the 9th grade. This comes at a very critical time as less than 40% of students in our community were proficient on state tests in English language arts and less than 50% of students were proficient in math. Thank you to Mark and Priscilla for their generous donation and for their determination to make a difference in our community!



Senior Housing

EPA Can Do, along with MidPen Housing and the City of East Palo Alto are partnering to develop high-quality affordable senior housing on University Avenue. The project aims to develop a design that is complimentary to the neighborhood, and to create a community that supports resident health and social activities. You can participate and give your input at the next community meeting on June 10 at 7:00pm at Faith Missionary Baptist Church (835 Runnymede Street). Click [here](#) to download the flyer. For more information contact Robert Jones at (650) 473-9838 or at rjones@epacando.org.

City Anniversary

Don't miss the City-wide celebration on June 28th beginning at 7:30pm at Cesar Chavez Academy School (2450 Ralmar Ave). Download the flyer [here](#).


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New Playground

A brand new playground is going to be built at Bell Street Park this summer – and we need volunteers help to make it happen! Go to www.cityofepa.org/NewPlayground for details.



This great community project is a partnership between East Palo Alto, project sponsor Coupons.com, the Lewis and Joan Platt East Palo Alto YMCA, and nonprofit parks group KaBOOM!, which is coordinating the project.

There are several opportunities for you, your kids, family, friends, and neighbors to join together in this fun project to bring this new playground to our community's youth:

- Design Day (June 18) - the playground area at Bell Street Park will be outlined, then everyone will move to the YMCA where kids can draw their dream playground and offer ideas for what play equipment might be included; this kids workshop is followed by a parent workshop
- Prep Days (August 18, 19) – this is a day (or two) when volunteers accomplish various tasks to get the site ready for playground installation
- Build Day (August 20) – this is the big day! Community volunteers join with KaBOOM! and volunteers from Coupons.com to get the City's new playground up and running!

Join in the fun to design and build a new playground at Bell Street Park – learn more and volunteer to help bring this to the children in our community:

www.cityofepa.org/NewPlayground

Rent Stabilization



I am happy to announce to the Council and the community the newly published, bilingual, brochures from the Rent Stabilization Program. These brochures outline some very helpful information including (A) rent limit violations, (B) problems with maintenance, services, habitability, and (C) Landlord's failure to properly register unit with the rent board. Click [here](#) to view it online.

Parent Project Update

Congratulations to the 22 parents that graduated from the Parent Project ® Spanish course. In efforts to make services available in East Palo Alto, the Truancy Prevention Coordinator has developed partnerships and as a result the Parent Project ® Spanish course came to East Palo Alto!

This FREE parent course is for parents that have children with destructive behavior, such as truancy, drug use, gang involvement, violence, etc. The primary goals of the Parent Project ® are to reduce family conflict, reduce juvenile crime, reduce recidivism and improve both school performance and attendance, the number one indicator of juvenile delinquency. The Truancy Prevention Coordinator is working to bring the next Parent Project ® course to East Palo Alto in the fall. Additionally, a Pacific Islander focused Parent Project ® course will be available in Daly City. First class will start June 24th at Our Second Home, 725 Prince St, Daly City. To sign up or for more information contact Sisilia Fifita at (650) 363-7818 sfifita@smcgov.org or Brittany Afu at (650) 513-0330 Ext. 356 bafu@pcrcweb.org.



Disaster Preparedness Day

San Mateo County's 10th annual Disaster Preparedness Day will be on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the San Mateo County Fair from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Learn how to put together a disaster plan and emergency kit. Arrive before 11:00am for a free admission to the county fair. Click [here](#) for more information, or call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 363-4790.

Bay Road Improvements Project Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 6:30pm
Community Room, City Hall, 2415 University Ave.

You are invited to the second Community Meeting for the Bay Road Project II and III. Come and see the revisions to the design from input received at the previous community meeting. Ask questions on the project or the project elements including streetscape, bicycle, pedestrian, and infrastructure improvements along Bay Road from Clarke Avenue to the Bay Trail. You can download the invitation [here](#). Contact Kamal Fallaha for more details at (650) 853-3117 or at kfallaha@cityofepa.org.

College for Working Adults

Are you interested in Collage and are a working Adult? Earn up to three Associate of Arts degrees by attending classes only one night per week and every other Saturday at Cañada College. If you are interested visit



www.canadacollege.edu/CWA. If you have questions or need more information about the program, email canadacwa@smccd.edu or call Jeri at (650) 306-3304.

22 BMR units for seniors available in

Peninsula Del Rey, an SRG Senior Living Community, currently has 22 units of below market rate independent living for seniors available. The development is located at 165 Pierce Street, Daly City, CA 94015. Please help forward this announcement. A flyer with more information, including income requirements, is available for viewing [here](#).



D-Day 70th Anniversary



Today we remember the lives lost during the Normandy Landings and the battle of Normandy to celebrate the victories won in the fight for freedom against Nazi tyranny. I want to take this opportunity to thank and salute our service men and women today, and those who changed history with their heroism 70 years ago that allows us to enjoy the freedom we know today.

*"A wise woman wishes to be no one's enemy;
a wise woman refuses to be anyone's victim.*

— Maya Angelou