



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

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Some people grumble because roses have thorns; I am thankful that the thorns have roses — Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr, French critic

East Palo Alto Well Represented At The White House

Sahari Espinoza, a local East Palo Alto resident, was recently honored in Washington D.C., and named a Champion of Change by the Obama administration.



Sahari came to the Bay Area from Mexico at a very young age. With her parents still in Mexico, Sahari has become a recipient of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which made her eli-

gible to get a driver's license and a job.

Sahari has built a website to educate other DACA recipients about scholarship opportunities.

Sahari says, "we are from this country and we're part of this country and we're here to make it succeed." Click [here](#) to view the full story.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving and California Office of Traffic Safety Recognize Officer Paul Norris



Officer Paul Norris, a 26 year veteran of the East Palo Alto Police Department, was recognized at a formal dinner event in Sacramento hosted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the California Office of Traffic Safety. Officer Norris made 17 arrests for driving under the influence during the enforcement pe-

riod. Our thanks to Officer Norris for his focus on such a worthy cause.

New Artwork At City Hall

New artwork is currently being displayed at City Hall on the second floor. Our thanks to the students of the East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy for their beautiful work on these pieces.

Juneteenth

This Saturday, June 21, marks the City's annual Juneteenth Festival, starting at 10:00am at Bell Street Park. This will be a free event with great food and live music. Contact Patrick Brock for more information and vendor opportunities at (650) 799-8563. You can download the flyer [here](#).



Officer Joel Davis End of Watch

On June 22, 1988, Officer Joel Davis, a patrol officer for the East Palo Alto Police Department, was killed in the line of duty while chasing an armed subject.

I ask the entire organization and community to join me in honoring Officer Davis by observing a moment of silence on June 22, to recognize that Officer Davis made the ultimate sacrifice as a police officer for our community.

On 6-22-14 all Police will wear the memorial ribbon across their badge, and the Departmental flag shall be lowered to half staff.

Our thanks to those that have taken an oath to uphold the law and protect those who cannot protect themselves. Some have paid the ultimate sacrifice and should never be forgotten.

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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Police Chief Recruitment

Bob Murray and Associates is proceeding with the executive recruitment for a new Police Chief. The brochure for the position has been distributed widely and ads have been placed in relevant publications and on websites. To see a copy of the brochure, please click [here](#).

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.



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:

- 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!

Learn more and volunteer to help bring this to the children in our community:

www.cityofepa.org/NewPlayground
650-853-3153 childrenplay@cityofepa.org

15 SamTrans Scheduling Changes

SamTrans will undergo a series of scheduling and service changes this month to help improve efficiency and on-time performance for 15 routes in the system.

The adjustments, which started on June 15, are designed to increase connections with other transit systems, such as BART and Caltrain, and make service on the routes more reliable. SamTrans reviews its system three times a year, to take into account changing traffic impacts, travel patterns and bus operator availability.

The lines recently altered include the ECR, KX and both of SamTrans' new flex services, the Pacifica and San Carlos FLX. A full list of the affected routes, and a description of the changes, can be found in SamTrans' Riders Digest [here](#).

Major Changes to East Palo Alto Shuttle Service Coming July 1

A new free shuttle route will be implemented on July 1st, which will provide service between the Woodland/Bayshore neighborhood in East Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Caltrain station at Alma Street/Lytton Avenue. The new shuttle route is being provided in partnership with the City of Palo Alto.

Regrettably, due to unavailability of funding and operating restrictions, the free shuttle service on the east side of Route 101 will be discontinued on June 30.

While the free shuttle will no longer operate on the east side of Route 101 as of July 1, residents in those neighborhoods are served by existing SamTrans bus routes 280, 281, and 296, as well as SamTrans Redi-Wheels for seniors and disabled residents. Schedule, fare, and route information for SamTrans buses and Redi-Wheels is available by calling 650-660-4287 (TTY only at 650-508-6648), or going online to www.samtrans.com.

In addition, door-to-door shuttle service is available to qualified senior and disabled residents in East Palo Alto, to and from the East Palo Alto senior center. More information on this program is available by contacting Tammy Holloway at 650-853-5907 or by email at tholloway@cityofepa.org.

After July 1, East Palo Alto residents seeking assistance with accessing any of these alternatives are encouraged to contact Michelle Daher, East Palo Alto Environmental Coordinator, by calling 650-853-3197, visiting 1960 Tate Street, or emailing mdaher@cityofepa.org.

Further information including a map of the new route is online at www.cityofepa.org/shuttle or available by calling 650-853-3197.

Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not. – Oprah Winfrey