



Magda's NOTES AND QUOTES

Office of the City Manager

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"The important thing is not to stop questioning."
— Albert Einstein

Remembering Debbie



As some may be aware, our esteemed friend and colleague Debbie Bickell passed away on June 19, 2014.

Prior to working with the City of East Palo Alto, Debbie had completed a 30 year journey with the YMCA. She started with the YMCA in Berkeley, after graduating from UC Berkeley, and moved to Hawaii where she worked for the YMCA for 15 years. She then returned to California and assisted with establishing the YMCA in East Palo Alto, and worked with the YMCA in San Pedro.

Debbie was a thoughtful, caring, and compassionate person, and was a big advocate for children and young adults. She strived to create programs that would help them become productive adults.

On June 27, two of her former colleagues from the East Palo Alto YMCA gathered her friends, colleagues and residents at Cooley Landing in memory of Debbie. It was especially appropriate to have a memorial there as it had a special place in Debbie's heart. As we think about Debbie, we know that she touched many lives along her life's path, and she will always be remembered for that.

Office Hours with Assemblyman Rich Gordon



Assemblyman Rich Gordon wants to hear from you! He will be holding office hours on Monday, July 14, at the East Palo Alto Family YMCA. Learn about legislation, share your thoughts on state government, or request help with a state agency or department. Call 650-691-2121 for more information.



Elm Trees at Bell Street Park

New, beautiful, 12 feet tall Elm trees have been planted recently at Bell Street Park. Many thanks to our wonderful Maintenance crew for always doing a great job. The kids that use the skate park can now enjoy the shade that they have been seeking in this hot and sunny summer.



Universal Planning Application

The City's Planning and Housing Division has recently completed an application to provide a comprehensive list of submittal requirements for EPA residents. It combines several existing Planning, and Engineering applications, which paves the way to smooth customer service needs for the residents in our community. Visit the Planning and Housing web-page [here](#) for more details.



Sports Broadcasting Camp

As part of the City's TOT Grant Program, EPA youth now have the opportunity to participate in the Media Center's Youth Sports Broadcasting Program.

This week-long workshop provides training for local youth by media professionals on how to operate a multi-camera live-to-tape video system with the use of the Media Center's professional mobile production truck. Once trained, the youth will cover local sporting events to be broadcast live over the Media Center TV channels and website, as well as taped for playback on cable TV. Participating students will develop technology and teamwork skills, while also contributing to their community by telecasting six local sporting events for residents of East Palo Alto to enjoy.

Click [here](#) for more information on this program, or contact Chuck Alley at chuck@midpenmedia.org or at (650) 494-8686 ext. 37

"Our silence gives consent"
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