



David Lewis Reentry Center



We are happy to announce that the David Lewis Reentry Center was reopened on January 29. We had an opening ceremony and commended the wonderful work of the Reentry Center. In 2014, a lack of State money threatened to close the center until San Mateo County and the City of East Palo Alto stepped in first with emergency funding and, in September, nearly \$214,000 in existing AB 109 realignment dollars. Congratulations to Bob Hoover for continuing with this great program and keeping the important work of David Lewis alive. We look forward to continue working closely together with San Mateo County to provide support services to our formerly incarcerated population to reintegrate back into our community.

Rev. Jesse Jackson's Visit



On January 26, The City Council hosted a Community Luncheon with Rev. Jesse Jackson where he met with various members of the community, and talked about East Palo Alto's self determination within Silicon Valley. Thank you to those who attended the luncheon and joined the discussion with Rev. Jackson.

University Plaza — Update

The Sobrato Organization is swiftly moving forward with its plans to build the University Plaza in East Palo Alto. The project has been approved and fully entitled since 2003. The 200,000 square foot Class A Office Project will have two connecting buildings fronting Donohoe Street from University Avenue to Cooley Avenue: one office building on University Avenue, and the other a parking garage on Cooley Avenue.



A central Plaza will be located at Capitol Avenue. The two buildings will be interconnected by a two story pedestrian bridge, spanning over Capitol Avenue. Sobrato is currently seeking architectural design approval, and will soon submit building permit applications to begin construction by the Summer of 2015. An animation that gives a better idea of the design can be seen at www.cityofepa.org.

Parking Lot Now Open!

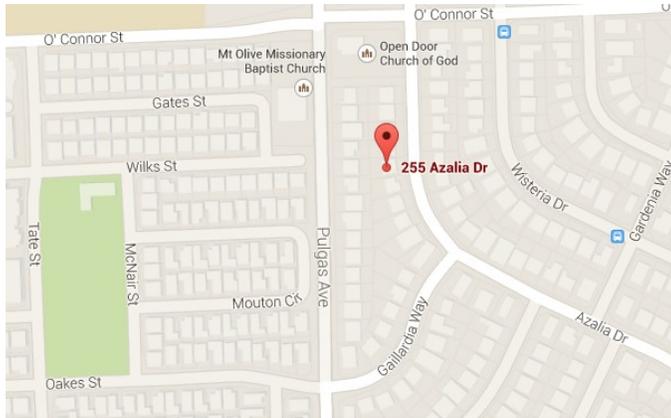
We are excited to announce that the parking lot at City Hall (2415 University Ave) is now open to staff and to the public. Solar panels have been successfully installed along the lot which will help power the building. Thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation throughout this project.



Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Clean Up & BBQ

February 7, the Gardens neighborhood will host a Neighborhood Clean up and BBQ from 3:00pm–6:30pm, all are welcome to come out and help beautify this neighborhood. Please meet at 255 Azalia Drive.



Know Your Rights Youth Workshop



February 9, from 7:00pm–8:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church (1425 Bay Road). Judge LaDoris Cordell will lead the Know Your Rights as a Young Person Workshop. This youth workshop will empower youth to answer the following questions: What do you do when you are stopped by law enforcement? What are your rights as a young person? What lessons can we learn from Ferguson, MI? The panel will be

led by Judge LaDoris Cordell (Retired), former Palo Alto City Council member who now serves as an independent police auditor for the City of San Jose. For information, contact Father Larry Goodie (650)322-2152.

Storm Warning



A storm is forecast to begin spreading rain into the area late Thursday and may continue throughout the weekend. Sandbags are available to be picked up at the City's Corp Yard at 150 Tara Road, Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

You can register to receive emergency alerts at www.smcalert.info/register.php.

Earth Day Planning

February 11, the Earth Day Planning Committee will meet at the YMCA Community Room to detail the 2015 EPA Earth Day. Ideas are already rolling in with a focus on:

- April 25, 2015 as the preferred date
- Cooley Landing as the preferred site
- And Community Health as the high priority theme.

Members of the community are welcome to come out and help shape this event!



City Beautification Workshop

February 18 at 7:30pm the Public Works and Transportation Commission will host the City Beautification Workshop: Targeting Residential Illegal Dumping and Graffiti. The Community's input is needed to set up a program with a goal of eliminating blight in the community.

Coffee With Carlos

Please join me for a cup of coffee on Saturday, February 7 at 10:00am at the Starbucks in East Palo Alto (1745 E. Bayshore Blvd). I will be open to meet and chat with all community members to listen to any issues you may want to share, and informally answer any questions you may have.

