



## Donation to Police Department



On behalf of the City of East Palo Alto we would like to thank Mr. Rodger V. Smith for his recent, generous, donation of \$5,000 toward the purchase of a brand new all-terrain motorcycle for our Police Department.

This new motorcycle, which will be available later this year, will allow officers to conduct operations in all areas of the City's parks, and levee area. Thank you for your generous donation and supporting our Police Department to better protect our community in the line of duty.

## Street Light Upgrades Project



To help improve safety on the City streets, the City Council has approved a contract to begin work on upgrading street lights. This project is to respond to the numerous requests from residents for the installation of additional LED streetlights at various new locations throughout the City. Twenty-five new streetlights will be included in this project, based on the requested locations proximity to existing streetlights in order to maintain a uniform level of illumination.

## Lunch at the Library



This summer the East Palo Alto Library, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is offering free lunch to the children within the community. The library sits in the Ravenswood School District, where 95% of the children receive free or reduced lunches during the school year. With students on summer break,

this presents a challenge to many parents who rely on meals provided by schools. Therefore, this is a critical resource to families who are struggling to put food on the table, and we invite you to take part in this helpful resource.



## National Night Out



National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. This year's National Night Out has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th beginning at 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come out and connect with our Police Department, Council Members, Staff, and members of the community to help heighten awareness of crime, drug and violence prevention efforts, and to encourage community participation. For more information on this event please visit [www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?NID=411](http://www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?NID=411). This year's locations are as follows:

**Aspire, East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy**  
1039 Garden Street

**Faith Missionary Baptist Church** 835 Runnymede Street

**Garden Street** between Addison and Oakwood

**Illinois Street** between Bay Road and Michigan

**Illinois Street** between Drew Ct. & Temple Ct.

**Jack Farell Park** on Fordham Street

**Joel Davis Park** on Tate Street

**Newell Road** partial closure on Woodland

**Nugent Square** 2361 University Avenue

**Saint Samuel's Church** 1199 East Bayshore Road

**Wisteria Drive** between Sage and O'Connor

## East Palo Alto Annual Children's Day

Come out on August 29th at Bell Street park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm to celebrate our youth with a day filled with free fun, food, backpacks and school supplies! Let's stay committed to letting our children know that they are the future and come together as a community. Everything is free, including all activities, food, and arts and crafts.



## UPDATE: Caltrans San Francisquito Bridge replacement project



The pile driving operation for stage two of the project is scheduled to start on Thursday August 13, 2015 and should take around 4 weeks to drive all the bridge piles for this stage. This work will take place during the daylight hours and may be noisy.

There is no work scheduled on mainline 101 that will require lane closures during the evening hours, although there will be some occasional flagging on West Bayshore for miscellaneous activities, however we do not anticipate any local streets traffic delays as a result of construction work on this project.

## East Palo Alto Proud



Marianne Chowning-Dray, math teacher at Eastside College Preparatory School in EPA, has recently received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Marianne is one of 108 teachers in the country, and one of only two teachers from California selected for this prestigious award. Marianne teaches Algebra II/Trigonometry and BC Calculus. Congratulations Marianne! We are proud to have a great educator like yourself within our community.

## Food Resource Guide



Second Harvest Food Bank is one of the largest food banks of the nation, providing food to nearly a quarter of a million people each month. Below is a Food Resource Guide which lists its partners in East Palo Alto that

distributes free food to low-income families. A more detailed list can be viewed at:  
[https://www.shfb.org/docs/getfood/foodresources\\_epa\\_emp.pdf](https://www.shfb.org/docs/getfood/foodresources_epa_emp.pdf)

### Apostolic Assembly (Produce Mobile)

Second Friday 2:00 pm–4:00pm

### Church of Christ (food for pick up for everyone)

Tuesday: 6:00–10:00 pm;

First & Third Saturday: 2:00–4:00 pm

### East Palo Alto Senior Center (food for seniors only)

Thursday: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

### Ecumenical Hunger Program (Food for pick up for everyone)

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri: 2:30-4:30 PM

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### El Concilio of San Mateo County at Cesar Chavez School

(food for families with children only)

2nd Thursday: 1:00-3:00 PM

### Project WeHOPE Kids NOW (families with children only)

Thursday: 12:00-2:00 PM

### Ravenswood City School District—School Pantry

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:30-11:30 AM

### Runnymede Gardens (food for seniors only)

Thursday: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

### St. Francis of Assisi-SVDP (food delivery for everyone)

Monday-Thursday: 6:00-8:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

## Crime Prevention Newsletter

The new Crime Prevention Newsletter from the Police Department is now available online at the link below, which includes August Beat Meeting Schedule and the Monthly Crime Prevention tips.

[www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1996](http://www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1996)



## Beat Meetings

The Beat Meetings for the month of August are listed below. We encourage you to be a part of these important community meetings.

### Beat One & Four

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

Location: Community Room at City Hall  
(2415 University Avenue)

### Beat Two

Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program  
(2411 Pulgas Avenue)

### Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

Location: Peninsula Park Apartments  
(1977 Tate St)

## Community Blockfest 2015

You are invited on Saturday, August 8th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm for the Ecumenical Hunger Program Community Resource Fair at 2411 Pulgas Avenue. There will be fantastic food, festivities, entertainment, fun activities for children, and local vendor booths.



## Honoring Years of Service

On behalf of the City of East Palo Alto, I would like to thank Stephanie Washington, Rod Norris, and Tapu Soolefai for their many years of service to the City of East Palo Alto, and would like to congratulate them on recently announcing their retirement.



Rod Norris has called it a career after 30 years of service in the East Palo Alto Police Department.

Stephanie Washington (not pictured) has served the City of East Palo Alto as our Building Permit Technician for over 25 years.



Tapu Soolefai has served the City of East Palo Alto in the Housing, Community and Economic Development Department, and Police Department for 15 years.

