



State of the City Address

Mayor Lisa Gauthier will be hosting the annual State of the City Address on November 18th at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers. Members of the community are invited to come hear, and celebrate the City's many accomplishments during Mayor Gauthier's tenure and the vision of the City of East Palo Alto moving forward.

Storm Preparation

O'Connor Pump Station

In preparation for the forecasted winter storms, City crews are cleaning the O'Connor Pump Station to ensure that it is functioning properly. Over 190 cubic yards of debris has been removed where mud reached 6 feet high in some areas of the pit. The pump station, located at the end of O'Connor Street, pumps water into San Francisquito Creek that it receives from the Runnymede storm drain, providing better flood protection for nearby residential and commercial areas.



Sand Bags

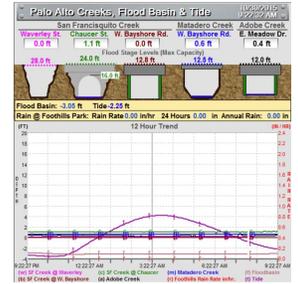
On Saturday, October 24th, volunteers throughout the community came together to help fill 1,500 sandbags at the City Corporation Yard (150 Tara Road) to protect homes from possible winter storm flooding. Sand bags will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm for pickup at the City Corporation Yard (150 Tara Road) and during a storm, at Pad-D (at the intersection of Clark Avenue and East Bayshore Road).



Are You Flood Safe?

Be prepared for this winter season. To download a brochure of information on flood safety and insurance please visit: www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2194.

To view a live monitor of the San Francisquito Creek, visit sfcjpa.org/floodwarning. You can sign up for flood alerts and see a map of areas that are at risk of flooding, based on data from gauges, models and past events.



Stay tuned for public meetings on Flood Safety from the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

San Mateo County's Alert System

If you are not already registered with the San Mateo County Alert System you can sign up at www.smcalert.info to receive notifications and immediately be contacted during urgent or emergency situations in our community. You can set alerts to send emergency and non-emergency text and voice messages to your email accounts, cell phones, smartphones, tablets, voice messages to landline phones (home & work).



All Mail Ballot Election

San Mateo County voters will be participating in an all-mail ballot election this November 3, 2015. All registered voters should have received a paper ballot in the mail with a postage paid return envelope.



Voting Options

Vote by Mail: You will be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot with a postage paid return envelope.

Drop off your Ballot: You can drop off at City Hall (2415 University Avenue, 2nd Floor).

Vote in Person: Cast your vote in person on Election Day at 32 Universal Polling Locations throughout San Mateo County. For East Palo Alto the location will be in the City Community Room (2415 University Avenue, 1st Floor).

Important Dates:

October 5 – Vote by Mail ballots were mailed out.

October 19 – Voter Registration closed

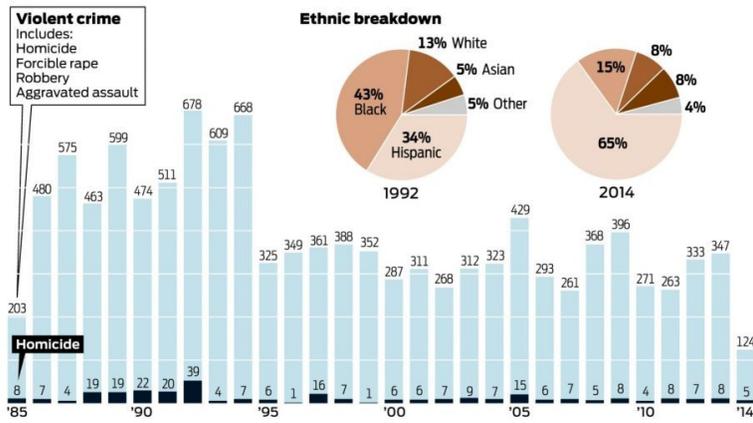
November 3 – Election Day: return your ballot by 8:00 p.m. Postmarked ballots on or before November 3 will be on time if received by November 6.

For more election information, go to shapethefuture.org.

East Palo Alto Proud

The recently released National Crime Report, released annually by the FBI, showed that violent crime in East Palo Alto plummeted an overall 65 percent from 2013 to 2014 – the biggest such drop in the Bay Area! We would like to thank our Police Department and all community members who have taken part in this great success throughout the years. The full article from the San Francisco Chronicle can be found at: <http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/East-Palo-Alto-rebounds-as-crime-plummets-6547422.php>.

East Palo Alto crime decline



Sources: U.S. census, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice, city of East Palo Alto, San Mateo County Community Health Assessment, California Criminal Justice Statistics Center and Chronicle research.

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Police Department Beat Meetings Schedule



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

Beat One & Four

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Community Room at City Hall
(2415 University Avenue)

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program Building
(2411 Pulgas Avenue)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Peninsula Park Apartments
(1977 Tate Street)

Caltrain to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Fare Changes

Caltrain will host a public hearing next week to gather feedback on proposed changes to fare rates and daily parking charges. The hearing will take place during the Caltrain Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 5.



As part of the proposed changes, Caltrain would increase its adult base fare by 50 cents. That would also mean increases for the Day Pass, 8-ride tickets and Monthly passes. Eligible discount fares would remain at 50 percent of adult ticket prices, and Clipper card holders would continue to get an approximate 15 percent discount. More information on the proposed fare chart is available here.

Along with the fare change proposal, Caltrain is considering increasing the daily parking fee at station lots from \$5 to \$5.50, and raising the monthly parking permit fee from \$50 to \$55.

The public hearing on the proposals will be held at the following place and time:

Nov. 5, 2015, 10 a.m.
Second Floor Auditorium
Caltrain Administrative Headquarters
1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos

Caltrain convened four community meetings earlier this month to collect input on the proposed changes. The agency will continue to gather feedback from the public until the public hearing. Comments may be sent by mail, e-mail or phone to:

- Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, JPB Secretary P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, CA 94070-1306
- changes@caltrain.com
- 1.800.660.4287 (TTY 650.508.6448)

Caltrain's Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the proposal to change fare policy and parking rates at its December 3 meeting. If approved, the changes to the transit fares would go into effect on February 28, 2016. The parking rate changes would be implemented on July 1, 2016.

Caltrain last adjusted fares on October 5, 2014, when one-way cash fares were increased by 25 cents and day pass cash fares were raised by 50 cents. Clipper cards users were not affected by those adjustments.

Coats for Kids

Recology San Mateo County is launching its annual Coats for Kids Program to collect new and gently used coats to donate to those in need of a warm coat during the cold weather season. Coats for infants, children, teens, and adults are welcome. You can drop off coats in the Coats For Kids bin in the lobby of the Government Building (2415 University Avenue). For more information visit

recologysanmateocounty.com
or call (650) 595-3900.



Measure C Funding Availability

The City of East Palo Alto will be accepting applications for eligible programs and projects under its Small Summer Grants Program, funded with Measure C funds.

Measure C Small Summer Grants Program supports projects and programs that utilize funds and relationships to provide a continuum of services that deliver measurable and impactful outcomes toward the goal of servicing youth, seniors, and re-entry in the community of East Palo Alto.

Small Measure C Grants: \$54,000.00 total available funding-individual requests may not exceed \$15,000.00.

Capacity Building Grants (Limited to current grantees only): \$20,000.00 total available for related Capacity Building Grants. (More information about Capacity Building Grants will be presented at the orientation.)

Interested applicants must attend one of two orientation times. Only one organizational representative is required to attend. Organizations that do not attend the orientation meeting will not be eligible to apply for funding. Orientations will be held on:

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 from 8:00am–10:00am.
and Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 1:00pm–3:00pm
Location: East Palo Alto City Hall, Community Room
2145 University Avenue, First Floor

For more information, please visit www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/Index.aspx?NID=501 or contact Karla Prince-Chang at kprince@cityofepa.org and at (650) 853-3132.

Medicare 2016



On Friday, November 6th at 11:00am, the Library and California Health Advocates will host a workshop at the East Palo Alto Senior Center. Come and get a general overview of Medicare and what you need to know about it. The Medicare Annual Election Period takes

place October 15 to December 7, and allows seniors to buy a prescription drug plan or change their existing plan. Counselors will provide an introduction to Medicare Part D options and assist participants with finding a plan that meets their individual needs.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides unbiased information to help make the best choice for your individual health care needs. It is a statewide, state and federally funded program for Medicare beneficiaries and their families. All of these services are provided by highly trained, volunteer counselors who are registered by the California Department of Aging. The program is sponsored by Self-Help for the Elderly. This program is held at:

East Palo Alto Senior Center
560 Bell Street
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
650.329.5900

Edgewood Kinship Program

On October 6th, Mayor Gauthier and the East Palo Alto City Council congratulated Edgewood Center for Children and Families of San Mateo County for celebrating their 15th Anniversary. And thanked them for supporting the children, youth, and families of East Palo Alto. Edgewood Center for Children and Families, founded in 1851, provides a refuge for orphaned children during California's Gold Rush. Congratulations to Edgewood Center for Children and Families of San Mateo County. We wish you continued success for many more years to come.



Tamale Festival

Do you love tamales? The East Palo Alto Library is hosting a Tamale Festival on November 19th at 6:00 p.m. Bring your tamales and share with all! Judges will be awarding prizes for the best tamales in town. The Tamale Festival will include entertainment for the whole family.

Contest entry guidelines :

- One entry per person (bring at least 1 dozen tamales to share with everyone)
- Bring Tamales by 5:00 pm on day of program
- Name your Tamales and list all ingredients

For more information please call 650.321.7712 x229 or visit www.smcl.org/content/east-palo-alto.

