



Community Survey



According to a recently commissioned, independent community opinion survey, City of East Palo Alto residents are pleased with the City and want to maintain and improve local services. The survey of over 300 City of East Palo Alto residents, conducted December 14th through December 21st, 2015 by the highly-respected opinion research firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, found that 58% of respondents think the City of East Palo Alto has gotten safer in the past five years.

The City of East Palo Alto also received a good job rating with 58% being very or somewhat satisfied with the City generally, and 63% of residents approving of the job the police department is doing.

We are pleased that the residents of East Palo Alto are happy with the job we are doing providing city services. We are committed to maintaining and improving essential public safety services, providing affordable housing options and ensuring a reliable supply of drinking water. Our residents get all of our drinking water through just one connection and our pipe network is outdated and deteriorating.

According to the survey 84% of residents believe the City needs additional funds to provide residents with quality local services. And while residents are highly satisfied with the services the City provides, 71% of respondents felt crimes, gangs and drugs are still concerns, as well as a lack of affordable housing (82%).

Despite widespread problems with gangs and drugs, we have one of the lowest police-to-resident ratios in the Bay Area. Additional funding would help keep police on the street for the crucial neighborhood patrols that keep our City safe.

The City will be considering the results of the survey and considering how to best continue to address these priorities into the future. If you participated in the survey, your time and responses are greatly appreciated.

Online Town Hall With Senator Hill

LIVE INTERNET TOWN HALL

California State Senator Jerry Hill will be hosting an interactive online town hall about the top issues facing our community and state on

Wednesday, February 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Senator Hill will be sharing his thoughts on how the legislative year is shaping up in the Capitol and how it will affect our community.

For more information and to submit your question by visiting: sd13.senate.ca.gov/AskJerry2016.

Facebook Vendor Job Fair in East Palo Alto

On Tuesday, March 8, Facebook and the City will be hosting a Job Fair from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall (2415 University Avenue).



This is a great opportunity to meet the Facebook recruiting team and vendor partners to learn about potential job opportunities. Come prepared to distribute your resume.

Career Prep Workshop

On Monday, February 29, the City will be hosting four career prep workshops. Come and learn helpful tips and techniques on how to get a job, including interview skills, resume building, and what to wear. These workshops are in preparation for the Facebook Vendor Job Fair. Workshops will be held in the Community Room at City Hall (2415 University Ave) at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

CAREER PREP WORKSHOP



General Plan Public Draft Released

The City is pleased to announce that the Public Draft General Plan is now out for review and comment. Documents can be viewed and downloaded at vista2035epa.org/documents.



We would like to thank all those who participated in the update process through the various workshops, focus groups, advisory committees, online surveys, council meetings, and related activities. Your input was critical to the formulation of a Plan that reflects the values and aspirations of this community. Comments and questions should be directed to Guido Persicone, City Planner at 650-853-3195 or gpersicone@cityofepa.org. Below are dates for upcoming workshops to review the draft General Plan. Stay posted for final dates, times and locations.

- February 29: **Westside Area Plan Advisory Committee** (WAPAC) – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 7: **General Plan Advisory Committee** (GPAC) 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 9: **Rent Stabilization Board** – 7:00 p.m.
- March 14: **Public Workshop/Open House** followed by a Planning Commission Workshop. Open House from 5:30-7:00 pm, the Planning Commission then reviews the item from 7:00-9:00 PM
- March 24: **City Council Workshop** (Tentative)
- April 20: **Public Works and Transportation Commission Workshop** – 7:30 PM

Sandbags



Protect your property from potential flooding by picking up free sandbags. Sandbags will be available for pickup at:

- 1) City's Maintenance Yard at 150 Tara Road and
- 2) Pad-D at the intersection of Clark Avenue and East Bayshore Road, during a storm.

Measure C Small Grant– Crime Fighting Act and Capacity Building Grant

At their meeting on Tuesday, February 2, the City Council allocated Measure C Small Grant proceeds and approved entering into grant agreements with the following organizations:

Measure C Small Grant:

1. Bring Me a Book
2. Free at Last
3. Mid-peninsula Community Media Center
4. One East Palo Alto
5. Peninsula Volunteers/Meals on Wheels

Capacity Building Grant:

1. East Palo Alto Boxing
2. Mid-peninsula Athletic Association (Mastodons)
3. New Creation Home Ministries

Measure C is a parcel tax intended to fund crime and violence prevention programs and strategies. The goal of the Small and Capacity Building Grants is to support community based non-profit organization's programs, and strengthen their ability to achieve their mission and enable them to build long-term organizational stability i.e., improved operations, administration, and management.

These grant proceeds will benefit programs serving children, youth and families, including seniors and re-entry of the formerly incarcerated. We would like to congratulate these organizations, and thank them for the work that they do in our community.

Cooley Landing Update



Stay tuned for a Grand Opening coming this April for the Cooley Landing Education Center, located at the end of Bay Road.

This center will serve as an open space park and environmental education amenity for all of our residents and regional visitors.

African American (Black) History Month

Mayor Donna Rutherford and the City Council have proclaimed the month of February 2016 as African American (Black) History month in the City of East Palo Alto, and call upon all residents to observe and rededicate themselves to creating a world where the rights and the contributions of all would be remembered, respected and acknowledged.



Join the East Palo Alto Library by celebrating Black History Month with the Marcus Shelby Trio on Saturday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Community Meeting with Facebook

Facebook is inviting all members of the community to attend a community meeting on March 3 in the Council Chambers (2415 University Ave). Facebook officials will be speaking to the public and sharing Facebook's initiatives and involvement in the community.



Facebook University for Engineers

Facebook University (FBU) is a paid eight-week training program designed to provide mobile development experience to students who are historically under-represented in computer science.

The eight-weeks is broken down by two weeks of mobile development training in either iOS or Android, followed by six-weeks of hands-on project experience in a small team setting. Throughout the duration of the program you'll be paired with an engineering mentor who will help guide you along the way. To apply, and to view more information, please visit: facebook.com/careers/university/fbueng.

Connecting the world takes every one of us.

Silicon Valley Gives—Registration Now Open

Silicon Valley Gives is a 24-hour online giving event hosted by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and open to nonprofits headquartered in San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco and/or San Benito Counties. Registration for Silicon Valley Gives 2016 is now open! Participating nonprofits also gain access to free workshops for fundraising, social media and other capacity-building strategies. To register and learn more, please visit www.svgives.org.



Crime Prevention Newsletter

The Police Department's February Crime Prevention Newsletter at the link below, which includes helpful tips on scam-prevention: www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/2271.



Police Department Beat Meetings Schedule

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

Beat One and Beat Four

Date: Thursday, February 18, at 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: City Hall Community Room (2415 University Ave)

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, February 4, at 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program (2411 Pulgas Ave)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, February 10, at 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: Peninsula Park Apartments (1977 Tate Street)

Happy Presidents' Day

Please note that this month City Offices will be closed on Friday, February 12, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday, and on Monday, February 15, for Presidents' Day.

