



National Night Out – August 2



Do you know your neighbor? This year's National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 2. This is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place

to live. Come out to a National Night Out station near you and interact with your neighbors and Police. Street closures begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The festivities start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. This event would not be possible without the contributions from residents, businesses, and organizations that volunteered time and/or made monetary contributions. Your participation in National Night Out matters!

Location	Location Organizer (s)	
Clarence Court between Clarence and Kavanaugh	Luis Guzman Romain Tanière	650-868-0939 650-743-4350
Newell Road corner near Woodland	Ruben Abrica	650-380-4987
Illinois Street between Bay Road and Michigan	Opal Harper	650-324-3616
Illinois Street between Drew Ct. and Temple Ct.	Sherry Flamer	650-326-5534
Joel Davis Park Tate Street	Dixie Specht-Schulz Benita Bracksher	650-324-3504 650-716-9670
St. Francis of Assisi Youth Club 1425 Bay Road	Mar Alvarado	650-460-6001
East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy 1039 Garden Street	Elisha Jackson	805-712-6010
Truelight Church 1171 Runnymede Street	Carrie Horne	650-566-1266 650-279-5042
St. Samuel's Church 1199 East Bayshore Road	Mother Champion	650-330-8000 650-630-4790
Jack Farrell Park Fordham Street	Mr. Askew	650-207-1943
Azalia Drive between O'Connor and Gaillardia	Ruthe Smith-Wilkes	650-853-5939
Wisteria Drive between Sage and O'Connor	Melvishia Gaines	650-814-6624

Family Movie Night Series

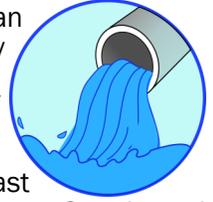
Every fourth Friday of the month, the City is hosting a free movie night series for the family at various parks where nearly two hundred residents have attended. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a movie with your family, friends, and neighbors. There will be free popcorn, a DJ & Dancing in the park. Movies will begin at sundown. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m.

August 26 – Angry Birds at Jack Farrell Park



Water Connections Moratorium

The City Council recently approved an Uncodified Ordinance temporarily prohibiting new or expanded water service connection within the Service Territory of the City of East Palo Alto's Water System.



Although East Palo Alto uses the least amount of water among the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) members on a per capita basis, East Palo Alto's water crisis has been an ongoing struggle. All of the water in East Palo Alto is supplied by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) water system, and has been using an average of approximately 95%, or practically all of its Interim Supply Guarantee (ISG) of 1.963 million gallons a day (mgd).

As a result, the City Council has directed staff to pursue a couple of strategies that would increase our existing water supply: 1) initiating the design and environmental work to develop a new groundwater well (Pad D), and a water treatment system for an existing well (Gloria Way Well); and, 2) exploring potential water allocation transfers from other municipal entities such as the SFPUC or other BAWSCA agencies that may be interested in transferring their excess water supply to meet future water demands.

With a few exceptions, no new or expanded water service connection to the City water system will be allowed.

San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project: SF Bay to Highway 101 Groundbreaking Event

On Friday, August 5, at 10:00 a.m. the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) will host a groundbreaking event at Friendship Bridge (end of O'Connor Street) for the \$41.35 million dollar SF Bay to Highway 101 Project.

When constructed, the project will reduce flood risks in East Palo Alto and Palo Alto for more than 5,700 homes and businesses along a flood-prone reach of the Creek downstream (east) of U.S. Highway 101 to San Francisco Bay, providing 100-year creek flood protection during extreme tides and after sea levels rise two feet.

For more information on this project please visit www.sfcjpa.org.



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 18; Time: 06:30 pm –08:00 pm
Location: Community Room, City Hall
(2415 University Ave.)

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, August 4; Time: 06:30 pm –08:00 pm
Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program
(2411 Pulgas Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, August 10; Time: 06:30 pm –08:00 pm
Location: Peninsula Park Apartments
(1977 Tate Street, EPA, CA 94303)

Police Department Newsletter

Check out the latest Police Department Crime Prevention Newsletter, which includes important tips on burglary prevention: cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2787

Safe, Clean & Healthy Community Initiative

The Public Health & Anti-Violence Initiative is an effort funded by the California Endowment for the East Palo Alto Police Department to coordinate a community-driven effort to improve public health and increase public safety. Health care workers from the Ravenswood Family Health Center and EPAPD police officers work with East Palo Alto residents to determine desired health and fitness activities, as well as needed public safety improvements. Health care workers use residents' input to develop and provide health classes and fitness activities, and police officers both participate in activities and ensure that public safety concerns are addressed

The St. Francis of Assisi Church, through a grant provided by The California Endowment, in collaboration with the East Palo Alto Police Department and support from the Mural Music and Arts Project (MMAP) is spearheading a neighborhood clean up and revitalization campaign, 'CLEAN-Zones.'

Rodney Halapio, the CLEAN Zones Program Manager, will facilitate Non-Profits volunteer days and activities throughout East Palo Alto. Activities include: litter clean ups, graffiti abatement, and storm preparations. Local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to sign up for service dates in advance, and will receive a stipend for their clean-up efforts.

To get involved with FIT and Clean Zones, contact the Police Department (650) 853-3160.

Ecumenical Hunger Program: Community



Please Save the Date of Saturday, August 13th 1:00pm-5:00pm for the Ecumenical Hunger Program's (EHP) Community Blockfest. Enjoy live music and activities for the whole family while learning more about EHP and other community groups, and resources that are available to the community. For more information, please contact Jacqueline Garcia at (650) 323-7781 ext. 2700 or email at Jackie@ehpcares.org

East Palo Alto Proud

East Palo Alto's very own Folau Niuua will be part of the Nominated Team USA Rugby Eagles Sevens Squad at the Rio 2016 Olympic Summer Games.

Several Eagles named to Team USA for Rugby Sevens' debut at the Rio 2016 Olympic Summer Games have already captured medals at a multi-sport event. For Folau Niuua, a bronze medal at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara was just the start of a journey that led to a position in the USA Rio 2016 Rugby Squad. Born and raised in East Palo Alto, Niuua led the U.S. in scoring at the 2011 Pan Am Games, and cemented his position as one of the best players of the circuit.

Congratulations to Folau, and good luck at the Olympic Summer Games!

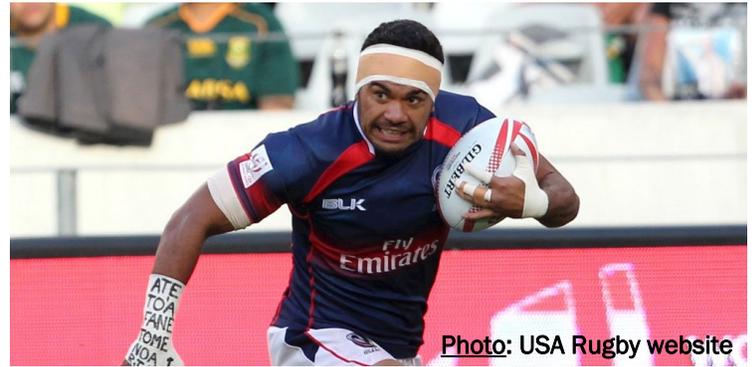


Photo: USA Rugby website

East Palo Alto Today – Summer Interns

The East Palo Alto Center for Community Media (EPACFCM) recently received funds from the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant, funding their Summer Journalism Internship Program. Four interns shared with the City Council the articles that they are writing for the July-August edition of the East Palo Alto Today newspaper a local news company.

Congratulations and thank you for keeping our community informed.



City Council Places 3 Measures on November 8, 2016 Ballot



East Palo Alto residents will see three measures placed by the City Council on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

1. East Palo Alto Neighborhood Safety and Vital City Services Measure.

This proposed general purpose local funding measure would be dedicated to making neighborhoods safer by maintaining rapid police response times and the number of police officers patrolling neighborhood streets; repairing streets and potholes; updating drinking water and storm drain infrastructure; enhancing youth and senior programs and improving and maintaining other vital City services. Currently East Palo Alto's sales tax is 9.0%. This measure would increase the sales tax rate by one-half cent (1/2%), to 9.5% and it is grossly estimated to generate approximately \$1.8 million in annual revenue.

Currently East Palo Alto has over \$200 million of basic infrastructure needs to address, but nowhere near the amount of revenue needed. Our roads and sidewalks are cracked, broken and are in need of \$28 million in repairs and our water delivery and storm drain system is aging and deteriorating. Additional funding is needed to help fund basic repairs that our City desperately needs and our residents deserve. The City faces increased demand for City services, severe issues related to personnel hiring and retention, and increasingly stringent, complex regulatory requirements. Additionally, as a result of inadequate water supply, commercial development has slowed at the time the City is committed to a large number of complex multi-year Capital Improvement Projects which need substantial financial and staffing resources to see them through to completion.

This measure is a general purpose tax to be used for programs to improve neighborhood safety and vital City services. It can only be terminated by voters and could generate approximately \$1,800,000 annually. Finally, the uses of the funds will be audited annually to report the receipts and uses of the funds.

The ballot language will read as follows:

To make neighborhoods safer by maintaining rapid police response times/number of police officers patrolling neighborhood streets; repairing streets/potholes; updating drinking water/storm drain infrastructure; maintaining youth/senior programs and other vital City services, shall East Palo Alto enact a one-half cent (1/2%) sales tax that can only be ended by voters providing about \$1,800,000 annually, with citizens' oversight, annual independent audits, all funds benefitting East Palo Alto?

2. Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance, and Rent Control Program by simplifying administrative processes and procedures. There are approximately 2,500 rental units protected under this program. If approved by the voters, the Ordinance will be effective once the election returns are certified.

The Ballot Measure Language will read as follows:

Shall the 2010 Rent Stabilization and Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance be strengthened by simplifying administrative processes and procedures, defining "maximum allowable rent," revising the registration fee pass-through, eliminating annual registration requirements, streamlining annual general adjustment calculations, addressing nuisance-based tenancy termination, strengthening informational notice provisions, and authorizing the City Council to revise the Ordinance when in conflict with federal or state law?

3. The East Palo Alto Business License Tax on Landlords

The Business License Tax Ordinance, if approved by voters, will impose a one and a half percent (1.5%) of gross receipts on owners of five or more residential rental units and prohibiting the pass-through of the tax to tenants.

The ordinance contains an exemption for units during the first 10 years after issuance of a certificate of occupancy in order to not discourage the construction of new residential rental units. The tax is a general tax. Use of these funds to pay for administrative and personnel costs associated with running programs related to the uses of the tax revenue is permissible. If approved by the voters, the Ordinance will be effective once the election returns are certified.

By increasing the business license tax on high residential rents, this measure will recapture a small part of the rental income stream for the benefit of the entire community. The increase will only apply to investors who own five or more residential rental units. In addition, those units with historically low rents will be exempt from the increased business license tax.

The ballot language will read as follows:

Shall the business license tax a landlord with five or more residential rental units pays the City of East Palo Alto, which shall not be passed on to tenants, be set at 1.5% of gross receipts, until terminated by the voters or reduced by Council, and the approximately \$600,000 raised annually used as directed by the City Council for general fund purposes, such as funding programs to increase affordable housing, and protect local residents from displacement and from homelessness?