

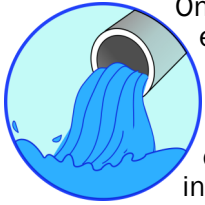


State of the City Address



Honorable Mayor Donna Rutherford invites you to the annual State of the City Address on Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Members of the community are invited to come hear, and celebrate the City's many accomplishments during Mayor Rutherford's tenure and the vision of the City of East Palo Alto moving forward. Please RSVP to Terrie Gillen at (650) 853-3127 or tgillen@cityofepa.org.

Water Update



On July 19, 2016, the City Council adopted an emergency ordinance temporarily prohibiting new or expanded water service connections within the service territory of the city's water system. The City is currently working on a two prong strategy to increase its water supply: 1) two capital projects involving groundwater wells to supplement the SFPUC water allocation: Gloria Way Well and Pad D Well, and 2) securing a water transfer from another City.

Gloria Way Well is a critical component of our water supply and diversification strategy. Staff have been working for the past year to get the necessary permits and select the right water treatment system. Staff will soon be releasing the bid package and is anticipating that the construction will begin by the end of 2016/January 2017.

Pad D Well is also a critical project intended to increase the City's water supply. In 2014 a test well at Gateway 101 Shopping Center at the corner of E. Bayshore Road and Clarke avenue indicated that the site is underlain by aquifers that would be capable of providing a properly designed production well with instantaneous yields on the order of 350 to 500 gallons per minute (gpm). The design of the well, and a Focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR), are currently in the works. Construction is anticipated to commence in September 2017 and completed by February 2018.

Water Transfer. The City is currently engaged in discussions with other agencies, including the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to secure up to an additional 1.5 million gallons a day (mgd) of water. The City of Mountain View indicated interest in potentially transferring up to 0.5 mgd and EPA staff have been in communication with Mountain View to share our water use projections and transfer needs. Mountain View is reviewing EPA water use and their own water use projections to assess the water transfer potential, and are planning to meet again in early November.

Important Voting Information

The Presidential General Election Day is fast approaching on November 8, and your vote counts! The City of East Palo Alto will have three Measures (P, J, and O), as well as three City Council seats to select on the November ballot.



Get informed about the East Palo Alto Measures and candidates by visiting the City website: www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?NID=627.

October 24th was the deadline to register to vote, but if you are a New American Citizen, you can register to vote until the date of the Election. All you will need are proof of citizenship and California identification.

If you are voting by mail, put your ballot in the pre-postage paid envelope and make sure you sign it. Ballots must be postmarked by November 8th, Election Day, and received within 3 days of the election for your vote to count. If you have signed up to Vote-By-Mail and have not received your ballot please call (650) 312-5222. November 1 is the deadline to request your absentee ballot if you have not requested one yet.

San Mateo County is seeking individuals to work as election officers at polling places throughout the county. Depending on your assignment, the stipend ranges from \$115 to \$140 for the day plus \$25 for the time you spend in training classes. Contact the Elections Office recruiters at (650) 286-2810

For more local election information please visit the San Mateo County Elections Office at www.shapethefuture.org or the City's website at www.cityofepa.org

Target in East Palo Alto

We are excited to have Target coming to East Palo Alto. Representatives will be making a special presentation to the City Council at their meeting on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers. All are welcome to attend or tune in.



Halloween

On behalf of the City of East Palo Alto Staff we wish everyone a safe Halloween!



Mobile Voting Center — A Service to Voters with Disabilities

Voters with disabilities who are not able to vote at polling places or at established voting centers can take advantage of a Mobile Voting Center (a mobile electronic voting system that allows a voter to independently and in private cast a ballot away from traditional polling locations).

Voters can schedule an appointment every day, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. until November 8. Special accommodations can be made for service outside established hours. Call (650) 312-5222 or email registrar@smcare.org at least 24 hours ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

Voters with disabilities can:

- Vote on the disabled access unit. Voters can vote privately & independently on an accessible electronic voting machine.
- Utilize the supportive features of the disabled access unit. Integrated audio ballot reader and the use of adaptive devices.
- Easily Access the service. The service is open to all voters with disabilities.



Elegant Tea & Senior Prom

The East Palo Alto Senior Center recently hosted the Elegant Tea and Senior Prom on Saturday, October 8, with special entertainment provided by Chief Pardini's wife's singing group, The Fabulous Jewel Tones. Thank you to everyone who contributed in this program for the seniors of our community.



America Recycles Day



Celebrate America Recycles Day at the RethinkWaste Open House (Shoreway Environmental Center, 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos, CA)

on Saturday, November 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fun-filled activities for the whole family will include free compost, tours of Shoreway, giveaways, arts and activities. For more information please visit: www.rethinkwaste.org/shoreway-facility/poster-contest.

Help Create Land Art Installation with Native Plants at Cooley Landing



Grassroots Ecology and local artist Linda Gass are collaborating with the community to create a permanent land art installation marking the former shoreline of San Francisco Bay.

Who: Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Minors under 18 require a signed waiver and children 12 require an accompanying adult.

What: Participants will plant native juncus rushes to replace the current temporary land art installation made of blue plastic survey whiskers. Participants will learn about land art and how living shorelines can provide habitat, filter toxic water and help protect against sea level rise at Cooley Landing.

Where: Cooley Landing, 2100 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303. Meet at the Cooley Landing Education Center. Parking is limited, please carpool, bike, or walk if possible.

When: Saturdays November 12 & 19, 2016 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Rain or shine. Please register: [Click here for Nov. 12](#) and [click here for Nov. 19](#).

Please bring: A reusable water bottle and dress for outdoor work (sturdy, close-toed shoes and long pants recommended). We provide gloves, water, snacks and tools.



Beat Meetings



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

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2016
Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm
Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program (2411 Pulgas Avenue)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm
Location: Community Room at Peninsula Park Apartments (1977 Tate Street)

Beat One & Four

Date: Thursday November 17, 2016
Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm
Location: Community Room at City Hall (2415 University Avenue)