



City Council Reorganization



On Tuesday, December 8, the City Council reorganized as followed, and pictured from left to right. Congratulations to our new Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

Mayor: Larry Moody	Term Ends November 2020
Vice-Mayor: Ruben Abrica	Term Ends November 2018
Councilmember: Lisa Gauthier	Term Ends November 2020
Councilmember: Carlos Romero	Term Ends November 2020
Councilmember: Donna Rutherford	Term Ends November 2018

City Council Priorities Retreat—Save the Date

On Saturday, January 21, and on February 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the City Council is planning to hold their annual retreat, in two parts, to discuss its priorities for the upcoming year. Location is yet to be determined. This annual retreat gives the City Organization a clear direction for carrying out the activities of the City to best serve the residents. The priorities include specific goals and strategies that are used to inform the City budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The community is invited and welcome to attend the Council Retreat to offer comments and their input regarding the City's efforts in 2017. For more information please visit: www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?nid=320.

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Monster Storm Coming — Prepare

A heavy storm will visit East Palo Alto in the next couple of days. Protect your property from flooding by picking up FREE sandbags. Sandbags are available for pickup at the City's Maintenance Yard at 150 Tara Road.



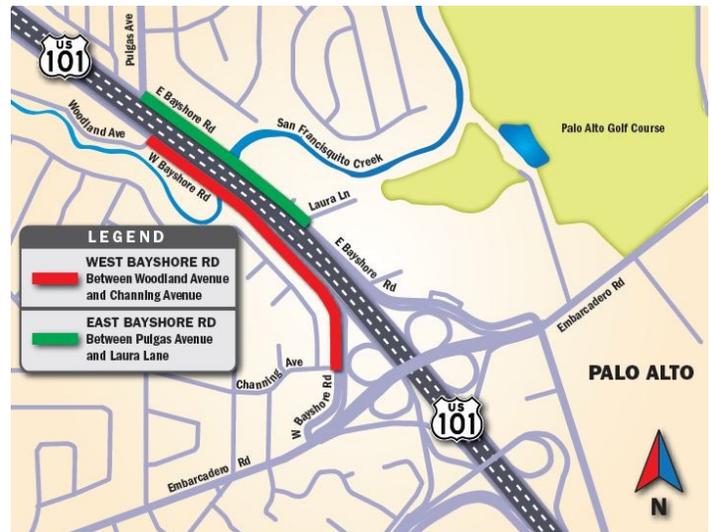
Happy New Year!



On behalf of the City of East Palo Alto we wish everyone a Happy New Year! 2017 will be another great year full of new opportunities.

San Francisquito Creek Bridge Replacement

Caltrans will begin Stage Four construction on the San Francisquito Creek Bridge Replacement Project. Last month East Bayshore Road was temporarily reopen to traffic for the holidays. One-way traffic control will resume in April 2017. Also in April, West Bayshore will be closed until end of 2017. For more information, please check the construction update flyer (in both English and Spanish): <http://www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2973>



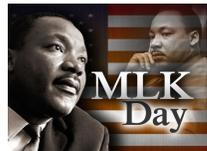
Police Department Toy Drive



Thank you to everyone that was able to donate in support of our annual toy giveaway for the children of our city, which was held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 9:00am at City Hall. It was a huge success. Although the line of parents and children was long, we were able to get each of the children some toys.

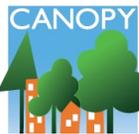
A special thanks to the McDonalds restaurant at 2415 University Avenue, who donated backpacks with the McDonald's logo filled with toys and school supplies and hundreds of McDonald's toys. Thanks to everyone's generosity, there was a small amount of toys left over which were transported to Project WeHOPE to support their toy giveaway programs.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Monday, January 16, is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. City Offices will be closed as we observe and celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. King and his fight for civil rights.

Mayor's Tree Planting & MLK Day of Service



Join Mayor Moody and Canopy on Monday, January 16, at Jack Farrell Park from 9:00 a.m. to noon to celebrate Dr. King's message of peace by planting 30 trees together with members of the community. The Mayor's Tree Planting Ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. To register for this planting or for a complete list of upcoming events, contact Canopy at info@canopy.org or at (650) 964-6110. More information is available at www.canopy.org.

Beat Meetings



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

Beat One & Beat Four

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

Location: Community Room at City Hall (2415 University Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program (2411 Pulgas Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

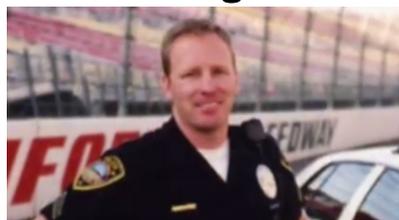
Location: Peninsula Park Apartments (1977 Tate Street, EPA, CA 94303)

EPACenter Arts Project and the City Planning Department intend to present an upcoming project at the Beat Two meeting in February and March. All Beats are welcome to attend.

Police Department Newsletter

Check out the latest Police Department Crime Prevention Newsletter for the month of January, which includes important tips on how to protect your identity: <http://www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2983>.

Remembering Officer Richard Allen May, Jr.



Eleven years ago on Saturday, January 7, 2006, Officer Richard Allen May, Jr. was fatally wounded while protecting the community of East Palo Alto. Officer May's ultimate sacrifice of

protecting East Palo Alto will always be harbored close to our hearts. Please take a moment to watch the memorial video created by the Police Department at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EastPaloAltoPD/videos/970977866324375/>

What Does Your Dream Library Look Like?

Take the quick online survey for East Palo Alto residents only. Great feedback has been received from the library community meetings about how to create a dream library. To continue the conversation, please help shape the future of the San Mateo County Library in East Palo Alto by completing the quick online survey and earn a chance to win an Amazon.com gift card. Visit smcl.org/blogs/post/epalibrary-communitysurvey for more information.

Expiration of Waste Management At your Door Curbside Household Hazardous Waste

The contract with Waste Management Curbside, Inc. (WM) for collection of household hazardous waste with our residents ended on December 31, 2016.



Additional future HHW disposal program options will be reviewed at the January 26th, 2017 SBWMA Board meeting.

Meanwhile, San Mateo County's Environmental Health department runs the County's HHW program, including the permanent drop off facility located at Tower Road. Here are two ways for all SBWMA residents (and, indeed, ALL county residents) to drop off their HHW materials at no additional cost. They are:

1. Tower Road HHW Facility (In Unincorporated San Mateo by Highways 92 and 280):

This facility is open throughout the year each Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except holidays). Appointments can be easily made online (www.smchealth.org/hhw) or call 650-363-4718.

2. Six (6) HHW Drop Off Events Scheduled for Spring 2017 (Confirmed)*:

- January 28: Redwood City
- February 25: East Palo Alto (Government Center)
- March 25: Redwood City
- April 8: Menlo Park
- April 29: Redwood City
- May 13: East Palo Alto (Government Center)
- TBD: Other SBWMA locations tbd, including others scheduled later in the year.

In Loving Memory of Jim Woods

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform our community that our dear friend Jim Woods, City Electrician, passed away over the Christmas weekend in the company of his close family, quietly and in peace.



Jim touched many of us personally and was a bright light of happiness and joy in our EPA family. Jim loved life and felt the love that many of his coworkers gave him during his last days.



Jim was a good soul, and we were fortunate to have had him near us. One thing Jim told us was to be happy and celebrate your blessings, your health, and your family.

May his words of wisdom bring us comfort.