



## Donohoe Median Landscaping Improvement

As part of an annual City beautification program, our Maintenance Division Team has been working hard landscaping the median along East Bayshore Road, between Cooley Avenue and Donohoe Street. They did a terrific job planting a variety of shrubs, installation of dripping and sprinkler system, as well as adding a rock feature to the median. Kudos to our Maintenance Division Team for a job well done!



## Family Movie Nights

The City's Community Services Division, in partnership with San Mateo County Libraries, invite you to a Movie Night in a park near you this Summer! Bring your blankets and head to the park for free family fun. Festivities begin around 7:00 p.m. At sundown, settle in for a free popcorn and screening of popular films outlined below.



**August 11**  
Joel Davis Park  
Moana

**September 8**  
MLK Park  
Smurfs: The Lost Village

**August 25**  
Jack Farrell Park  
Beauty and the Beast

**September 22**  
Bell St. Park  
Boss Baby

## Zero Homicides in East Palo Alto

GREAT news! East Palo Alto has had zero homicides so far this year, and we are very grateful to our Police Department and residents who have worked together to help make our neighborhood a safe environment for everyone. Kudos to Chief Albert Pardini for his leadership and initiatives in leading the Police Department. Lets keep up the good work, and keep East Palo Alto a safe community.

## Pay Your Water Bill Online

American Water and the City of East Palo Alto are pleased to announce the launch of a new Account Portal. As of July 24, 2017 the Portal is live!



You can now go online and view your account and billing statements. By mid-August of 2017, you will be able to conveniently make one-time payments for your American Water bills and by the end of the year you will be able to set up recurring or automatic payments for your account. Of course, customers may continue paying their water bills by mail or in-person at the East Palo Alto American Water location: 2415 University Avenue, 2nd Floor. Customers are encouraged to visit [www.epa.aweonline.net](http://www.epa.aweonline.net) or call the East Palo Alto – American Water Customer Service Center at 650-322-2083. Please note: the website for payment is currently a .net domain, not a .com domain, as American Water previously advertised.

## SB94—California's New Cannabis Regulatory System

The City Council is hosting Study Sessions regarding Medical and Adult Use Cannabis, and is discussing whether to allow, prohibit, or regulate its use in East Palo Alto. The first meeting was held on July 12, and another will be scheduled in the near future.

If you would like to learn more about Cannabis, the material for the July 12 meeting can be found at: [www.cityofepa.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_07122017-1328](http://www.cityofepa.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07122017-1328).

Additionally, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 94 late June, merging California's marijuana laws into a single regulatory system for medical and nonmedical commercial cannabis businesses. The budget trailer bill ("SB 94") took effect immediately and covers everything from local control to county fair weed tastings to delivery businesses. You can review SB94 at: [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB94](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB94).

## 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 Two

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017  
 Time: 06:30 pm to 08:00 pm  
 Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program (2411 Pulgas Avenue)

### Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017  
 Time: 06:30 pm to 08:00 pm  
 Location: Peninsula Park Apartments (1977 Tate Street)

### Beat One & Four

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017  
 Time: 06:30 pm to 08:00 pm  
 Location: Community Room at City Hall (2415 University Avenue)

## Solid Waste Collection Service Rates

The City Council held a Public Hearing on July 18, 2017, and approved new commercial and residential solid waste and collection (refuse) service rates, for calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019 for all commercial service customers and residential property owners within the City of East Palo Alto. The City had not increased rates since 2013. These rate increases were recommended primarily as a result of actual incurred rate deficit in 2016 and a continued projected deficit in 2017 and beyond. The new rates will help ensure continued service, and the health and safety of the community while protecting the City's financial health. Updated rates are provided in the chart below. They will be effective starting September 1, 2017.

Current Monthly Rate	Proposed 2017 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2018 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2019 Monthly Rate
In Effect	Effective 9/1/2017	Effective 1/1/2018	Effective 1/1/2019

### RESIDENTIAL

1 - 96 Gallon	\$ 40.77	\$ 43.22	\$ 45.81	\$ 48.56
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### COMMERCIAL

1 YD Bin x 1 Week	\$ 216.17	\$ 220.49	\$ 224.90	\$ 229.40
2 YD Bin x 1 Week	\$ 410.18	\$ 418.38	\$ 426.75	\$ 435.29
3 YD Bin x 1 Week	\$ 456.71	\$ 465.84	\$ 475.16	\$ 484.66
1 YD Bin x 2 Week	\$ 355.41	\$ 362.52	\$ 369.77	\$ 377.16
2 YD Bin x 2 Week	\$ 682.61	\$ 696.26	\$ 710.19	\$ 724.39
3 YD Bin x 2 Week	\$ 789.11	\$ 804.89	\$ 820.99	\$ 837.41

### UNSCCHEDULED SERVICE

Attachment Q	.51% Increase	TBD	TBD	TBD
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### RESIDENTIAL RATE CHARGE ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX BILL

	Current	FY 17-18	FY 18-19
1 - 96 Gallon	\$ 489.24	\$ 529.26	\$ 566.20

## Safe Routes to School Construction Project

The City will be removing existing and installing new curb, gutter, sidewalk, bulbouts, curb ramps, textured crosswalks, signing and striping along Bay Road.

The infrastructure improvements project focuses on Bay Road from University Avenue to Newbridge Street; Fordham Street, between Notre Dame and Purdue Avenue; Runnymede Street from Pulgas to the Bay Trail; and Pulgas Avenue between O'Connor and Myrtle Street.

Construction is running from June 21, 2017 through August 25, 2017. Construction hours will be from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday except holidays.

The project is funded through a Safe Routes to School grant. The grant is geared towards making bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative.

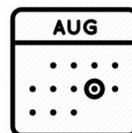
If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Melissa Huang, Senior Engineer, at [mhuang@cityofepa.org](mailto:mhuang@cityofepa.org) or 650-853-3142.

## Senior Dance—September 23

Save the date! Senior Citizens of East Palo Alto are invited to a Senior Dance at Cooley Landing on September 23. Stay tuned for more details to come.



## August Recess



For the month of August, the City Council will be entering into their annual August Recess, and will not host any meetings. The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

## Housing Catalyst Fund – Administration Agreement

**LISC** Last year, the City of East Palo Alto executed a Memorandum of Agreement related to the implementation of the Facebook Campus Expansion Project (962,400 sq. ft. and an approximately 200-room hotel) in Menlo Park. The agreement includes a Community Benefits Program which includes the creation of a Housing Catalyst Fund that will identify and finance opportunities for the development and preservation of affordable housing in East Palo Alto.

Along with various community groups, the City of East Palo Alto and Facebook worked together to address concerns regarding the Facebook Campus Expansion, the Menlo Park General Plan Update, and collectively entered into a Fund Administration Agreement with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to administer and capitalize the Catalyst Fund.

Facebook will contribute a total of \$18.5 million to the Catalyst Fund in two tranches. The East Palo Alto tranche will be \$10 million over 5 years, and the regional tranche \$8.5 million. This contribution will assist the City's ability to finance and build greatly needed affordable housing in East Palo Alto.

The City looks forward to working together with LISC to further leverage these funds. With over 30 years of expertise, LISC has a mission of equipping communities with the capital, and a strategy to become places where people can thrive.

## Comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy

The City of East Palo Alto is in the process of developing an Affordable Housing Strategy to help maintain and expand affordable housing in the community. David Rosen & Associates has been contracted to lead the study to collectively analyze the existing challenges and develop strategies to resolve them.

The Affordable Housing Strategy will conduct comprehensive analyses of City, County, and State laws and policies regarding housing and homelessness; assess the City's existing housing conditions and available resources; and examine best practices and policies employed by other cities.

This work will incorporate extensive guidance and feedback from community members, businesses, nonprofit organizations, service providers, elected officials and appointees, and other stakeholders. Ultimately, the consultant will develop an action plan for the City Council and City staff to implement the preferred strategy or strategies for preserving and developing affordable housing. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to participate.

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## Annual Blues Festival

This year's Blues Festival will be held on August 5, from 12:00pm to 7:00pm at Bell Street Park (550 Bell Street). For more information please call (650) 799-8563.

**THE 2017 EAST PALO ALTO  
BLUES FESTIVAL  
LIVE MUSIC**  
BROCK AND COMPANY PRODUCTIONS  
Information Hot Line call (650) 799-8563  
**BELL ST. PARK**  
Free 550 Bell St., East Palo Alto Free  
**12-7 PM SATURDAY  
AUGUST 05, 2017**  
SUE'S GOOD COOKING

JOHNNY RAWLS  
*Tiger In A Cage*

ALVIN DRAPER  
*LADY CHICO*

BOBBIE WEBB

Terrible Tom Bowden

West Coast Blues Society  
Caravan of Alistars

East Palo Alto - Belle Haven  
Chamber of Commerce

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