



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

City of East Palo Alto

November 26, 2013

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -John F. Kennedy

City Council Reorganization

The East Palo Alto city staff invites you to attend the City Council Reorganization to select a new Mayor and Vice Mayor. Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Reception immediately following.

City Hall Council Chambers
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Town Hall

This past Saturday, November 23, 2013, East Palo Alto successfully held its second of two General Plan town hall meeting at Costaño School. These were long-range planning processes for East Palo Alto residents to develop a vision for the City and the neighborhood to identify solutions for issues facing the City. Thank you all who attended, and for your vision toward bettering our community.

The Rainy Season

As you can see, the rain has started. You will be happy to know that the most recent Newsletter focused on Emergency Preparedness in advance of the rainy season. We have also posted lots of good information and resources related to emergency preparedness and flood prevention measures on our website. You can find the link on the left side of the front page.

I would also like to let you know that starting November 19th, there are two locations in the City where sandbags can be picked up by residents during business hours:

- 1) The Corporation Yard at 150 Tara; and
- 2) The Re-Entry Program parking lot at 2277 University Avenue.

In an emergency situation after hours, volunteers will be available to assist residents with sandbags at these locations as well.



Happy Thanksgiving

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for all the wonderful work they do on behalf and for the community. I'd also like to thank City Council for its leadership. I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy it with the ones you love.



Season's Greetings!

Caltrain, in partnership with Silicon Valley Community Foundation, is excited to bring back the 2013 Holiday Train Dec. 7 & 8, spreading joy and the community spirit of giving throughout the Bay Area. The dazzling show train, with more than 60,000 glittering lights, will be visiting nine stations between San Francisco and San Jose. This free family event gives more than 4,000 gifts annually to thousands of local children who would otherwise be forgotten at this time of year. Toys collected from the event benefit the Salvation Army and the Marines Toys for Tots program.

For more information about the event visit www.caltrain.com/holidaytrain or to make a donation to the event visit www.holiday-train.org. To download an event poster, please click [HERE](#).



Cooley Landing

Please see the photographs below, which are of the construction of Phase II of Cooley Landing. In October, the contractor, O. C. Jones and their subcontractor, Platinum Pipeline, focused on the access road and work on the utilities, water supply, electrical conduit and a sanitary line in the stretch of access road between the entrance gate and the work completed in 2012. Work in November will include a seeding operation, mostly in the eastern part of the park, which will bring us another step closer to a self sustaining landscape consisting of native plants. The construction contract is on schedule. The park should reopen in February 2014.



Park Reservations

The City of East Palo Alto now offers online park reservations. What does this mean? You can now reserve any of our park facilities for your personal events by downloading the application and requesting a day and time using the parks calendar. You still need to deliver your application and payment in person to City Hall.

Website link to parks page

<http://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/Facilities>

SMART CORRIDOR

If you drove along University Avenue (State Route 109) lately, you would have noticed cameras installed at the traffic signals at the following three major intersections in the City:

- University Avenue/Donohoe Street,
- Capital Avenue/Donohoe Street, and
- University/Bay Road.

These cameras are part of the San Mateo County/ State of California "Smart Corridor" Project to use technology to battle traffic congestion in the County.

When complete, this project will apply the latest traffic management technology along 20 miles of State Route 82 (El Camino Real) from San Bruno to Menlo Park and State Route 109 (University Avenue) in East Palo Alto.

The traffic tech tools – known as Intelligent Transportation Systems – include a fiber optic communication system that will connect to Caltrans' Transportation Management Center in Oakland and 10 San Mateo County cities; electronic message signs that guide motorists through detour routes during freeway incidents; sensors providing information about the volume of traffic at specific locations; and closed circuit television cameras allowing Caltrans and the 10 cities to look at the traffic flow and determine the most effective way to reroute motorists during major congestion.

The project also will improve communication and coordination among emergency responders, local agencies, and Caltrans because they will all have access to the same information.

*"My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."
-John F. Kennedy*