



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

City of East Palo Alto

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“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination “ Nelson Mandela

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>

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](#).





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Staff Recognition

I would like to thank Assistant City Manager, Barbara Powell, for her wonderful leadership and work over the last several months in working with the executive team to complete East Palo Alto's Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). This Program and corresponding document is very important to the organization for staff safety, as well as to make sure we are in compliance with ABAG Plan best practices. This is a big accomplishment as the City did not have one in the past. Kudos to Barbara!

East Palo Alto's Redevelopment Agency

On November 14, 2013, Fitch affirmed the rating for East Palo Alto Redevelopment Agency's 2003 and 2005 tax allocation and revenue bonds at A- with a stable outlook due to continued solid property tax revenue support and satisfactory implementation of AB 1x 26 (the State's dissolution of redevelopment agencies). Finance, Community Development Department, and City Attorney's Office staff have worked very hard and spent many hours in implementing the State's mandated dissolution procedures. Thanks to all!

REMINDER

FLU VACCINE CLINICS

San Mateo County will have Flu Clinics at various locations and dates through December. City Hall will be hosting on Monday **November 18th from 11:30AM to 1:00PM in the Community Room**. For more dates and times please visit: www.smchealth.org/flu or call 650-573-3927



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.

"If you can dream it, you can do it" - Walt Disney