



# CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

City of East Palo Alto

December 23, 2013

“There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”  
-Albert Einstein



## Happy Holidays!

On behalf of all City Staff I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Thank you all for the great work and dedication that you put in this last year; lets continue to move forward in 2014 with new plans for strengthening our community. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

## Santa

Last Thursday, December 19, the East Palo Alto Library, in collaboration with the City, hosted a Santa Clause appearance for all the children in the community to enjoy. Lee Thomas, our very own Youth & Family Services Manager, volunteered to dress up as Santa Clause and greeted 195 kids with his jolly “ho-ho-ho.” Thank you Lee and the Library for spreading the Christmas Cheer.

## Toys

Thank you to the East Palo Alto Police Department for distributing hundreds of toys to the community on Saturday, December 21. Your dedication and hard work put hundreds of smiles on childrens' faces. Some of these toys were the only gift that they would receive this Holiday Season. Thank you Veronica Barries and the team for taking the time to coordinate this event.



## Bay Road Update

The City Engineer was successful in negotiating reduction in environmental cost with Cal Trans, saving the project \$120,000. Many thanks to Kamal and all the Community Development staff in their continued efforts to improve the community.

## Cooley Landing Update

After being closed for four months, Cooley Landing is set to reopen in February. While it's been closed, contractors have completed the utilities, reseeded the park and paved the access road. Cooley Landing is in a beautiful location, out at the end of Bay Road with awesome views of much of the Bay Area.

The next phase of work, in the winter of 2014/15, includes the construction of the education center. The design for this is underway right now and you'd be welcome to find out what's going on, have your say and help make decisions at the next public meeting, Tuesday, January 28, from 6.30 to 9.00 pm. at City Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Nextdoor

Have you joined Nextdoor yet? The City of East Palo Alto is now using this great, private, social network which allows the community to communicate with each other, share concerns, and information on events. Follow the link below, and stay connected with your neighbors.

[cityofeastpaloalto.nextdoor.com](http://cityofeastpaloalto.nextdoor.com)



**“Energy and persistence conquer all things.”**  
—Benjamin Franklin