



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

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"It is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them."
– Adlai Stevenson II, American politician

State of The City

Mayor Laura Martinez has scheduled this year's State of the City Address for February 3, at 7:00pm. Please mark the date on your calendars to hear about last year's accomplishments, and the vision and direction we are headed in this new year.

Nextdoor

It's official! Nextdoor.com is going live in East Palo Alto on January 15, 2014. If you haven't already, we encourage you to join your neighbors and use Nextdoor as a tool to interact online, find recommended local businesses, post and share information on events, opportunities, or crime activity, ask questions of each other, get updated on City and community issues, and much more. Follow the link below to get started:



cityofeastpaloalto.nextdoor.com

Welcome New Employees

Since the last Notes and Quotes on November 1st, where we reported our new employee list, the City's Human Resources Department has been busily engaged in recruiting some wonderful and talented people to join our team. We would like to welcome the following employees to East Palo Alto:

Rick McManis, Chief Building Official

Anne Cook, General Plan Project Manager

Vivian Ma, Associate Civil Engineer

Ellery Dake, Recreation Leader II

Karla Prince, Recreation Leader II

EAST PALO ALTO WELLNESS WEEK 2014 January 27-31

We encourage you to participate in this year's Wellness Week. All activities are free and geared toward getting our youth active in promoting health. There will be nutrition workshops, boxing lessons, zumba, golf lessons. Prizes will be raffled from local businesses, including Sports Authority, PGA Tour Superstore, The YMCA, EPA Boxing Club, and many more. For additional information and a list of the full schedule see the city website at www.cityofepa.org or contact Lee Thomas (650) 853-5905

Fire Station

The Menlo Park Fire District is moving forward with the demolition and rebuild of Fire Station #2 at 2290 University Avenue. The construction will begin on January 21, 2014 and continue for 12 months through January 2015. Community members should expect to hear construction sounds and see dust as a result of this project.

Water Supply Conditions

With all the press coverage of the dry calendar year in 2013, and a dry start to this water year, Water Analysts are concerned of possible water shortages from the SFPUC Regional Water System. However, it is still too early to make a determination of the remainder of this water year. In the upcoming months, water supply availability estimates will be taking place, and if there is a call for rationing, the declaration would be made around April 15th. More updates are to come, but in the meantime we are hoping for more rain in our area.



Property Tax Administrative Fee

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has agreed to settle the Property Tax Administrative Fee dispute related to the interest owed the cities using the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) rate. The County used an average of the quarterly LAIF rates for the years in question in the dispute. Our Finance Director has reviewed the interest amount and is satisfied with the County's calculation. Furthermore, the interest payment that the City will receive \$5,647.47.

Java with Jerry



State Senator Jerry Hill (13th District) Cordially invites you to Java with Jerry. Join Senator Jerry Hill for a cup of coffee and conversation. Bring your ideas, questions, and concerns about legislative issues affecting the community.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 9:00am—10:30 am.

Printers Café.

320 South California Avenue, Palo Alto Near Birch Street.

He'll provide the coffee at no taxpayer expense. Sit down and stay awhile, or just drop in for a brief chat. No appointment or RSVP necessary. For information call the District Office at (650) 212-3313.

"Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain - and most fools do."
-Benjamin Franklin