



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

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Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Graffiti Abatement Program



It remains no secret that graffiti is a significant problem in East Palo Alto and the entire Bay Area. The City recently initiated a pilot program in the fight against graffiti. Residents may now pick up paint at 150 Tara Street to abate graffiti on their property. The City will provide up to one gallon of paint to residents/owners of single family homes to cover graffiti on fences and walls. The City, in collaboration with your local Home Depot Store, will also provide

each resident a voucher for paint coloring so that paint matches existing paint as well as a paint brush. A big thank you to our local Home Depot and to the Community Development Department and the maintenance crew for responding to a community need proactively.

Nextdoor

We are up and live with Nextdoor.com! If you haven't already, join the network and stay up to date with what's happening in your neighborhood.



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New Interim Police Chief

I want to welcome Lee Violett as our new Interim Chief. I am so happy that he is able to join our wonderful team. Lee is a great professional with a remarkable breadth of experience, and will prove to be a valuable asset to the City of East Palo Alto. Welcome Chief, and we are glad that you are here.



Our Residents

We are very proud of East Palo Alto native Christian Dean, a Junior at Cal Berkeley and soccer player for the California Golden Bears. Christian was recently selected third in the MLS Super Draft by the Vancouver Whitecaps FC. We congratulate Christian in his many accomplishments and wish him the very best in his career as he keeps making East Palo Alto proud.



Secondary Units

The Community Development Department, in partnership with the Menlo Park Fire District, presented an educational event on Tuesday January 14, 2014. This event, entitled "Building/Fire Code Basics," focused on California State laws that affect secondary units. The East Palo Alto Chief Building Official and Menlo Fire District Fire Marshal conducted an interactive presentation that encouraged citizen questions specific to their concerns with the permit process required with emphasis on issue related to legalizing unpermitted units/conversions. Participation was lively with all in attendance (approximately 30 in total) expressing appreciation for the learning event. The event was scheduled as a supplement to the City's Secondary Unit effort.

Assemblyman Rich Gordon

Returning to Sacramento for his 4th Legislative Session, Assemblyman Rich Gordon invites you to attend an Open House at his District Office to discuss the outlook for the State of California in 2014. Light food and refreshments will be served. This Event is open to the public. Please RSVP through the website: www.assembly.ca.gov/gordon or call (650) 691-2121



Thursday, February 6th
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
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I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.