



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES AND QUOTES

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Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.
Abraham Lincoln

Flooding

The City is preparing for this year's rain season. City maintenance workers have been cleaning streets and storm drains, and a public sandbag station has been set up at the David Lewis Community Re-Entry Center at 2277 University Ave. The areas along the San Francisquito Creek where flooding occurred in December 2012 have been repaired and stabilized. Signs have also been placed throughout the City, in key locations that are prone to floods. I want to thank the Alleluia Samoan Assembly volunteers who collected over 100 trash bags while cleaning the gutters and curbs throughout the community. For more information about flooding in the community, and to ensure that you are well prepared, visit the link below:

<http://www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?NID=478>



Our Residents

We congratulate Bob Hoover for recently being awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service in the Bay Area. Bob has a unique golf program offered to kids in our community, but his lessons go far beyond teaching the game of golf. Bob is a life coach and uses golf as a vehicle to help kids in their personal development. Bob, thank you for your hard work and for making East Palo Alto proud!



City Newsletter

The new February edition of the City Newsletter is now being mailed to the community. It can be viewed online at www.cityofepa.org/newsletters



General Plan

The Existing Conditions Report for the General Plan Update process and has been completed and posted to the Vista 2035 website. The report is final, and reflects the best knowledge of the project team members at this point in time. We are encouraging readers to access the Report digitally, through the Vista2035 website at www.vista2035epa.org



Truancy Prevention

As you know our Truancy Prevention Coordinator has been working hard and has developed several partnerships. She has also recently come across a program called The Parent Project, which can be very helpful in working with parents dealing with truant children. The Parent Project® Spanish course for parents is coming to East Palo Alto. This FREE parent course is for parents that have children with destructive behavior, such as truancy, drug use, gang involvement, violence, etc. The primary goals of the Parent Project® are to reduce family conflict, reduce juvenile crime, reduce recidivism and improve both school performance and attendance, the number one indicator of juvenile delinquency. First class will start on February 26th at Costaño. For questions and to enroll in the course contact Yolanda Ramirez (650) 346-4831 or Claudia Saggese (650) 573-2189.

Midpen Black History Celebration

From Buffalo Soldiers to George Washington Carver, African Americans have a rich history in conservation. Find out more about African Americans who pioneered conservation in America as Midpen and special guest Henrietta Burroughs, founder of the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, celebrate Black History Month and Healthy Parks Healthy People on Saturday, February 22, from 1:00pm–3:00pm. More information at the link below:

www.openspace.org/activities/black_history.asp

The **FREE** event will feature:

- Guided hike with free kid's binoculars
- Children's activities
- Bird-watching
- Snacks and Hot Chocolate
- Special appearance by the California Buffalo Soldiers
- Giveaways and crafts

Note: Heavy rain will cancel event



Jobs



The United States Postal Service is hiring! For more information and to apply visit www.usps.com/careers

Holiday Schedule

Please remember that February 12th is a Lincoln's Birthday, February 14th is a Furlough Day, and February 17th is Presidents' Day. City offices will be closed on these days. To view the City calendar visit www.cityofepa.org/Calendar.aspx

Civil Rights Icons

Civil rights activists Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. and Elaine Brown will be at the Stanford Cembex Auditorium Graduate School of Business on Wednesday, February 19. Join these civil rights icons for an insightful conversation as they connect the past to the present, acknowledge unsung heroes, and reflect on their places in history. This is a free event and open to the public.



Health Insurance and Food Stamps

It's not too late to get health insurance! The Human Services Agency is here to help you navigate the selection process and enroll you in the available health insurance plans. For more information visit www.smchsa.org or call 800-223-8383.

Calfresh (food stamps) helps families and individuals buy nutritious food with a convenient card that works like a debit card at most grocery chain stores, and many neighborhood stores in San Mateo County. You must meet the income limits and be a resident of San Mateo County to qualify. For more information visit www.mybenefitscalwin.org or call 800-223-8383.



JobTrain

For assistance on tax return preparations, JobTrain and Tax-Aid are offering free help on the dates below, located at the YMCA on 550 Bell Street. For more information visit www.jobtrainworks.org.

February 15	10:00am – 2:00pm
March 8	10:00am – 2:00pm
March 15	10:00am – 2:00pm
March 22	10:00am – 2:00pm

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Abraham Lincoln