



Water Relief Coming to East Palo Alto



In June, the City Council of East Palo Alto and Mountain View approved a Water Transfer of 1 million gallons a day (MGD) from the City of Mountain View to the City of East Palo Alto for a one-time payment of \$5 million.

Since July 2016, the City has had a moratorium in place that prohibits new or expanded water connections. The moratorium has effectively halted new development in the City, constraining the City's ability to develop greatly needed affordable housing and additional commercial development. At their meeting on June 20, the City Council took action toward solving the water crisis by approving the Water Transfer.

The \$5 million Water Transfer will be paid by:

- Three developers, the Sobrato Organization, 2020 Bay Road and The Primary School based on their projects pro rata share of their estimated water demand: \$1.53M
- The East Palo Alto General Fund: \$470K
- The Sobrato Organization reimbursement agreement: \$1M
- A Silicon Valley Community Foundation gift from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative for the Water Transfer (\$2M) and Affordable Housing in East Palo Alto (\$500K).



East Palo Alto relies solely on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), for water supply and has no storage capacity or alternative emergency supply. Despite being one of the lowest gross per capita users in the Bay Area, and the State, East

Palo Alto has exceeded its 1.963 mgd annual Individual Supply Guarantee (ISG) of water for four (4) years between 2001 and 2015. A recent Water Supply Assessment identified the need for up to an additional 1.5 MGD to support the balanced growth envisioned in the City's General Plan update of 2016.



"This is a great step forward, a critical milestone towards achieving the goals of the City's General Plan," said Mayor Larry J. Moody. "Water is a fundamental necessity for a growing City, and we thank our community partners for working with us to raise the necessary funds to bring this transaction to fruition."

The SFPUC also approved of the water transfer. The current water moratorium will be lifted in late November after a Water Capacity Charge is adopted by the City Council to recover the costs of the Water Transfer transaction.

Independence Day

Have a happy and safe 4th of July weekend! Please note that City offices will be closed on July 4, 2017.



REMEMBER

Fireworks Are Illegal in East Palo Alto!

Warning: All fireworks are illegal in East Palo Alto, Atherton, Menlo Park and Redwood City. Sale, possession or discharge of fireworks is illegal, constitutes a misdemeanor and is a violation of local City ordinances. Violators will be prosecuted.



Target Grand Opening!

Target will be open for business starting this July in the Ravenswood Shopping Center (1775 East Bayshore Road)!

A symbolic, soft opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on July 19, and the real Grand Opening day will be July 23. Business hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



TARGET

Target has successfully hired 59 out of 124 workers that are local residents, five of which are supervisors or team

Second Units — Informational Meetings

Interested in knowing how to legalize or build a legal second unit? Join us on July 20, in the Council Chambers from 6:30 to 8:00pm. for a community informational meeting.

City Planning and Building Staff will be presenting about the building and permitting process for second units, and answering any questions that people may have. If you are thinking about building a second unit or bringing your existing unit into compliance, we encourage you to learn of the processes and understand what steps to take. We want to assist you, and we hope to see you on July 20.

City Budget

On June 27, the City Council adopted amendments to the City's biennial Fiscal Year 2016-17 and 2017-18 Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Budgets, and also established the appropriation limit for fiscal year 2017-18. Read [Resolution 4867](#) for details about the budget amendments, and [Resolution 4868](#) for the appropriation limit.



You can also check out the OpenGov digital platform at <https://eastpaloalto.opengov.com> that provides interactive and transparent access to the City's budget and finances.

We will load the latest information by mid July.

Beat Meetings



The Beat Meetings for the month of July are listed below. We encourage you to be a part of these important community meetings.

Beat One & Beat Four

Date: Thursday, July 20; Time: 06:30pm – 08:00pm
Location: Community Room at City Hall
(2415 University Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, July 6; Time: 06:30pm – 8:00pm
Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program
(2411 Pulgas Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, July 12; Time: 06:30pm – 08:00pm
Location: Peninsula Park Apartments
(1977 Tate Street, EPA, CA 94303)

San Mateo County Peace Officer of the Year—The Exalted Ruler—2 Years in a Row!

2016 — Officer Loren Wutzke won the Exalted Ruler award for his response to a series of armed street level robberies that occurred on January 4, 2016. A trio of suspect had been driving around in East Palo Alto robbing random victims at gunpoint. While responding to the calls, Officer Wutzke located the suspect vehicle. When the suspects saw Officer Wutzke, they took the Officers on a vehicle pursuit. The driver was traveling southbound on University Avenue from Bay Road when he lost control of the vehicle and fled, crashing into the now vacant El Bohemio billiard bar. Officer Wutzke arrested the two dangerous suspects in the car, with the assistance from his patrol team members. Working with his patrol team and Detectives, Officer Wutzke was able to also capture the third fleeing suspect and take him into custody.



2017 — As a new patrol Officer, Officer Daniel Cancilla recognized that there were numerous drug addicts loitering in several high traffic areas in East Palo Alto. Over the course of approximately four months, Officer Cancilla led his team on a campaign to clean-up East Palo Alto, averaging approximately 35 arrests per month. The impact of Officer Cancilla and his team was a big part of the 35% reduction in violent crime in East Palo in 2016.

In addition, over the course of nine months, with the help of neighbors, Officer Cancilla created a “paper trail” of narcotic related arrests connected to a house on the 2200 block of Menalto Avenue. During a probation search Officer Cancilla's team arrested 2 suspects with a half ounce of illegal narcotics and seized over \$5,000 in cash. At the same home they found an elderly woman, the suspect's mother, located inside her bedroom with inoperable windows when the outside temperature was over 85 degrees; there was unsafe clutter, and severe structural damage caused by the 1989 earthquake. The home was subsequently red tagged as unfit for habitation. Family members were called to care for the elderly woman, and Adult Protective Services was notified. This essentially resolved the problem for the neighbors and led to the proper care of the elderly woman.

On May 9, 2017, Officer Cancilla responded to a man with a knife call on the 2300 block of Clarke Avenue. Upon arrival, Officer Cancilla conducted an area check looking for involved parties and located the victim on the 1700 block of Bay Road suffering from a serious knife injury to his abdomen. Officer Cancilla rendered first aid to the victim until paramedics arrived on scene. The victim was transported to the hospital and immediately taken into surgery. A few hours later, Officer Cancilla spotted both of the assault suspects. Officer Cancilla and the patrol team took them into custody and recovered the knife used in the attack.

Officer Cancilla knows there is more to police work than just arresting people. During the Christmas of 2016, Officer Cancilla and the team decided to feed homeless subjects they came into contact with and also provide them with food and gift cards for local establishments. The funding didn't come from the POA or from a non-profit, but from their wallets.

Congratulations to Officers Wutzke and Cancilla for their awards, heroic actions and protecting our community.

Family Movie Nights

The City's Community Services Division, in partnership with San Mateo County Libraries, invite you to a Movie Night in a park near you this Summer! Bring your blankets and head to the park for free family fun. Festivities begin around 7:00 p.m. At sundown, settle in for a free popcorn and screening of popular films outlined below.



July 14
MLK Park
Star Wars:
Rogue One

August 11
Joel Davis Park
Moana

September 8
MLK Park
Smurfs: The Lost
Village

July 28
Bell St. Park
Sing

August 25
Jack Farrell Park
Beauty and the
Beast

September 22
Bell St. Park
Boss Baby

Police Department Newsletter

Check out the latest Police Department Crime Prevention Newsletter for the month of July, which includes crime prevention tips: www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/3392.

National Night Out — August 1



Save the date! This year's National Night Out has been scheduled for August 1, 2017. Please stay tuned for more information to come. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. The first planning meeting for National Night Out has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, at 6:00pm at the Police Department (141 Demeter Street).

Fundamentals of Baseball Clinic—Summer Camp



Coach Anthony Johnson of Ravenswood Little League invites Boys and girls, ages 5-12, to participate in a free non-competitive and co-ed baseball program. Working together with local agencies, families and volunteers, the program will offer youth a chance to learn the basics for baseball during the summer while also discovering the importance of essential life skills. For more information please call (650) 208-9158 or (650) 853-3100, or email anth_tote@yahoo.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event



The next Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event in East Palo Alto will be on Saturday, July 29, 2017 from 8:30am-12:15pm.

To participate, you must schedule an appointment at San Mateo County's HHW Program: www.smchealth.org/hhw or by calling (650) 363-4718, select option 3. The event location will be disclosed once your appointment has been confirmed. Limit 10 gallons or 50 pounds.

Residents unable to attend this event can still dispose of HHW for free at San Mateo County's permanent HHW facility Thursdays-Saturdays (except holidays). You must make an appointment at www.smchealth.org/hhw or call (650) 363-4718, select option 3.

Proposition 64 Study Session

On Wednesday, July 12, the City Council is planning to have a Study Session on Proposition 64, the California Marijuana legalization initiative or Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA). At this Study Session, the Council will consider (1) whether to permit or prohibit cannabis businesses in East Palo Alto, and (2) if direction is given to permit such businesses, how to regulate them.

City staff will also provide an overview of the Medical Cannabis and Safety Act (MCRSA) and the current City regulations in our Municipal Code. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in these important discussions.

Annual Blues Festival

This year's Blues Festival will be held on August 5, from 12:00pm to 7:00pm at Bell Street Park (550 Bell Street). For more information please call (650) 799-8563.

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West Coast Blues Society
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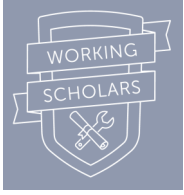
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No-Cost College Degree and Study.com “Working Scholars”



The City of East Palo Alto entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Study.com supporting the “Working Scholars” program offering courses, including a no-cost college degree for working adults in East Palo Alto.

Study.com is based in Mountain View, and its mission is to make education accessible to help students from around the nation earn affordable college credit that transfers.

Providing a low cost college solution to workers and residents of East Palo Alto through Working Scholars/Study.com, is a creative model that may help educating our city's workforce and providing them additional opportunities for economic advancement. For more information, visit Study.com

Measure C and TOT Grants awarded by the City

In June, the City Council considered awarding Measure C, (Crime Fighting Act) and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grants to the following non profits:

- Aim High
- Bayshore Christian Ministries
- Boys and Girls Club (BGCP)
- Building Futures Now (BFN)
- Canopy
- Collective Roots
- Community Legal Services EPA (CLSEPA)
- EPA Boxing
- EPA Center for Communication Media
- EPA Greyhounds
- Foundation for a College Education
- Free at Last (FAL)
- Gatepath
- Generation Reformation
- Girls to Women
- Mid Peninsula Communication Media Center
- Mid Peninsula Athletic Association
- One EPA
- Peninsula Volunteers / MOW
- Project We Hope (PWH)
- Retraining the Village (RTV)
- St. Francis of Assisi

Congratulations to all non profits and community partners that received City funding to continue providing valuable services to our community. Your contributions and programs you provide continue improving East Palo Alto.