



Cooley Landing Spring Festival & Grand Opening—April 16



Join the City of East Palo Alto and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for a free fun-filled spring festival and the grand opening of the new Education Center at Cooley Landing Park by

Ravenswood Open Space Preserve.

The Grand Opening Ceremony begins at 11:00am with Mayor Donna Rutherford, Congresswoman Jackie Speier (District 14), Assemblymember Rich Gordon (District 24), Supervisor Warren Slocum (District 4), and Midpen Director Nonette Hanko (Ward 5).



Tour East Palo Alto's new 3,000-square foot Education Center on the bay. The Center was funded by a Prop 84 grant that the City was awarded in 2011. The Center will host partner-based education programs and is available for rental by the public for certain uses.

For more information please contact Karla Prince-Cheng at kprince@cityofepa.org or call (650) 853-3132.

Town Hall Meeting



Police Chief Albert Pardini will be conducting a Town Hall meeting on March 23, at 6:30pm. This is a quarterly Town Hall meeting where he will update the community on the activities of the Police Department, introduce some of the staff, discuss current crime, projects, and challenges, and then take questions from community members. Location will be announced in the near future. For more information please visit the Chief's Community Update at www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?NID=559.

Facebook Vendor Job Fair in East Palo Alto



On Tuesday, March 8, Facebook and the City will be hosting a Job Fair from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall (2415 University Avenue).

This is a great opportunity to meet the Facebook recruiting team and vendor partners to learn about potential job opportunities. Come prepared to distribute your resume.

City Council Study Session: Rent Stabilization Ordinance

On Thursday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, the City Council will host a Study Session to discuss a possible ballot measure to amend the 2010 Rent Stabilization Ordinance and will take public comment on staff's recommendations concerning those possible amendments to the Ordinance. Among the proposed amendments, the Council will discuss changes on how rent increases are to be calculated under the Ordinance. All members of the community are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend and participate.

Garbage & Spring Cleanup Tips

Many residents are cleaning and beautifying their homes, and as a result, City streets and sidewalks have been filled with residential trash: mattresses, couches, and household debris resulting in blight. Placing your unwanted furniture and other items on the curb or street is against the law. Doing this can result in serious penalties of up to \$1,000 per day, per violation. Blight can increase safety hazards and take away from neighborhood pride. You can clean up your homes and keep EPA beautiful, too! Here are some no-cost or low-cost services for residents in EPA:



Trash

Bulky waste pick-up. Each home can receive up to 2 clean-up events, per calendar year. If you are at an apartment, townhome, or house, you are also entitled to this service. Homes can schedule this service directly. Otherwise, ask your property manager to schedule this service. Recology will pick up extra trash bags, carpeting, furniture, mattresses and electronic waste at your curb. Contact Recology San Mateo County at least 2 weeks in advance at: www.recologysanmateo.com/index.php/contact-us or...

Call Recology at: (650) 595-3900.

Right Size. Right-service. Are your trash bins large enough for the amount of trash, recycling and green waste your home generates? Have your bins become dirty or damaged? Order a free replacement! Need more space for refuse? Many households complain that they have inadequate recycling bins to hold the amount of recycling they generate on a regular basis, so they end up throwing recycling in the trash. Please order an additional recycling cart for a nominal fee of \$4 a month by contacting Recology. If you require more trash service, or more green waste service, you can request additional bins, too. Note that additional fees may apply.

Chemicals

Do not leave old chemicals around to pile up. Schedule a free pickup of oil, cleaning products, paint, and other hazardous waste by contacting Curbside, Inc., e-mail: hotline@curbsideinc.com or call: (800) 449-7587. Remember, refuse bins need to be moved within 24 hours of your service day! Working together, we can keep the City clean and beautiful!

Tree Planting, Neighborhood Cleanup, and Chain-Link Fence Removals on Saturday, April 2



The Kavanaugh/Gloria neighborhood will host a Tree Planting with Canopy, Neighborhood Cleanup with Clean Zones, and chain-link fence removals from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, followed by a potluck block party.

All are welcome join and help beautify this neighborhood. Participants should meet on Clarence Court (off Kavanaugh Drive) at 9:00 a.m. For questions and more information, please email: kavagloria94303@yahoo.com.

Palo Alto Shuttle Program



If you use the Palo Alto Shuttle, please join the City of Palo Alto at one of two community meetings as they share your feedback on the Fall 2015 Palo Alto Shuttle Community Survey!

Some of the discussion items will include:

- New service concepts for Palo Alto Shuttle Program
- New or modified shuttle routes
- Possible shuttle rebranding & awareness campaign
- Possible renaming of routes

Choose from two meeting times on Thursday, March 10

When: 3:00-4:30 pm,

Where: Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library
1213, Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301

When: 6:00-8:00 pm,

Where: Community Room, Lucie Stern Community Center
1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301

For more information please visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/shuttle. You can also call (650) 329-2442 or email shuttle@cityofpaloalto.org.

My Brother's Keeper

All Community Based Organizations and Stakeholders are invited to participate in the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) meeting on Friday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Community Room (2415 University Avenue). To register, and for more information, please contact Emily Pharr at (650) 853-3149.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



In May of 2015, Mayor Lisa Gauthier accepted President Barack Obama's "My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge" on behalf of East Palo Alto. The MBK Community Challenge encourages communities (cities, rural municipalities, and tribal nations) to implement a coherent cradle-to-college-and-career strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people to ensure that they can reach their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born. Nearly 200 mayors, tribal leaders, and county executives across 43 states and the District of Columbia have accepted the MBK Community Challenge.

Community Meeting with Facebook

The Facebook Community Meeting that was previously scheduled for March 3 has been moved to March 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend this community meeting in the Council Chambers (2415 University Ave). Facebook Officials will be speaking to the public and sharing Facebook's initiatives and involvement in the community.

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East Palo Alto Senior Lifestyles Expo: EPA Seniors on the Move

Join the City of East Palo Alto for a Senior Lifestyle Expo on Monday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lewis and Joan Platt YMCA (550 Bell Street).

This is a lively, informative, networking event for seniors that will include valuable information, interactive exhibits, health screenings, live entertainment, raffle drawings, light refreshments.



East Palo Alto
Senior Lifestyles Expo
EPA Seniors on the Move

Research shows that greatest challenge to the safety and security of seniors and the elderly is isolation. The EPA Senior Lifestyles Expo is an event that's a unique hybrid of information, resources and entertainment,

all geared toward satisfying and enhancing your life and/or those of your loved ones. At the expo, you can spend the day socializing, becoming better informed, and having fun! For more information please contact Emily Pharr, Community Programs Manager at (650) 853-3149.

General Plan Public Draft

The Public Draft General Plan is now out for review and comment. Documents can be viewed and downloaded at vista2035epa.org/documents.



Comments and questions should be directed to Guido Persicone, City Planner at 650-853-3195 or [gpsericone@cityofepa.org](mailto:gpersicone@cityofepa.org). Below are dates for upcoming workshops to review the draft General Plan. Stay posted for final dates, times and locations.

- **February 29: Westside Area Plan Advisory Committee** (WAPAC) — 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **March 7: General Plan Advisory Committee** (GPAC) 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **March 14: Public Workshop/Open House** followed by a Planning Commission Workshop. Open House from 5:30-7:00 pm, the Planning Commission then reviews the item from 7:00-9:00 PM
- **March 24: City Council Workshop**
- **April 20: Public Works and Transportation Commission Workshop** – 7:30 PM

San Francisquito Creek Bridge Replacement Project along Highway 101

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is replacing the structurally-deficient bridges at Highway 101, East Bayshore Road, and West Bayshore Road over San Francisquito Creek. Because these bridges have the lowest creek flow capacity of any bridges along flood-prone San Francisquito Creek, replacing the Bridge along Highway 101 will increase San Francisquito Creek flow capacity and will reduce flood risk for residents and businesses in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. The work for this project, funded and managed by Caltrans, began on June 5, 2015.



Due to the need to maintain existing traffic flow and comply with environmental regulations applicable to work in the creek, Caltrans will construct this bridge replacement

project in stages over the next two years, with in-stream work performed between June and October of each construction season. As this is a major construction project, however, the project will result in some traffic delays and inconvenience to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. City staff is working with Caltrans and other agencies to monitor conditions and will pursue modifications as needed to ensure impacts are minimized throughout the construction phase of the project.

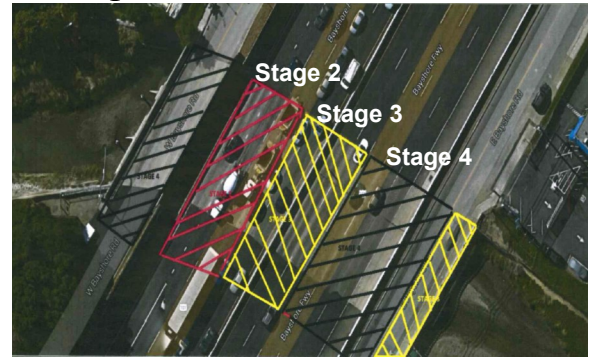
The East Bayshore Road bridge will be replaced in 2016 and 2017. During the bridge replacement, traffic will be diverted to a single lane, with two-way traffic controlled via a temporary traffic signal system that allows one direction of travel at a time. Bicycle and pedestrian access will be maintained during construction. This temporary one-lane traffic scenario will maintain full access into and out of East Palo Alto, but is expected to cause traffic delays. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes if possible. The partial bridge closure will start on April 1, 2016 and continue until late December 2016. Between late December 2016 and March 31, 2017, there will be two-way traffic on East Bayshore. Then between April 1, 2017 and late December 2017 there will be a partial closure. These dates might change slightly.

The Highway 101 bridge will be replaced in three stages between 2015 and 2017, with four traffic lanes maintained in each direction (auxiliary lanes have been removed and will not be replaced until the project is completed). Traffic lanes will be shifted during each construction stage to avoid the active construction zone.

The West Bayshore Road bridge is expected to be replaced in 2017. During construction of the replacement bridge, West Bayshore Road will be closed to all through traffic (vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians). Traffic detours will be posted to direct traffic around the bridge closure.

These improvements will require traffic control that will significantly impact traffic circulation in EPA. However, once completed, these improvements will protect the Gardens Neighborhood from a 100 year flood. Please excuse the great inconveniences these improvements will create. For updates and information regarding this project, please visit our website at www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?nid=585.

Stages for Bridge Construction



Stage 1

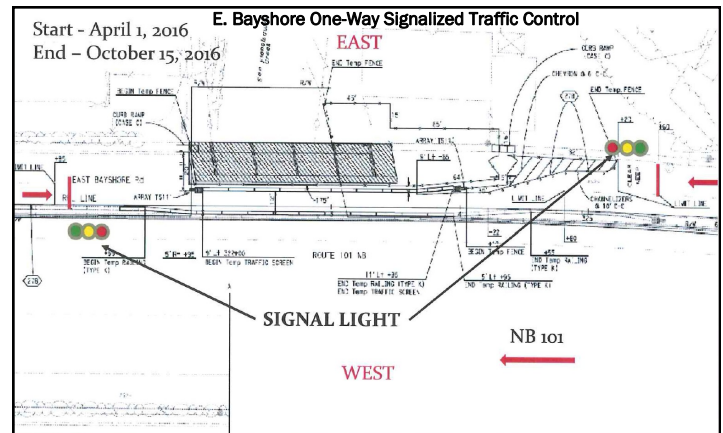
- Preparation work required to begin bridge construction on Stage 2

Stage 2: (current stage)

- This stage begun on July 7, 2015
- Bridge construction for stage 2 SB lanes of 101 was completed on October 31, 2015.

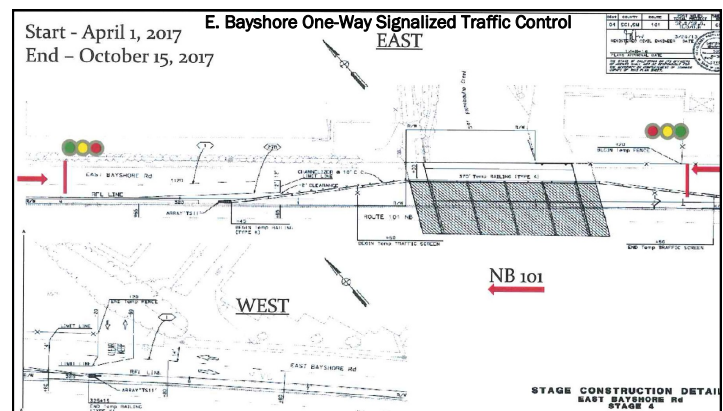
Stage 3: E. Bayshore One-Way Signalized Traffic Control

- Realign SB lanes towards the West and place temporary concrete barrier.
- Close the NB E. Bayshore lane and implement a one-way signalized traffic control between Pulgas Ave and Laura Ln. from April 1 to October 15 (198 calendar days).



Stage 4: E. Bayshore One-Way Signalized Traffic Control

- Shift NB lanes toward the West.
- Close SB E. Bayshore lane, implement a one-way signalized traffic control between Pulgas Ave. and Laura Ln. from April 1 to October 15. (198 calendar days).



Lisa Gauthier: Sun-Reporter's The Talented 25



Congratulations to East Palo Alto Council Member Lisa Gauthier, who was recently featured in the "Talented 25" edition of the "Sun-Reporter" newspaper.

According to the publisher, "Some of Northern California's African American powerbrokers are showcased in this issue because they are in positions that can make life better for our communities...these 25 individuals use their position and talent to make life better for the Bay Area residents." The newspaper stands by its motto: "Dedicated to the cause of the people - that no good cause shall lack a champion, and that evil shall not thrive unopposed."

Police Department Beat Meetings Schedule

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

Beat One & Four

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: Community Room at City Hall
(2415 University Avenue in EPA)

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, March 3, 2016

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program Building
(2411 Pulgas Avenue in EPA)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: Peninsula Park Apartments
(1977 Tate Street, EPA, CA 94303)

Disaster Preparedness Day 2016

Save the date! The 12th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day will be held Saturday, June 11th, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the first day of the San Mateo County Fair at the San Mateo County Event Center, (1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo)

Again this year, everyone that arrives before 11:00 a.m. on June 11th will receive free parking and free admission to the San Mateo County Fair.



Cesar Chavez Day



Please note that City Offices will be closed on Thursday, March 31, in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

University Square Update

The University Square Project, at the corner of University Avenue and Donohoe Street is well under construction. Both the garage and tenant spaces are progressing well. Both buildings are at the 3rd floor level and progressing steadily. Completion for this project is expected early 2017.

This Class A office complex will consist of two connecting buildings fronting Donohoe Street, from University to Cooley Avenue -- an office building on University and a parking garage on Cooley Avenue, linked by a two-story pedestrian bridge over Capitol Avenue, with a central plaza underneath. The complex will have a 5,000-square-foot roof deck and additional parking underground.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for complying with the construction workers and lane closures. Please drive safely through the construction zone, and excuse the inconvenience.



University Avenue Senior Housing

The University Avenue Senior Housing development is in the works! In a collaboration with MidPen Housing and EPA CAN DO, this development is a response to the tremendous need for affordable housing for seniors in San Mateo County. When construction completes in early 2017, the community will provide 41 affordable rental homes to very-low and extremely low income seniors, including apartments targeted to frail and elderly households, in the heart of East Palo Alto.

