



## Get Us Moving – San Mateo County

San Mateo County is a great place to live, but traffic is worse than it has ever been. Solutions are available, but the County is seeking for your help to prioritize and develop a plan that gets San Mateo County moving. Completing a simple and fun survey online will provide the County with critical feedback about your priorities for transportation improvements. To take the survey, please visit: [www.getusmovingsmc.com](http://www.getusmovingsmc.com).

Community input is the engine that powers Get Us Moving. In the survey you'll find a list of transportation goals that could become the framework of a comprehensive transportation investment strategy. Please take a moment to rank your top five priorities and make your voice heard. Either highlight an item and use the arrows to move it into "My Top Five Priorities" or, if you are using a mouse, just drag and drop it there.



## Free Home Composting Workshop



City Manager Carlos Martinez recently sat down with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) for an interview with other key stakeholders involved with the fight for water in East Palo Alto.

In this conversation you will hear from Tameeka Bennett, Executive Director for Youth United for Community Action (YUCA) in East Palo Alto, Laura Tam, Sustainable Development Policy Director at Spur, and Vu-Bang Nguyen, Program Officer for SVCF.

As the largest community foundation in the world, SVCF engages donors and corporations from Silicon Valley, across the country and around the globe to make our region and world better for all. In their Podcast series, SVCF explores trends in the world of philanthropy, social impact initiatives in Silicon Valley and beyond, and looks at how SVCF promotes innovative philanthropic solutions to challenging problems.

Listen to the conversation by clicking the link below: [www.siliconvalleycf.org/blog/philanthropy-now-podcast/east-palo-alto-water-report](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/blog/philanthropy-now-podcast/east-palo-alto-water-report).

## Employment Opportunities

The City of East Palo Alto is recruiting!. If you are interested in any of the positions below, or would like more information, please visit: [www.cityofepa.org/Jobs.aspx?CID=98](http://www.cityofepa.org/Jobs.aspx?CID=98) for an up-to-date list of recruitments, job descriptions and applications.



- Chief Building Official
- City Engineer
- Housing Project Manager
- Police Academy Graduate
- Senior Engineer

Soon to be posted: Community Development Director, and Management Analyst.

## MLK Day of Service & Mayor's Tree Planting

On January 15, local nonprofit Canopy, along with a host of community partners, held the third annual East Palo Alto Mayor's Tree Planting and Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Over 170 volunteers planted and worked together with Canopy, Grassroots Ecology, Catholic Charities San Francisco, the Rich May Foundation, San Francisco Estuary Institute, and several local Rotary Clubs at Rich May Memorial Field. During a mid-day ceremony, led by Father Goode of St. Francis of Assisi Church, a Scarlet Oak was also planted in honor of Mayor Ruben Abrica.

It was a wonderful example of the impact we can have when we work together. Overall, these volunteers and partners planted 32 trees, 90 large shrubs, and numerous native and edible plants. That's not even counting all of the mulch moved and the logs volunteers installed to provide habitat for local urban wildlife. As they grow, these additions to the urban forest will provide shade, fresh food, wildlife habitat, and greenery to the community for decades to come. A big thank you from Canopy to everyone who came out!



## San Francisquito Creek: Trail & Bridge Closures Update

The San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project continues work east of Highway 101 to provide critical flood protection to residents and businesses in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. The project work schedule is extended to accommodate mandatory protection requirements for the federally endangered Ridgway's Rail bird, which includes restricted work times and locations depending on the proximity of the bird to the project site. The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) is maximizing the window in which they are permitted to work, with the goal of completing project construction by the end of the year and opening the creekside trails and Friendship Bridge as soon as possible.

After further evaluation of the safety conditions, it was determined that Friendship Bridge and the creekside trails between East Bayshore Road and the Bay will remain closed through December 28, 2018. Starting on December 29, 2018, the bridge and all trails are expected to permanently reopen for public use.

### Palo Alto trail closures:

East Bayshore Road to Friendship Bridge  
Closed through December 28, 2018

### East Palo Alto trail closures:

East Bayshore Road to O'Connor Street  
Closed through December 28, 2018

### Friendship Bridge closure:

Closed through December 28, 2018

These trail closures are continuous and the trails will not be reopened after the work day or on the weekends. Please follow all trail closure signage and fencing. Only authorized construction personnel are allowed on site.

The alternate routes are designated by the cities of Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. Please note that construction on East Bayshore Road has been completed by Caltrans.



Thank you for your patience. We appreciate your understanding during construction. The SFCJPA is working with the contractor to minimize impacts as much as practical and provide as much advance notice as possible. New information will be shared at [sfcjpa.org](http://sfcjpa.org).

## East Palo Alto New Library Hours

We are excited to introduce a new and improved schedule at the East Palo Alto Library. To better serve the community, the East Palo Alto Library will add five additional hours on both Saturdays and Sundays. Community members will be able to enjoy increased, convenient weekend opportunities to uncover worlds of information with us. New hours will begin Saturday March 3 with the Library opening one hour earlier at 9am and offering seven-day a week service by opening on Sundays 1pm-5pm. This library is a popular and well-used community destination and the additional hours will allow for an increase in access to the critical resources and services provided for the whole community



## Beat Meetings



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

### Beat One & Four

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018  
Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm  
Location: Community Room at City Hall  
(2415 University Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

### Beat Two

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2018  
Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm  
Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program  
(2411 Pulgas Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

### Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm  
Location: Peninsula Park Apartments  
(1977 Tate Street, EPA, CA 94303)

## Police Department Newsletter

Check out the latest Police Department Crime Prevention Newsletter, which includes important tips on cyber bullying: [cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/3561](http://cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/3561).

## National Night Out – Save the Date

This year, National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Applications are currently available on the City website for those wanting to host a location this year. For more information, please visit:

[www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?NID=411](http://www.cityofepa.org/index.aspx?NID=411).

## 2018 Candidate School



Have you been thinking about running for an elected office? Become a voice for East Palo Alto and Bell Haven. The Candidate School is a Free Educational Certificate Program (donations welcome) with a series of classes presented by iLEAD, a program of Hagar Services Coalition, Inc.

Join the program and learn about the following:

- Required forms to be filed, dates and deadlines
- Questions potential candidates must ask and answer
- Campaign planning, strategies, practices
- Meetings and ethics
- Practical tips on the use of social and print media
- The leader Within you!
- And much more!

Classes will be offered for four Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2018. Dinner begins at 6:00pm.

The location will be provided only to the participants. Pre-registration is required due to limited space. To learn more and register, email [hagarservicescoalition@gmail.com](mailto:hagarservicescoalition@gmail.com) or call 650-644-4228.

Download or complete the online Pre-Registration Form at: [hagarservicescoalition.org/2018-candidate-school](http://hagarservicescoalition.org/2018-candidate-school).

The Candidate School is nonpartisan and does not endorse any political candidates.

## Free Home Composting Workshop

Do you want to start composting at home? Join the County of San Mateo County's Sustainability Academy for a no-cost two hour workshop to learn the basics of starting your own backyard and worm composting system.

Learn how to turn your food scraps, leaves, and plant cuttings into nutrient-rich compost that helps your garden retain moisture, suppress weeds, and prevent soil erosion, while cutting greenhouse gas emissions. It is rewarding to know you are turning what some consider organic waste into a nutrient rich organic material for your garden. There will be a demonstration bin complete with live worms!

Admission is free, but space is limited! Priority will be given to those who live, work, and go to school in San Mateo County. County residents get \$65-\$100 off compost or worm bins. Workshop attendees will receive an additional \$25 discount. Rebate will be provided at the workshop.

If you have any questions about the compost workshop, please email [sustainability@smcgov.org](mailto:sustainability@smcgov.org) or call 888.442.2666.

To sign up please visit: [www.eventbrite.com/o/county-of-san-mateo-office-of-sustainability-8607202597](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/county-of-san-mateo-office-of-sustainability-8607202597).

This no-cost educational program is made available through the County of San Mateo's Office of Sustainability.

