



The 50th Anniversary: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute



The City of East Palo Alto and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute presents "The 50th Anniversary" commemorating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., continuing the dream.

Join the festival and celebration on **Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM at University Circle** (1900 University Ave. in East Palo Alto, across from IKEA).

The MLK50th celebration is a one day, multi-ethnic commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrating with songs, dances, the world's most tasty ethnic foods, child's play, technologies and much much more.

Come join the fun in the Children's Pavilion, as they sing and dance: fun for the young and the young at heart. Enjoy storytelling, jumpers, face painting, tie-dying, crafts, building your own drums and more.

Dr. Martin Luther King's Legacy



On Monday, April 2, Dr. Clarence B. Jones, advisor and speechwriter for Dr. King, and co-author of the speech, "I Have a Dream" spoke at Cooley Landing to honor the legacy of Dr. King, fifty years after his assassination.

Dr. Jones shared his many experiences and work with

Dr. King accompanied by Dr. Clayborne Carson, Director of the MLK Research and Education Institute, and many other prominent members of the community.

City Council Strategic Priorities

On March 6, the City Council adopted their 2018 Strategic Priorities Goals. To view the goals and status, please visit the City website at:

<http://www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/3612>.

Special City Council Meeting

The City Council will be having a Special City Council Meeting on April 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the East Palo Alto Council Chambers to develop a Comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy. This will be the first Study Session focused on setting the City's housing priorities, and planning the allocation of resources to create more affordable housing to address the regional housing crisis. All are welcome to attend and participate in this very important conversation.

Earth-Day 2018

The City of East Palo Alto's Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 14, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Bell Street Park (550 Bell St, East Palo Alto, CA 94303).

Come down to this Earth Day event for a bike raffle, bike repairs, safety lesson and learning to ride, electric vehicles, tree planting, and electronics recycling. Bring it and leave it.



César E. Chávez Celebration

On March 29, Mayor Abrica along with the Comité Latino and the Latina/o Seniors Association held a public reception with family members of César E. Chávez and the Chávez Family Vision Inc. to celebrate the birthday of César E. Chávez and the struggle for social justice in education, the workplace, housing and health care.



The mission of the Chávez Family Vision Inc. is inspired by Librado and Juana Chávez (parents of César E. Chávez) family's philosophy to espouse the principles of non-violence, utilize volunteerism and encourage public action in order to bring about positive changes in our society.

This year 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the naming of the César E. Chávez Academy in East Palo Alto, one of the first public schools so named in the nation.

Real Estate Deals of the Year

University Square was recently listed as one of San Francisco Business Time's "Real Estate Deals of the Year."



In 2017 Amazon came into East Palo Alto, taking all of the office space in the Sobrato Organization's University Square. In order to comply with the City's First Source Hiring rule, Amazon has pledged to work with City officials to match City residents to jobs at the project or other regional jobs, through an on-site employment center.

Beat Meetings



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

Beat One & Four

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

Location: Community Room at City Hall
(2415 University Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

Beat Two

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018

Time: 06:30 pm – 08:00 pm

Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program
(2411 Pulgas Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 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: <http://www.cityofepa.org/DocumentCenter/View/3609>.

Veterans Service Office

The San Mateo County Veterans Service Office can assist County veterans in applying for grant funding to help them purchase a new or used automobile to accommodate certain injuries or disease as a result of active military service.

Administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the onetime grant for special automobile adaptive equipment is paid directly to the seller of the automobile for the total price of the car up to \$20,174.

Veterans in need of this service are encouraged to visit the VA office to see if they qualify for this benefit, or any other benefit services offered, Staff is happy to answer any questions and offer assistance with any veteran's needs.

Contact the San Mateo County Veterans Service Office at (650) 802-6598 for more information and assistance.

SAVE THE DATE! April 20 - 3rd Annual San Mateo County Veterans Open House & Resource Event, Redwood City American Legion, 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

Employment Opportunities



The City of East Palo Alto is recruiting! If you are interested in a position with the City, and would like to view an up-to-date job listing, please visit: www.cityofepa.org/Jobs.aspx?CID=98.

PhD Anna L. Waring

On March 6, the City Council honored and celebrated PhD Anna L. Waring for her leadership as Executive Director of Foundation for College Education, leading the vision of an East Palo Alto where higher education is the norm; thus empowering our youth and bringing positive change to our City and society. the mission of Foundation for a College Education (FCE) is to increase the number of students of color from East Palo Alto and similar communities who graduate from a four-year college or university.



Recognizing Bailey Family

Annie Mae and William Bailey along with their children were the first African-American family to move into East Palo Alto Gardens Neighborhood in 1954, making it their sacred sanctum.

Dispite being singled out, receiving threats, and enduring harassment, the Bailey Family has always been a pleasant neighbor and has welcomed new neighbors into the Gardens Community.



On March 6, the City Council recognized and celebrated the Bailey Family for their rich history and roots in the City, fighting racial discrimination, segregation, and fostering unity in East Palo Alto as a diverse and welcoming community.

San Mateo County All Mailed Ballot

San Mateo County voters now have two easy options to vote: Vote by Mail and Vote Centers. Both options are available 29 days before Election Day, June 5 Primary, providing a convenient range of voting days to meet anyone's schedule.

Vote Centers will operate similar to polling places, allowing voters to cast their ballots in person, whether on paper, at an eSlate or at a Disabled Access Unit. Unlike polling places, however, voters can cast their ballots at any Vote Center countywide. Voters will also be able to register to vote or update their registration at any Vote Center. Voters who have not registered before the close of registration (15 days prior to the election), will be able to complete a Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) at any Vote Center and cast a provisional ballot through Election Day. In addition to these considerations, potential Vote Center locations must have the empty physical space for voting equipment and be available for the election timeframe.

Ballot Drop-off Box Locations in East Palo Alto will be located at City Hall (2415 University Avenue) and the Lewis and Joan Platt East Palo Alto Family YMCA (550 Bell Street) open 29 days before election.

For more information please visit: <https://www.smcacre.org/>.