



## Farewell Message from City Manager Carlos Martinez



Dear East Palo Alto residents, City Council and staff:

As many of you know, I have accepted the position as City Manager of the City of Richmond. My last day as City Manager in East Palo Alto will be October 12, 2018.

It has been my great privilege and honor to serve this community for the past 15 years most of that time leading the City's Redevelopment Agency, and leading the entire organization as City Manager since December 2014. East Palo Alto has seen tremendous growth and change during my tenure. Change is usually controversial and difficult, but it is part of maturing, it happens naturally and it is an inevitable process that never stops.

All along, this and past City Councils have been directing and managing these changes in a very deliberate manner to maximize the benefits to the community. As a result, the City remains an oasis for the multicultural, multiethnic and multi-income community that is East Palo Alto, a progressive City where there is place for everyone regardless of culture, color, income or creed.

I firmly believe that the City's trajectory has been one of constant improvement and now, the City of East Palo Alto is much better than it was 15 years ago. Furthermore, we made a lot of progress in the last three years in a number of critical areas, including affordable housing, economic development, public safety, strengthening the City's finances and personnel, and in the areas of water supply, flood protection, and transportation infrastructure.

All of this has been only possible with the support of our community, the leadership of the City Council, and the commitment of dedicated staff. I am and will be forever grateful and honored to have been part of this incredible team that has accomplished so much under challenging circumstances. I know East Palo Alto's future is bright and greater things lie ahead.

## Latino/a Culture and History Month

In recognition of the contributions made by Latino/a individuals and organizations to the City of East Palo Alto, the City Council declared September 15th through October 15th as Latino/a Culture and History Month.



Organizations throughout the City have gathered to celebrate Latino Culture during this period through various civic and cultural activities and will continue to celebrate the City's rich cultural diversity throughout the month.

## Serenity Senior Apartments wins Silicon Valley Structures Award

Serenity Senior Apartments was nominated as Best Affordable Residential Project by the Silicon Valley Business Journal (SVBJ) at the SVBJ Structures Awards event on September 10th.



The Senior Affordable Housing project, located on University Avenue in East Palo Alto, was constructed by nonprofit developers EPA CAN DO and Midpen Housing in an effort to provide the seniors of the community with affordable housing. The well received apartment complex has proved to be of great service for members of the community and is a great accomplishment for the community and the organizations that helped make its construction possible.

## Willow Road and Connector Ramps Closure

Caltrans will close Willow Road and connecting ramps to U.S. Route 101 (U.S.-101) in Menlo Park for 54 hours, beginning 10:00 PM, Friday, October 5, 2018, until 4:00 AM, Monday, October 8, 2018, to allow workers to shift lanes on the Willow Road overpass onto newly-built bridges.



During the closure, Caltrans will pave two sections of roadway to connect Willow Road to the new bridges. In the new configuration, motorists traveling eastbound or westbound will navigate slightly to the right to access the new bridges. Through-traffic on U.S.-101 will not be detoured; only traffic that normally would take the Willow Road Exit will be detoured.

For more information regarding the closures please visit the Caltrans website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/101willowinterchange/>

## Beat Meetings



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

### Beat One & Beat Four

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018  
Time: 06:30 pm –08:00 pm  
Location: Community Room at City Hall  
(2415 University Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

### Beat Two

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018  
Time: 06:30 pm –8:00pm  
Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program  
(2411 Pulgas Avenue, EPA, CA 94303)

### Beat Three

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 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/3921>.

## Fresh Approach- Mobile Farmer's Market

Come and join Fresh Approach as they deliver fresh fruits and vegetables at affordable prices to our community every Sunday. Please see the schedule below:

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

Belle Haven Public Library • 413 Ivy Dr., Menlo Park

**10:30 AM – 11:45 AM**

St Francis of Assisi Church • 1425 Bay Rd., East Palo Alto

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

East Palo Alto Senior Center • 560 Bell St, East Palo Alto

## 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](http://www.cityofepa.org/Jobs.aspx?CID=98).

### Employment Opportunities Currently Available:

- Chief Building Official
- Community Services Aide (Public Works Division)
- Maintenance Worker I
- Police Academy Graduate

You can submit your application in person at 2415 University Ave. East Palo Alto CA 94303 or online at <https://www.calopps.org/city-of-east-palo-alto>.

## Remembering Dr.Faye McNair-Knox

On behalf of the City of East Palo Alto, we wish to express our deepest sorrow and the profound loss (on September 12, 2018) of Dr. Faye McNair-Knox who was affectionately known simply as “Dr. Faye.”



A resounding voice for equality, self determination, representation, and economic opportunity; the contributions of Dr. Faye as one of the principal founders of the community, helped to shape and articulate the political imperative of empowerment that led to the successful incorporation of the City.

Dr. Faye, led an impressive and impactful career, most recently having served as the executive director of the One East Palo Alto Neighborhood Improvement Initiative where she successfully convened a centralized collective of many of the community's nonprofit organization, allowing for greater leverage and scale of service. She created the Sponsored Employment Program, which has helped more than 1,100 East Palo Alto youth between the ages of 16 and 24 secure jobs .

Dr. Faye, a mother, grandmother, sister, friend, community leader, was a visionary whose contributions are unparalleled, immeasurable and an example of community spirit which will be sorely missed.

## First Annual Citywide Litter Cleanup

The City will be hosting its First Annual Citywide Litter Cleanup. Kickoff on **Saturday, October 20, 2018**, from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM at City Hall (2415 University Ave).



You are invited to celebrate your wonderful community and City by joining us to remove litter from public places such as curbs, gutters, public landscaping, public parkways, and alleyways. Personal trash, or large items will not be collected during this event.

## Coffee and Conversation with Your State, County, & City Elected Officials

State assembly member Marc Berman, San Mateo County Supervisor Warren Slocum, and East Palo Alto Mayor Ruben Abrica, invite members of the community to join them for a casual conversation over a cup of coffee. Come share your thoughts on legislative and community matters important to you.

**Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

McDonalds

1721 E. Bayshore Road

East Palo Alto



No RSVP is required. Coffee will be provided at no taxpayer expense. For more information, please call the District Office at (650) 691-2121.