



CITY CONNECTION

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VOLUNTEERS: "YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE"

Thanks to the many persons who continue to volunteer their services to the progress and development of the City. Very special thanks to Onyango Bashir, Shirely Brandon, Eldridge Fields, Hazel Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hutchins, Mrs. A.V. Jasper, Clarence Noyer, and Kenneth Perry who gave generously of their talents, skills, and time to the renovation of the "J-Building" at the new Civic Center site.

Eldridge Fields, long-time resident of East Palo Alto, cares enough about the development of his community that he volunteers his carpentry skills to the renovation of the new Civic Center.



Photo: Calloway

LETTER FROM MAYOR MOUTON

Praising His holy name, giving thanks for all the blessings we daily receive, and knowing that God is merciful and understanding, I again bring you news of our City.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Changing of the Guard (the election of a new mayor and vice mayor) will have taken place. On Monday, May 4, 1987, the Council will again designate two members of the Council to serve as mayor and vice-mayor, respectively. The media has been trying to make this a controversial issue, it is not. The last time the Council selected officers was April 10, 1986; at that time my colleagues Blakey and Abrica selected me to serve as Mayor again. Most California cities select their mayors this way; only in cities such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Jose, Berkeley, and San Diego, to name a few, is the mayor elected by the voters. I would like to see the Mayor of East Palo Alto chosen directly by the voters. Wouldn't you?

Special Mother's Day bouquets of love to all the mothers, grandmothers, and great grands; and especially, to those who may not have been the birth-mother, yet

have raised someone else's child. Yes, we know that just bringing a child into the world doesn't automatically make you a mother!!!

Public hearings on the budget will be held every Monday evening in May starting at 6:00 p.m. Plan to attend these sessions. These budget hearings will determine how your tax dollars are spent. Make sure that they are spent in the way that is most advantageous for our community.

Drugs still continue to impact us. In many of the surrounding communities, you won't see drugs being openly sold in front of people's homes; this is because those people will not tolerate this blatant disrespect. They don't sell in front of my house either because I will not tolerate it. You have to make those thugs 'get out of your face.' Now, I realize many of you are afraid but until you stop being afraid and take some action, your life is going to continue to be impacted. I would lean on the Police and the Council until those thugs left my neighborhood. Several groups are working to stop these pushers (and those who buy from them) from peddling their missiles of death. Among those are SMCOP (San Mateo County Organizing Project) at St. Francis de Assisi, the Unhooked Generation, Cope, and Rev.

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CITY COUNCIL RECAP

March 2, 1987

- Proclaimed 1987 as the year of the Reader.
- Held Public Hearing on proposed nine-unit residential Planned Unit Development Project.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 083 amending City Manager Ordinance.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 084 reducing the membership of Public Works Commission from Seven to Five full members.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 085 adopting regulations governing the use of City parks.

April 16, 1987 (Special Meeting)

- Update on Civic Center restorations
- Authorized the hiring of consultant with prior city managerial experience.

April 20, 1987

- Authorized staff assistance to any organization willing and capable of sponsoring Cinco de Mayo and Juneteenth 87.
- Accepted Budget Hearing Schedule.

SCHEDULE FOR BUDGET HEARINGS

Residents are encouraged to attend budget hearings and participate in the budgetary process.

The following is a tentative schedule for the Budget Hearings:

Date	Time
May 18	7:30 p.m.
May 25	6:00 p.m.
June 1	7:30 p.m.
June 8	6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mayor:

Barbara A. Mouton

Vice-Mayor:

James E. Blakey, Jr.

Councilmembers:

Ruben Abrica, John B. Bostic, Warnell Coats

Acting City Manager:

James E. White

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following positions are available with the City. Applications and resumes should be submitted to the City of East Palo Alto, Personnel Division, 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303. For further information, call the Personnel Division at 415/853-3100. Local residents are encouraged to apply.

BUILDING INSPECTION TECHNICIAN

Qualifications: High School diploma or G.E.D. Certificate; possession of a valid California Class 3 Driver's license; one (1) year of recent experience in building inspection or code enforcement. An A.A. degree or certificate in building inspection and I.C.B.O. certification desirable.

POLICE CLERK

Qualifications: Completion of High School or G.E.D. Certification. Must type 45 wpm; must be able to file alphabetically, must have good working knowledge of English grammar, punctuation and spelling. Must possess a valid California Driver's license. **Salary:** \$15,828.00 annually. For further information, call 853-3160.

SUMMER RECREATION DIVISION

RECREATION LEADERS AND RECREATION AIDES

Qualifications: Experience and/or knowledge of recreational programming and activities preferred. **Salary:** \$4.00 - \$7.00 per hour. For further information, call 853-3140 or 853-3144.

Part-Time Positions for Summer Aquatics Program July 1, 1987 through September 7, 1987 (10 weeks)

AQUATICS MANAGER (\$7.25/hour) ASST. AQUATICS MANAGER (\$7.00/hour)

Description & Qualifications: Responsible for operation for municipal swimming pool used for public recreation and classes. Supervises cashiers, lifeguards, and water safety instructors. Requires possession of current Red Cross W.S.I., CPR, First Aid and Life Saving Certificates, knowledge of recreation programs, and ability to plan, organize, and lead others in implementing the aquatics program.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS/LIFEGUARDS (\$6.00- \$6.25/hr.)

Requirements: Possession of current Red Cross W.S.I., CPR, First Aid and Life Saving Certificates.

CASHIER CLERKS (\$4.00-\$4.25/hour) Must be able to read, write, and do basic computations.

Apply to: CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO,
Community Services Department,
2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303,
Attn: Judy Stone
Deadline: June 12, 1987 (5:00 p.m.)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HIRED

The long awaited hiring of staff to enforce the Neighborhood Standards is completed and the individuals assumed their duties on May 11, 1987.

The Code Enforcement Officers will vigorously and immediately enforce the City Council policy on Neighborhood Standards which was adopted in Resolution No. 275 on March 17, 1986. Any person who does not comply with the Neighborhood Standards will be subject to the City's citation system and a possible fine.

GUIDELINES FOR GARAGE CONVERSIONS

Every single family dwelling in the City must have two off-street covered parking spaces. This can either be a two car garage or a two car carport.

If one wishes to convert their garage to a living space, a new two car garage or carport must be constructed on the site in order to meet City parking requirements. A garage constructed to be attached to the main dwelling must have a setback of 20 feet from the front and rear property lines along with 5 foot setbacks from the side property lines. If the carport is detached from the main dwelling, it must be built in the rear 50% of the lot, at least 10 feet from the main dwelling, 3 feet from the side and rear property lines, and a maximum height of 15'one story. In addition, a maximum building coverage of 50% is allowed per lot.

Converting the garage into a living space requires that professionally drawn plans (site plans, elevation and floor plans) be submitted to the City's Building Inspector for review. Once the plans are approved, building permits can be issued. Construction must be completed in accordance with City Building Codes and the Uniform Building Codes.

HIGHER MEDIAN COUNTY INCOME MEANS MORE HOUSEHOLDS QUALIFY FOR 3% LOANS

More property owners in San Mateo County may now find their county government better able to help them finance the solutions to their maintenance problems.

The federal government recently announced the annual increase in the estimated median income of San Mateo County residents. It is estimated to be \$39,800. Last year it was estimated to be \$36,300.

The result is that more property owners are eligible to borrow low interest money from the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Office to make home repairs. A couple with an income of \$24,300 or less, or a family of five with an income of \$32,300 or less, etc. would be income eligible. The

WHAT ARE NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS?

Generally, they involve the maintenance of private property in a manner that does not violate the City's planning or building codes, that is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare, or that is not a public nuisance. Examples of such violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- unpainted buildings
- broken windows
- discarded or unused furniture or household fixtures in yards visible from the street
- garbage and debris in yards visible from the street
- clotheslines in front yards and clothes on fences in front yards
- weeds and overgrown or dead vegetation; and
- property out of conformity with adjacent properties.

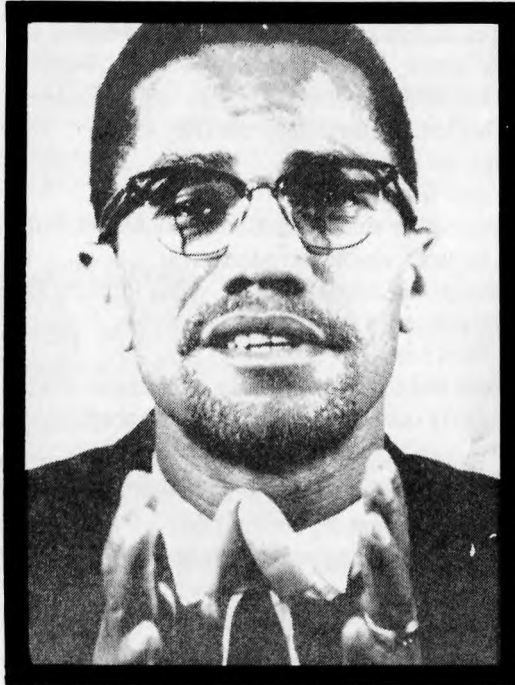
The basic intent of the Neighborhood Standards is to improve the physical appearance of our Community. You can help by making certain that your property and that of your neighbor's is properly maintained. Cooperation with your neighbors is important to the success of the City's Neighborhood Standards program.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at 853-3100.

BUILDING DIVISION OFFICE HOURS

The Building Official, Ron Scott, is available to review plans, issue permits and discuss your projects daily from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Scott can also be reached during those hours at 853-3113.

MALCOLM X COMMEMORATION



MAY 19, 1925 - FEBRUARY 21, 1965

"The key to our success lies in united action...Only through united efforts can our problems be solved." --Malcolm X

The Political Legacy of Malcolm X

Speaker: Oba T'Shaka

National Vice-Chair of the Black United Front;
Chairman, Black Studies Department,
San Francisco State University

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 1987

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: 2415 University Avenue

For more information, contact the Office of
Community Relations at 853-3100.

CINCO DE MAYO-- Mexico's Struggle for Self Determination



At the City Council Meeting of April 20, 1987, Mayor Barbara Mouton proclaimed the Week of May 3 through 9 as Latino Week in the City of East Palo Alto and urged residents to acknowledge the contributions of Latinos and Latinas to the community.

Special events were held throughout the community in celebration of the victory of the Mexican Cavalry division over the French Emperor, Napoleon III, outside the city of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Summer Jobs for Youth

The 1987 Summer Jobs for Youth Program is once again underway. The program, under the direction of the County Board of Supervisors and the Private Industry Council, is designed to help place county residents aged 14 to 21.



Interested persons should call the numbers below after May 18, 1987 for the clearinghouses serving East Palo Alto.

**Fair Oaks
Community Center**
2600 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94063
363-4551

**Mid-Peninsula Youth &
Community Services, Inc.**
2400 Ralmar Court
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
325-3276



Attention Business Owners:

If you operate a business, and could offer summer employment to youths, please call 363-HIRE. The receptionist will be glad to take your job order, and we will do our best to help you fill it.

Rental Rehabilitation Program

Tenant's and Landlord's Benefit:

The County of San Mateo Rental Rehabilitation/Low Interest Loan Program is still available to landlords in this Community.

The low interest loans make it possible for landlords to fix their deteriorated units so that low income families get the benefit of healthy and attractive living units.

Tenants of rundown rental units should ask their landlords to call Martha Ruiz at 363-4349, Loan Officer in charge of that area. The program is sponsored by the San Mateo County Division of Housing and Community Development. The improvements will not cause the rents to increase for the low income tenants.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Get involved, call the East Palo Alto Police Department at 853-3166 for more information.

RENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Rent Certificates: The Petris Bill that went into effect January 1, 1987, requires that the Rent Stabilization Program certify the maximum legal rent for all units in East Palo Alto that are covered under the Ordinance. We will be mailing certificates with this information to all EPA tenants and landlords during the months of May and June. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you read this information carefully and notify us immediately if you wish to challenge the certificate.

May Seminars: There will be a seminar held on May 11, entitled The Tenant Petition Process and Security Deposit Interest Refunds. A few of the reasons for which tenants may receive decreases in rent are, if they have been overcharged, they have not received their security deposit interest or, their landlord failed to provide adequate housing services. A subsequent seminar will be held on May 27, to discuss The Landlord Petition Process. Landlords may be eligible for individual rent adjustments if their net operating income has decreased (below the 4/1/83 level) and/or they have made capital improvements to their property. Both of these seminars will be held at 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, in Conference Room 2B at 7:00 p.m.

There is currently an Alternate Landlord vacancy on the Rent Stabilization Board. Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Applicants must be East Palo Alto residents. (Resident Managers are also encouraged to apply.)

Please contact Sharon Wallace, Community Housing Specialist at 853-3100 if you have any questions about the program.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER RECEIVES GRANT

Community Services Director, Robert S. Hoover, announced that the Youth Development Center recently received a grant of \$100,000 from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The grant will be used to continue the work at the center, which is at presently located at 550 Bell Street.

The Youth Development Center provides support services to youths 12 to 18 years old and has as its primary focus to empower our youths in securing their education and job training. The Center consists of two components: a Youth Task Force and the Staff at the Center.

The Youth Task Force consists of 20 agencies at the present time. These agencies provide services in the following areas:

- Psychological counseling
- Job Training
- Job Placement
- Medical Care
- Alternative School
- G.E.D.
- Legal assistance
- Family Counseling
- Emergency Family Needs

The staff of the Center at the present time consists of Robert Hoover, Director, Dee Uhila and Fred McDonald, Youth Counselor/Advocates.

The staff provides the following services:

- Homework and tutoring sessions (Monday-Thursday, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.)
- Academic Advising
- Assistance with College Placement
- Assistance with problems at school (class scheduling, attendance, disciplinary hearings, suspensions, expulsions, re-admissions, transfers, academic placement)
- The East Palo Alto Teen Club
- Referrals to other agencies
- Personal Counselling

Babysitting Course for Safety

Babysitting is often the first job a young person will get. It is a chance to earn money and develop a sense of responsibility.

On Saturday, June 27, 1987, the City will sponsor a babysitting course at 2415 University Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The fee is \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents.

This course which is taught by the American Red Cross will prepare participants to prevent home accidents and handle emergencies. It is especially useful for teens to recognize and deal with situations that are hazardous both to themselves and to the children in their care.

In addition, the Babysitting Course shows participants how to identify the characteristics of children at different ages, select safe toys and games, supervise children, diaper and dress babies, and feed infants and children.

Pre-registration is required by June 19, 1987 and can be mailed to the City Offices to the attention of the Office of Community Relations, City of East Palo Alto, 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, (415) 853-3100. Or you may register during business hours (8 am - 5 pm), Monday through Friday.

BABYSITTING COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto, CA 94303 (415) 853-3100

Registration must be made by June 19, 1987.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Age: (if under 16 yrs.) _____

Check appropriate box. _____ Resident fee \$5.00 _____ Enclosed

_____ Non-resident fee \$10.00 _____ Enclosed

_____ I will pay on June 27, 1987

SCHEDULE OF CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All City Government Meetings are held at 2415 University Avenue. The following is a meeting schedule:

Meeting	Days	Time:P.M.
City Council	1st & 3rd Monday	7:30
Redevelopment Agency	1st & 3rd Monday	6:15
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30
Parks & Recreation Commission	2nd Tuesday	7:30
Public Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7:30
Arts & Culture Commission	2nd Monday	7:30
Human Services Commission	1st Tuesday	7:30
Economic Development Task Force	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00
Rent Stabilization Board	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00
Personnel Commission	2nd & 4th Tuesday	6:30
Public Works Commission	2nd Tuesday	5:30

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

1. Attend City Council Meetings and share your comments, compliments, criticisms and suggestions.
2. Attend the Boards and Commissions meeting. The Board members will welcome your input.
3. Become a Board member or Commissioner.

The following vacancies exist on the City of East Palo Alto Boards and Commissions:

Board/Commission	Vacancies
Arts & Culture Commission (7 members and 1 alternate)	Three vacancies (2 regulars and 1 alternate)
Economic Development Task Force (9 members and 2 alternates)	Two vacancies (alternates)
Human Services Commission (9 members and 1 alternate)	Three vacancies (1 regular and 1 alternate)

Personnel Commission	Two vacancies (1 regular and 1 alternate)
Parks & Recreation Commission (7 members and 1 alternate)	Three vacancies (2 regulars and 1 alternate)
Public Safety Commission (7 members and 1 alternate)	Three vacancies (2 regulars and 1 alternate)
Public Works Commission (5 members and 1 alternate)	One vacancy (1 alternate)
Rent Stabilization Board (7 members and 3 alternates)	One vacancy (1 alternate landlord)

4. Share your talents and skills with your community - be a City volunteer.
For more information contact the Office of Community Relations 853-3100.

CITY SERVICES FEEDBACK

(Comments, Suggestions, Criticism, Complaints)

Date: _____

The City of East Palo Alto is committed to serve you.

Please let us know what you think of our services and how we better can serve you.

Department: _____

How can we serve you better? _____

Comments (Compliments/Criticisms/Suggestions): _____

Your Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Please return this form to
Office of Community Relations
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Check if you need a reply.



Photo: Calloway

DeMonet.

Macklin's group at the New Sweet Home Church of God which recently held an excellent series of meetings aimed at the eradication of drug use and abuse.

Many of you have expressed concern about the development being proposed for the 1900 block of University Avenue. I'm glad that people are speaking out now -- before anything is decided -- about their concerns and fears. In March, the Council sitting as the Redevelopment Agency approved an "exclusive negotiating contract" for De Monet, the developer. Nothing further has transpired. If, and when, the City takes the next steps, rest assured that we'll be talking about much more than just the 1900 block, and we'll be doing it with input from you through the public hearing process. We have to ensure that those businesses now located in the 'Whiskey Gulch' area will not be lost to the community; we cannot isolate the east side of our City from west side as many cityhood opponents wanted; we'll have to have development occur at the old Nairboi Village site, at Cooley Landing, and in other commercial areas of the City; we'll have to have a 'First Source' agreement in place so that the developer is forced to hire community residents; the above are just a few of the issues to be addressed and resolved before the Redevelopment Agency brings closure on any agreement.

I am very appreciative of the support you have

given to the Council, in general, and to me, in particular, over the years. I want to say thanks for all the things you've done, and for the things you've caused to be done. All those long years, during our struggle with the various legislative entities, in the local courts, and in both the California and United States Supreme Courts, your unwavering belief, your presence, and your prayers made the difference. The City is because of you.

It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor these past four years; I will continue on as a member of the City Council. Because of God's great and abundant love, I pledge a continuing commitment to moving towards that day when our fair City will truly be reflective of Him. Again, I thank you for your support and your love. In the coming months and years, please remember that I kept my promises to you, that I tried to do my best to bring about the outcomes I believed were in the best interests of our City. I end with the words from a favorite author, Edgar A. Guest:

*I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know
I want to be able, as the days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,
And hate myself for the things I've done.*

*I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself, as I come and go
Into thinking that nobody else will know
The kind of a person I really am;
I don't want to dress up myself in sham,*

*I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all people's respect
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.*

*I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know,
I never can fool myself, and so,
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.*

--Peace

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