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Sunday, 4/30/2006 was a special day in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. Wangari Maathai, the 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate, visited both cities to deliver her inspiring message of peace and hope through the simple action of planting a tree. Canopy, a Palo Alto non-profit advocate for the urban forest, arranged for the visit to celebrate Canopy's 10th anniversary and to kick off the East Palo Alto Tree Initiative. This initiative will plant 1000 trees in East Palo Alto by 2010 through a joint effort between Canopy and the City of East Palo Alto.

This photo collection documents the entire day that began by planting six trees in a small East Palo Alto park. In the afternoon Ms. Maathai addressed the East Palo Alto community at the park and helped complete the planting of an African olive tree. That evening many guests had an opportunity to meet Ms. Maathai at a reception prior to her dinner program presentation. The dinner was attended by more than 300 people and was a major fundraising effort for the East Palo Alto Tree Initiative.

Many people contributed to planning the events and to making the day so successful. All can be proud that their efforts resulted in a wonderful and exciting day that will be long remembered by all who participated.

All photos were taken by Mark Deggeller.











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