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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**Mayor:**

Barbara A. Mouton

Vice-Mayor:

James E. Blakey, Jr.

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Warnell Coats**City Manager:**

Frederic A. Howell

Feliz Navidad *Monuia Ae Kilisimasi* *Seasons Greetings* *Tet Nguyen Dan* *Mele Kalikē Maka*
Heri Zamwaka Mpya *Maunia Le Kirisimasi*

*May the spirit of the Holiday Season -
Peace, Cooperation and Communal
Harmony - be our guiding force!*

BLACK COLLEGE NIGHT

Representatives from Great Legendary Black Colleges such as Howard University, Hampton Institute, Morehouse College, Spellman College, Fisk University, Tuskegee Institute, Xavier University and Lincoln University will speak at the Community Room, 2415 University Avenue, on Tuesday December 30, 1986 at 7:00 p.m.

Presentations will include information on admissions and financial aid.

The public is invited. For more information contact the Community Services Department at 853-3100.

**Vacancies on Boards
and Commissions**

Applications are currently being accepted from local residents interested in serving on City Boards and Commissions. If you are interested call Patricia Perkins at 853-3100 for more information.

LETTER FROM MAYOR MOUTON

Thanking our heavenly Father for all the blessings and gifts we've received and continue to receive, I bring you an update of some of the happenings in our City.

This is the time of the year when children, perpetually in motion, pause to stare in awe at the twinkling lights and winter wonderland displays; and corner Santas clang out messages of need, of fellowship, of hope. Yes, the holiday season has arrived. Peace on earth...

On Wednesday morning, 19 November, 1986, cityhood opponents once again filed their spurious lawsuit against the City. This time the arena for the "Gertrude Wilks vs. Barbara A. Mouton" lawsuit is the United States Supreme Court; the thousands of dollars the City will be forced to spend to defend its life could be better spent refurbishing the Civic Center site, filling those countless potholes, implementing programs to reduce the high unemployment rate, or curtailing the drug activity in our community. The people bankrolling this lawsuit insisted upon going to the highest court of the land in spite of the fact that all the jurists in this state to whom this suit was submitted--the seven California Supreme Court justices, the three Appeals Court judges, and the trial court judge--unanimously agreed that there was no evidence of voter fraud, the only issue upon which the suit was based. Could this be the manifestation of the rumor heard in various quarters during the past three years to try and bankrupt the City?

We are trying to fashion a "world of reality" here in East Palo Alto. We're neighbors, brothers and sisters. Our needs are similar...food, rest, and shelter. We bleed when we're cut; cry when we're hurt; and desperately need the support and compassion of our families and our friends; it doesn't matter that our skins are of different colors. We all want, and need, a little bit of the good things in life.

Over the past few years, I've received many complaints from citizens about the drug trafficking in their neighborhoods, some even in front of

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1987

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
LIBRARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
3:30 P.M.**

For more information, call the Library at 321-7712

**"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,"
A Documentary from the PBS Series Entitled
"Great Americans"
6:00 and 7:00 P.M.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1987

5:15 P.M.

INTERFAITH CANDLELIGHT MARCH

From 2415 University Avenue to
St. John's Church, 1050 Bay Road

**Keynote Speaker:
Reverend C.T. Vivian,
Lieutenant and close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

For more information, call Patricia Perkins at 853-3100.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1987

5:00 -6:00 P.M.

June Jordan,

**Poet, Novelist and Political Activist will speak
at 2415 University Avenue**

SCHEDULE OF CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

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

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Time: P.M.</i>
City Council	1st & 3rd Monday of every month	7:30
Redevelopment Agency	1st & 3rd Monday of every month	5:45
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Monday of every month	7:30
Parks & Recreation Commission	2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month	7:30
Public Safety Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month	7:30
Arts & Culture Commission	2nd Monday of every month	7:30
Human Services Commission	1st Tuesday of every month	7:00
Economic Development Task Force & Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month	7:30
Rent Stabilization Board	1st & 3rd Thursday of every month	7:00
Personnel Commission	2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month	6:30

New Businesses in the City of East Palo Alto

In the November issue of *CityConnection* we welcomed the new businesses that were established between June and October of 1986. This month, at the request of many businesspersons, the new businesses established from January through May of 1986 are being listed. We welcome these new businesses to the City of East Palo Alto:

Aloha Construction Company
 Amoda's Housekeeping
 BH's "Unique" Boutique (*hosiery, hats, cosmetics & nails*)
 Barajas Landscape Maintenance
 Bassis Electric
 Belia's Mexican Restaurant
 Big Richardson Construction Company
 CFS' (*Financial Services*)
 Center for Economic Conversion
 Community Press (*Printing & Publishing Consultant*)
 D. Newson Hauling & Cleaning Services
 The Door Matchers (*carpentry, milling*)
 City of East Palo Alto Locksmith
 EPA EMP Plumbing Service
 Hunter's Arts
 JJ's Jewelry & Accessories
 Jordan Auto & Truck Parts Broker

LeCiao (residential)
 Lee Graphics (*Graphic Design*)
 Linda Ivy Wells Bradford
 Man-Maid (*housekeeping*)
 Maui (*landscaping*)
 Neat & Clean Janitorial Services
 Pangaea Associates (*mail order*)
 Pena Moai (*coffee house*)
 Pleasure Wear by Rita
 RMC Design (*Engineering Consultant*)
 Rainbow Cleaning Services
 Rainbow Landscape & Tree Trimming
 Rose's Company (*janitorial*)
 T & S Construction Company
 Video Revelation Security Consultant
 Woodland Publishing Services



Please patronize our local businesses.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY

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.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER (*Temporary Position*)

Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from an accredited four (4) year college or university with major work in Urban Planning, Architecture, Public Administration, or a closely related field. A Masters Degree in any of the above fields of specialization may be substituted for one (1) year of the required experience. Approximately two (2) years of progressively responsible professional City Planning, County Planning and/or Urban Regional Planning experience. Must possess at the time of employment and continuously throughout employment, a valid California Class 3 Driver's License.

BUILDING INSPECTION TECHNICIAN

(*Temporary Position*)

Minimum 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 AA degree or certificate in building inspection and I.C.B.O. certification desirable.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Description and Minimum Qualifications:

Reports to City Manager. Minimum of five years full-time in land use planning, housing, or economic development with two years in supervisory capacity; research, administrative and managerial skills related to municipal community development operations. B.S. from accredited institution. Graduate degree desired.

Salary: \$36,920 to \$44,886

Filing Deadline: Open

African Sculptures on Exhibit

The East Palo Alto Library is currently displaying an exhibit of African sculptures. The exhibit includes sculptures from the Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Ghana, Camaroon, Guinea, Tanzania and Malawi, depicting African people and rituals.

This exhibit is the private collection of Mr. Skylar White, an East Palo Alto resident and collector and trader of African Art. The exhibit will run through January 1987.

For further information, please call 321-7712.

CITY COUNCIL RECAP

OCTOBER 20, 1986

- Proclaimed NAACP membership Drive Month.
- Proclaimed October 27 through November 3, 1986 as Red Ribbon Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Week.
- Adopted Resolution No. 338, approving members to various boards and commissions:

Mildred Howard

(Human Services Commission)

Carmaleit Oakes

(Personnel Commission)

Keisha Williams

(Personnel Commission)

- Adopted Ordinance No. 080, an urgency ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 042, establishing the Arts and Culture Commission (the amendment being to Sections 1 and 3, changing the membership from eleven members to seven members and one alternate).
- Adopted Resolution No. 00339 in opposition to Proposition 63, the English-only Initiative.
- Accepted Investment Transaction Report-September 1986.
- Accepted End of the Fiscal Year Financial Report 1985-1986.

NOVEMBER 3, 1986

- Proclamation honoring and recognizing Dave Henderson's Father.
- Adopted Resolution No. 340, honoring Marvin Church for serving 20 years as San Mateo County Clerk Recorder.
- Adopted Resolution No. 341, making declarations under Section 207(K) and other applicable sections of Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Accepted Police Department Report, September 1986.
- Adopted Resolution No. 342, authorizing execution of agreement to provide County HCD funds for Ravenswood High School purchase.
- Adopted Resolution No. 343, authorizing agreement with independent contractors.

- Adopted Resolution No. 344, authorizing expenditures for Civic Center Recreation Facility costs with amendments.

NOVEMBER 17, 1986

- Adopted Resolution No. 348, appointing members to various boards and commissions:

Bob Hartley,

(Parks & Recreation Commission)

- Upheld appeal and changed certain conditions of approval for "E" District Permit (583 O'Connor Street).
- Accepted Investment Transactions

Report-October 1986.

DECEMBER 1, 1986

- Proclaimed December 22-28 as Holiday Project Week of East Palo Alto.
- Proclaimed December 11, 1986 as Solidarity Day with the peoples of Namibia in the City of East Palo Alto.
- Adopted Resolution No. 349 amendment to Garbage Service Fee Resolution.
- Approved the intent to adopt the following elements of the General Plan Element; Economic Development, Open Space Element and Noise Element.

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD

SECURITY DEPOSITS:

In December of each year, all landlords who are covered by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance are required to return interest on their tenants' security deposits.

The interest paid must be the actual interest which the landlord received from the bank. Tenants have a right to request, in writing, an accounting from the bank where the deposits are held.

The law requires that tenants' deposits be held in an interest-bearing fiduciary account. If the money was not held in this manner, interest must still be paid to the tenant. The amount payable is the greater of:

1. the interest earned on the deposit in the account where the money was held in a non-fiduciary capacity;
 2. the passbook rate which would have been paid if the money was deposited as required; and
 3. the legal rate of interest established by the State of California (10%)
- Interest must be paid on all deposits, including last month's rent, cleaning, key and other monies held on behalf of the tenant.

The money must be returned to the tenant, either in cash or a credit against December's rent, by December 31, 1986.

Failure to return security deposit interest makes a landlord ineligible for future annual general adjustments in the rent.

If you have any questions, please call the Rent Stabilization Program at 853-3100.

MEMBERSHIP ON THE RENT STABILIZATION BOARD

The Board is still accepting applications for membership in the categories of alternate homeowner, landlord and alternate landlord. Resident managers may serve as landlords. Please call 853-3100 for more information about the program.



CHIEF'S CORNER



The Christmas Season is here again, and the East Palo Alto Police Department, would like to give you a little insight to security precautions, to insure that you have a happy holiday. Start by making sure you first have the proper locking devices for your doors and windows. If possible have a neighbor watch your home while you're away. While out shopping, keep those packages locked away securely and out of view from onlookers. Remember **LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!**

When you return home, it is a good idea not to place all of your gifts under the tree as it could be too tempting, and if your tree is in the window, keep your draperies closed while you are away from home. This holiday season is a busy and exciting time for everyone, especially burglars. The crime activity increases during the month of December. Immediately after Christmas, mark your new gifts with your California Driver's license number or I.D. number, **DON'T BECOME A VICTIM!**

We at the East Palo Alto Police Department wish you a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season. If you need information regarding Holiday Safety, call the East Palo Alto Police Department, at 853-3166.

Correction: Vehicles must be parked within 18 inches of the curb and not 28 inches as was stated in the November issue of CityConnection.



**Holiday Greetings from
Vice-Mayor Blakey.
Very Best Wishes for the
Holiday Season and every
day of 1987.**

NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS BEING ENFORCED

On March 17, 1986, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 275 concerning Policy Guidelines for Neighborhood Standards. The Council also directed staff to provide an education and warning period of at least 90 days before vigorous enforcement of the Guidelines. Any person who does not comply with the Neighborhood Standards is now subject to the City's Citation System and a possible fine. What are the 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 on fences in front yards
- weeds and overgrown or dead vegetation
- property out of conformity with adjacent properties; and
- inoperable vehicles in yards and driveways.

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 neighbors are 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.

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their homes. I've been talking to members of our community about these negative activities, particularly as they relate to the young people who are pushing these drugs. All of these young people are not orphans; some reside in your homes; some are your neighbors; some may even be your friends. Nevertheless, we can no longer continue to look at what they're doing as harmless. They are actually selling destruction; they are messengers of death. As Reverend Jesse Jackson said, "Passing on a little snow (cocaine) is as unacceptable as the Klu Klux Klan's passing out their ropes and sheets. Dope is the hound of hell for this generation."

Please help take back our neighborhoods and our corners. Help rescue these young people from their terrorist acts. Do not let them come into your homes with their fistfuls of green bills. Even though you may justify their acts as helping you to make ends meet, you must repudiate their actions.

Retrospectively, over our almost three and a half years of existence, the journey has not been easy. Even now, there are sharp and unexpected bends in the road. We do know, however, the City could not have made it this far without God's great and abiding love and the efforts of each of you. Because of you and your caring, the City is!

May God grant to each and every one of you a blessed and happy holiday season. May the New Year be everything you need and so richly deserve.

I close with a quotation from a favorite poem of mine by Robert Fielder.

"Live in faith, knowing that far more rewarding and longer enduring than monuments, fame or fortune, are the acts of love, kindness, and consideration that the Almighty privileges each of us to perform every day of our lives."

Peace, and then love.

PROJECT HELP

Project HELP may lower your PG & E bill.

Project HELP provides free insulation and other energy-saving home improvements to eligible PG & E customers.

For eligibility requirements call Greg Willson at 800-367-7232.

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ATTENTION ALL TEENAGERS!

- Are you between the ages of 13 and 19 years?
- Are you looking for different social, cultural, and recreational activities?

THEN, CHECK OUT THE EAST PALO ALTO TEEN CLUB:

A broad range of activities and services are available to participants such as:



- movies
- skating (both roller & ice)
- bowling
- attending sports events
- visits to area colleges
- assistance with college admission
- tutoring (arrangements available for non-high school participant(s))
- outings to parks & beaches
- lectures & seminars
- horseback riding
- participating in organized sports
- academic counseling

For more information, contact Dee Uhila at 853-3100.

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Have a safe & happy holiday season. 

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