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Palo Alto, CA*

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

"Avoid the 13" Holiday DUI Campaign Starts December 14

The Palo Alto Police Department has been chosen to host this year's "Avoid the 13" Holiday DUI Campaign for Santa Clara County. The 18-day campaign begins Friday, December 14, 2007 and runs through January 1, 2008.

The "Avoid the 13" DUI Campaign started in Santa Clara County in 1973. The goal was to increase awareness and understanding of the consequences associated with driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Over the past 34 years, participating agencies have arrested more than 30,000 drunk drivers during this holiday campaign. There are now 41 other counties in the state who have their own "Avoid" holiday DUI campaigns.

The Police Department has dedicated Strike Teams and extra DUI patrols in an effort to maximize their enforcement efforts as this campaign is a priority in making the streets of Palo Alto safer.

Holiday Hours for City Offices and Facilities

City facilities are closed and services limited from December 24, 2007, through January 1, 2008. All critical emergency operations will remain open and staffed. As in years past, the complete holiday schedule is posted on the City's web site at www.cityofpaloalto.org under "Quick Finds."

Emergency services such as police and fire services, as well as emergency public works and utilities crews will remain open; however many City offices will be closed or have limited hours during the Winter holidays. There are modified schedules for the Development Center, Revenue Collections, Libraries, Community Centers, Animal Services, Utilities Customer Service, MSC and Water Quality Plant. City employees will take vacation, personal time, or unpaid leave during this period.

Google Search Added to City Website

As the City's web site continues to evolve, a recent and important change is the switch to the Google Search Appliance last week. The City purchased the hardware and two years of technical support for a cost of \$30K. The search



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appliance has been integrated with the site and the focus shifted to searchable data, the addition of links, a “Featured Topics” section to spotlight special activities and information, and a reduction in navigation steps. In the coming weeks, local photography will replace some of the existing photos on the site.

Children’s Theatre Presents Wizard of Oz Musical

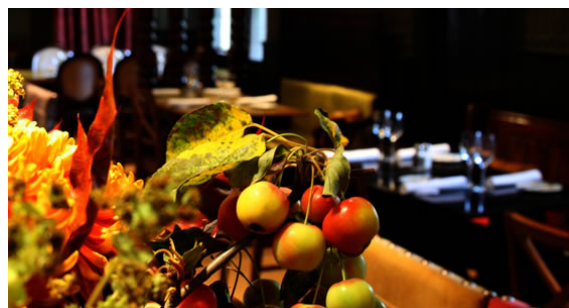
The Palo Alto Children’s Theatre will open THE WIZARD OF OZ, based on L. Frank Baum’s classic novel, on December 14. With a cast of over 60 young people (and one dog) playing 125+ roles, THE WIZARD OF OZ is a delightful family treat which culminates the 75th Anniversary year of the Children’s Theatre. The play features familiar tunes such as “Over the Rainbow,” “We’re Off to See the Wizard,” and “Ding-Dong! The Witch Is Dead.”

THE WIZARD OF OZ will play on the following dates:
 Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday,
 December 15 at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 20 at
 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 21 at 4:30 and 7:30
 p.m., and Saturday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets
 are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and may be
 purchased at the Children’s Theatre Box Office, (650)
 463-4970, Tuesday through Saturday 1:30-6 p.m.



Senior New Year’s Eve Day Bash at Cubberley

Palo Alto Recreation, Mid-Peninsula Bank, the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation and La Comida de California are pleased to present the Annual Senior New Year’s Eve Day Bash to be held on Monday, December 31, 2007, 11a.m.–2 p.m. at Cubberley Community Center Auditorium, 4000 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. This quality celebration is open to all seniors in Palo Alto and neighboring communities.



For a festive and a fun-filled afternoon of a wonderful buffet lunch, dancing to Sam Morocco and the Rhythm Masters, raffle prizes and a champagne toast, please join partygoers at this community-wide sponsored event. Day-of-event ticket price is \$15 and doors open at 10:30 a.m. Pre-event ticket

price is \$10 and can be purchased at the following locations:

Lucie Stern Community Center 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto



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Cubberley Community Center	4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
Avenidas	450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto
Schultz Jewish Community Center	4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
Senior Friendship Day (Wednesdays)	4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

For more information, please contact Recreations Supervisor Minka van der Zwaag at (650) 463-4953.

Attorney’s Office Adopts a Family for the Holidays

This year, the Palo Alto City Attorney’s Office continued its tradition of participating in the annual Adopt-A-Family Program, sponsored by the Santa Clara County Bar Association Women Lawyers Committee and the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children’s Services. Each holiday season, the program matches less fortunate families with donors who “adopt” the family to help grant their holiday wishes.

Using contributions from each employee in the Attorney’s Office, staff members bought and wrapped nearly three dozen gifts. Their adopted family will receive Christmas wishes and presents of new children’s clothes, shoes, books and games, a toy chest to hold it all, and bedding and toiletries for mom and dad. During this busy time of year, it was a great reminder of how fortunate we are.

4 City of Palo Alto Investment Portfolio Update

There has been a lot in the news recently about the losses banks, mortgage companies and local jurisdictions have experienced due to sub prime investment vehicles. For example, the Florida State Board of Administration recently revealed it had \$2.5 billion in downgraded investments related to the sub prime instruments in its portfolio and that local jurisdictions which had deposited funds with the State Board were exposed to losses. It is important to note that the City of Palo Alto (CPA) investment portfolio has **no** exposure to these risky investments.

CPA does have funds deposited with the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). According to the California State Treasurer, “The Pooled Money Investment Account does not now invest, nor has it ever invested...” in sub prime investment structures.

All other CPA investments are in Federal Agency securities (backed by the U.S. government), U.S. Treasuries, a triple-A rated Fidelity money market

fund that consists of Treasury investments, and several small Certificates of Deposit. The City strictly and conservatively abides by three investment goals in the following priority order: safety, liquidity and yield, with safety being the most important.



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