

*May 9, 2008  
Palo Alto, CA*

## FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

### **4 National Police Week: A Time to Honor and Remember**

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation that set aside Thursday, May 15, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 as National Police Week. With flags flying at half staff throughout the country on Peace Officers Memorial Day, we recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of the men and women whose devotion to duty brings honor to our system of justice.

In commemoration, the Palo Alto Police Department will display information regarding the three officers from Palo Alto who made the ultimate sacrifice. Blue ribbons will adorn police vehicle antennas and Palo Alto officers will have the option of wearing black mourning bands across their badges.

Santa Clara County will hold its annual ceremony on the front steps of the county building at 55 West Younger Avenue, San Jose, on Friday, May 16 at 12 noon. The ceremonial reading of the names will include all officers in the County killed in the line of duty. The State of California will commemorate National Peace Officers Memorial Day with a Candlelight vigil on May 8, and the official reciting and enrolling of the newest fallen officers' names on May 9. The memorial is located in Sacramento on Tenth Street across from the Capitol building.

National Police Week runs from Sunday, May 11 through Saturday, May 17, with activities planned in Washington, D.C. at the National Memorial. While we are always grateful when citizens take the time to show their appreciation to our officers for the work they do, during this coming week we hope that members of the public go out of their way to recognize the officers for their service to our community.

### **4 Bike to Work and Get Rewarded Thursday May 15**

On Thursday May 15, communities throughout the Bay Area will celebrate the 14th Annual Bike to Work Day to promote bicycling as a healthy, green and fun form of transportation. More than 180 Energizer Stations in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties along bike commute routes will provide rewards and encouragement for regular and first time bike commuters. The City of Palo Alto will sponsor four Energizer Stations:

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- City Hall King Plaza, near the intersection of Hamilton and Bryant Street
- Alma Bike Bridge, near the intersection of Alma and El Camino Real
- California Avenue and Park Boulevard, near the Caltrain Station
- Wilkie Way Bike Bridge over Adobe Creek, on the Miller Avenue side

Joining the commuters will be City Manager Frank Benest who will bike to City Hall. City staff, members of the Palo Alto Bicycle Advisory Committee and friendly volunteers will welcome bicyclists at the Energizer Stations with fruit, coffee and other treats, plus bike commute bags, from 6:30 – 9 a.m.



Other local Energizer Station locations include one near Arastradero and Foothill (sponsored by Roche), another on Hanover near Page Mill (sponsored by HP) and one near the intersection of Churchill and Castilleja Avenues (sponsored by the Palo Alto High School). Stanford University will be hosting five more Energizer Stations at White Plaza and four key entrances to campus: Palm Drive, Galvez, Serra and Campus Drive West.

For maps showing locations of these Energizer Stations and 180 others over the Bay Area, plus FAQs on bike commuting and how to enter a prize drawing, see [www.bicycling.511.org](http://www.bicycling.511.org) For more information on Santa Clara County Bike to Work Day events, see [www.svbcbikes.org](http://www.svbcbikes.org)

To volunteer and join the fun next Thursday morning at one of the Energizer Station locations in Palo Alto, contact Kathy Durham at [kathy.durham@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:kathy.durham@cityofpaloalto.org) or call (650) 329-2568.

## **New Bobcat Habitat Planned for Palo Alto Junior Museum**



The Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum have undertaken a new fundraising campaign to renovate the bobcat habitat at our neighborhood gem, the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo. The new exhibit will feature a more natural, stimulating environment that suits the behavior and instincts of bobcats, as well as an improved interactive viewing area for the children, including replacing the hard, cold concrete floor and low ceilings.

Listed below are some of the design highlights for the new exhibit:



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- Increased exhibit height and square footage
- A natural setting with sloped landscaping, soil, grass and plants
- More stimulating features, including a large tree, heated rocks, pond and waterfall
- New, non-reflective glass to increase visibility
- A child-size crawlspace to allow safe, eye-to-eye views of the bobcats
- New sprinkler and drainage systems
- A new transition space and den for individual observation and treatment
- New signage to benefit parents and children

For more information, visit [www.friendsjmz.org/projects.html](http://www.friendsjmz.org/projects.html) or call (650) 326-6338.

#### **4 Police Volunteers Celebrated**

The Palo Alto Police Department recognized its volunteers at a luncheon hosted by the Police Chief and attended by several department staff on April 30, 2008. The Police Department has a volunteer force of 24 members who this past year donated 3,421 hours, equivalent to 1.5 full time employees. This is the highest number of volunteer hours since 2001. Six of our volunteers have ten or more years of service to the Police Department. The combined years of service for the current volunteer roster equals 136 years of service to this Police Department.

The current national hourly rate for volunteer time is \$18.04 per hour. The total dollar value the Volunteer program has contributed to the Police Department this past year is \$61,700. Twelve of the Police Department volunteers have earned and received the President's Service Award, which recognizes those who perform 100+ hours of service in a year. Volunteers don't get paid, but they are priceless. When a person volunteers, it means they give of themselves without reservation, without conditions, but with full devotion and we appreciate every moment they spend with us.

#### **4 Community Services Department Announces 2008 Community Star Awards**

The Community Services Department (CSD) takes pleasure in announcing the recipients of the 2008 Community Star Awards (CSA). The award is given to individuals or organizations which have helped further the goals of the department's four divisions: Arts and Sciences; Human Services and Cubberley Community Center; Open Space and Parks; and Recreation and Golf. Community Star recipients were honored by Community Services

Director Richard James and the CSD staff at a breakfast at the Palo Alto Golf Course Restaurant on Wednesday, May 7, 2008. Following is this year's recipients.

The Open Space and Parks Division presented its CSA to **Christine Martin**. Christine and her husband have been frequent visitors to the Baylands for many years. Christine rides her bike at the Baylands four to five times a week and over time became concerned with the large amount of trash scattered around the park. She eventually purchased a basket for her bike so she could remove even more trash. Christine is one of the few volunteers to go the extra effort to be more than just a reporter of problems. She is a valuable part of our team that helps keep the park looking its best and is an excellent example of how one person can make a profound difference.

The Arts and Sciences Division is proud to recognize **IDEO** with this year's CSA. Based in Palo Alto, IDEO is an innovative global design consultancy known for its human-centered approach. IDEO staff members have given generously of their valuable time and expertise to the Palo Alto Art Center, as well as many other City of Palo Alto programs.

Through the amazing support of staff members at IDEO, the Art Center was able to organize and present *IDEO Prototypes the Future*, the first exhibition to present a comprehensive collection of contemporary, forward-thinking concepts and prototypes created by IDEO and one of the Art Center's most attended exhibitions. In addition, IDEO's John Stoddard and Scott Underwood met with Art Center staff and volunteers over an 11-month period to create a new message and printed materials for the Art Center Foundation's "Where Art Transforms" Capital Campaign.

The Recreation and Golf Division took great honor in bestowing the 2008 CSA on **Jack Hoover** for his volunteerism, support and passion of the annual Palo Alto Senior Softball Tournament. In 1988, Jack Hoover approached the City's Recreation Division after participating in his first senior softball tournament in a neighboring city, and asked how to get a tournament started in Palo Alto. With his commitment to make it happen and through the support of the City's Recreation staff the Palo Alto Senior Softball Tournament was created, and now is about to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary starting June 7. We thank Jack for his many hours of volunteerism and coordination of the tournament which has motivated thousands of seniors to be active, to compete and, most of all, to play.

The Human Services and Cubberley Community Center Division proudly recognized **Sheila Mandoli** as its CSA recipient because of her unfaltering dedication to child care. As a stay at home, Sheila became involved in the



community. As her children grew, she taught at the Friends Nursery School and then became Director of the Sunnyvale Parent Co-op for three years. She then went on to be hired as the first director of Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC). Sheila retired from PACCC in 1988 and became Director of Sojourner Truth Child Development Center and then returned to PACCC as its Volunteer Coordinator, where she has been the Volunteer Coordinator for the past 29 years. Sheila pioneered the Palo Alto Intergenerational Week, organizing many activities to promote relationships between children, youth and seniors in the community. She believes that the cross generational experience enriches children and enhances their learning and development. Sheila Mandoli has enriched our community with her work and contributions to our children.

### **Planning Department Wins National Award from APA**

Last spring, the Planning Department's GIS Parcel Report received the American Planning Association (APA) regional-level award for "Innovative Use of Technology." In October, the City won a similar award at the state level. At last week's APA conference held in Las Vegas, the City was recognized at the national level—winning the APA Technology Division award for "Best Use of Technology to Improve a Plan or Planning Process." Gloria Humble, who was responsible for developing the report, was at the conference, along with the City's Planning Director and Assistant Director, to accept the award.



What's important about the GIS Parcel Report? It enables single family property owners to understand with the click of a button the development potential of a property before they begin a project, or even purchase a parcel. The City has always provided this information, but it used to take 20 to 30 minutes to check multiple maps and binders and

to calculate the crucial numbers. There was a risk of discovering a development constraint mid-project – an unhappy experience for all. Now, the GIS parcel report allows staff to instantly produce a one-page summary that includes a dimensioned map and the crucial pieces of information the customer needs. It's no surprise that the nomination received letters of support from the development community, real estate community, planning

staff from other jurisdictions, and even technology staff from other jurisdictions.

This award is a tribute to both the Planning Department and the City's GIS staff. Visit [www.cityofpaloalto.org/forms/pln/pln-parcel-report.lasso](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/forms/pln/pln-parcel-report.lasso) to request a Parcel Report, which will be e-mailed within one working day of the request.

### **86th Annual May Fete Parade was Movin' and Groovin'**

The 86th Annual May Fete Children's Parade took place Saturday, May 3. It is a much-anticipated Palo Alto tradition and is the oldest and largest children's parade in Northern California. For 86 years, the City of Palo Alto has been strengthening the community and creating a sense of place through the celebration of our community's children at the annual parade. Approximately 2,900 children participated this year, along with all the local junior and high school marching bands and many decorated floats. The Stanford Women's Basketball team was honored as Grand Marshals for their outstanding season.

In an ongoing effort to promote a culture of health and wellness, the theme for this year's May Fete Parade was "Movin' and Groovin': A Celebration of Keeping Active." The parade began at 10 a.m. on University Avenue and continued to Addison School for the Annual Town Fair with food, music and games, hosted by Partners in Education.

