

*July 4, 2008
Palo Alto, CA*

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

Palo Alto Fire Prepares for the 4th of July

The Palo Alto Fire Department is preparing for the July 4 holiday in a number of ways. A major activity is coordination with the amateur radio volunteers, also known as the ARES / RACES group, to staff strategic sites in the lower and upper foothills to serve as fire watch observers. The amateur radio volunteers will be on the lookout for any fire or potential fire activities, especially fireworks on July 4, and will have direct contact capability with Palo Alto Police and Fire through communications dispatch. The ARES / RACES volunteers are an invaluable resource and adjunct to public safety personnel to keep the community safe from fire on the 4th of July. In addition, the Fire Department will staff a patrol unit with two fire personnel for 12 hours in conjunction with Fire Station #8 personnel and will actively patrol the foothills area during their watch.

Green Building Requirements Became Effective July 2

The Green Building Ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 2, 2008 became effective July 2, 2008 and is applicable to most residential and non-residential private development projects. The ordinance applies to residential projects submitted after the effective date and to commercial projects for which planning applications were submitted after December 3, 2007, when the City Council adopted the Climate Protection Plan describing intended green building standards. Materials to assist applicants with green building compliance are available at the City's Development Center. The ordinance, associated resolution and tables setting forth green building compliance thresholds, rating systems, and compliance verification requirements for private development projects, can be found on the City's Web site at: www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/pln/news/details.asp?NewsID=1007&TargetID=85
The City also amended its Green Building Policy for City projects in December 2007.

Financial Gifts Come in to Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo

The Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo (FPAJMZ) are proud to announce two gifts to the City of Palo Alto totaling \$40,000. The first gift is a \$25,000 grant to fund 195 classes for the East Palo Alto Science Outreach



Designates an item related to one of the City Council's "Top 4" Priorities.

Program. The second is a \$15,000 grant to fund the new museum exhibit, Clean Green Energy Machines, which opened on June 27. For more information, visit www.friendsjmz.org

Oregon Expressway Project Under Review

Palo Alto residents have recently submitted a significant number of letters and e-mails expressing concerns with Santa Clara County's project study of improvements on Oregon Expressway. The County has secured approximately \$3.5 million, including a federal grant and a County match, to implement the Oregon Expressway Improvements Project, intended to provide operational, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements at intersections along Oregon Expressway between West Bayshore and El Camino Real. To date, two well-attended community meetings were held in April and June 2008, to collect public input to refine the project description and clearly define project needs and alternatives. City staff is coordinating with the County in the review, development and recommendation of the final project alternatives, and is assessing concerns raised by residents, schools and the cycling community. County staff is also conducting additional technical/traffic analyses to respond to comments and prepare alternative refinements.

Staff will use comments received on the proposed alternatives to determine the level of support and concerns/issues that may need to be addressed in a preferred alternative, and to explore potential solutions with the County. The City will take into consideration all of the concerns raised prior to developing staff recommendations to present at a public hearing with the Planning and Transportation Commission. Staff expects to bring the recommendations to the Commission in the fall. The Commission's recommendations will then be forwarded to the City Council for final action. Additional information on the status and schedule of the project can be found on the following Web site at www.oregonexpressway.info

Twilight and Brown Bag Concerts in July

For the full listing and information on these summer concerts, please visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/living/news/details.asp?NewsID=481&TargetID=4

The Twilight Concert Series Summer 2008 is brought to you by the City of Palo Alto Arts and Sciences Division and the Palo Alto Weekly with generous support from the City of Palo Alto Utilities and the PaloAltoGreen Program. **All concerts are free to public and on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m.**, at various parks in the Palo Alto area. Special thanks to our in-kind sponsor, Piazza's Fine Foods.



7/8 THE RED HOT CHACHKAS

Red hot Jewish dance music
Rinconada Park Bowl, 777 Embarcadero Road
www.redhotchachkas.com

7/15 PETE ESCOVEDO LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Legendary Latin percussionist with incredible musicians
Mitchell Park Bowl, 600 East Meadow Drive
www.peteescovedo.com

7/22 NORTON BUFFALO AND ROY ROGERS

Soulful and Incredible Harmonica and Guitar virtuosity
Bol Park, Laguna at Barron and Matadero
www.norton-buffalo.com/nortonandroy.html

7/29 LIMPOPO

Wacky Russian "Folk n' Roll" from Moscow
Mitchell Park Bowl., 600 East Meadow Drive
www.limpopo.com

The Brown Bag Concert Series Summer 2008 is brought to you by the City of Palo Alto's Arts and Sciences Division and the Palo Alto Weekly. **All concerts are free to public and held on Thursdays at lunch**, from 12-1 p.m., at Cogswell Plaza, Lytton and Ramona Streets in Downtown Palo Alto.

7/10 QUARTET SAN FRANCISCO

Grammy nominated string quartet performing tangos, jazz and funk
www.jeremycohen.com

7/17 KAWEH

Flamenco, Rumba and Salsa music
www.kaweh.com

7/24 MISS ANN GIBSON, the Duchess of Ragtime

FREDERICK HODGES, famed society pianist

Hit songs and piano solos by Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and George Gershwin
www.frederickhodes.com

7/31 DME/DAMIEN MASTERSON ENSEMBLE

The Beauty of the Chromatic Harmonica
Harmonica, guitar and piano renditions of classical, American and Latin American music.

www.damienmasterson.com

