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Palo Alto, CA*

## **FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO**

### **Playing Fields Temporarily Close for Repairs on June 18**

The Stanford/Palo Alto Community Playing Fields, located at Page Mill Road and El Camino Real, will be closed from June 18 through July 8, for maintenance repairs and the construction of backstop nets. The nets will be installed behind the goal areas to reduce the number of balls leaving the field.

Vance Brown Builders and its subcontractor, West Coast Netting, will install four 30-foot tall, 105-foot wide nets. The netting will be 4-inch mesh. Three 10-inch diameter poles for each net will be embedded in concrete.

During the net installation, Colony Landscape & Maintenance, Inc., will provide landscape and irrigation assistance. Colony will also make the various turf-related repairs and replace the turf infill of rubber pellets. The pellets keep the grass blades vertical and after use over a period of time need replacement.

For safety reasons, the field will be closed to all users during the project. If you would like more information, contact Khashayar "Cash" Alaei at (650) 463-4928.

### **Protecting the Bay for 15 Years**

Recently, 47 Vehicle Service Facilities (VSFs) were recognized as Clean Bay Businesses for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. These shops have not missed a beat in implementing all the water pollution prevention measures within the service area of Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP). Plaques commemorating the perfect record of these 47 shops (out of a total of 255) were handed out based on inspections and sampling conducted in 2006, the 15<sup>th</sup> year of Palo Alto's Clean Bay Business Program.

In order to reduce pollution from VSFs, the RWQCP developed an annual Clean Bay Business Program to recognize VSFs that proactively reduce discharge of water pollutants to sewers and storm drains in compliance with ordinance requirements.

The Clean Bay Business Program provides vehicle service facilities within the RWQCP service area, which includes the East Palo Alto Sanitary District,



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

Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Stanford and Palo Alto, with positive incentives such as publicity in local newspapers and window decals to encourage their pollution reduction efforts.

While 47 shops qualified as Clean Bay Businesses for 15 consecutive years, 251 shops, 98% of all vehicle service facilities, qualified in calendar year 2006, making them Clean Bay Businesses for 2007.



#### **4** Eco-friendly Goats Provide Sustainable Weed Control

Goats proved to be so effective at munching weeds at Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) that they've been invited back. Eager to show what they can do, the goats arrived early on June 18. They will work within the RWQCP and just outside its fence on the Northeast and Southwest sides. The goats provide an eco-friendly alternative for weed control as they don't use gas-powered mowers or toxic pesticides. This year the goats will be asked to do the area around the Renzel Wetlands pond like last year, just the RWQCP itself.

