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Palo Alto, CA

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

Residents & Businesses Save with Water Efficiency Rebates

The City of Palo Alto Utilities has partnered with the Santa Clara Valley Water District on two new landscape rebate programs for residents and businesses. Now is the perfect time to remove your high water-using turf and tune up your irrigation system to use water more efficiently.

Water Efficient Landscape Rebate Program: Replace the turf in your yard or business site with beautiful drought tolerant plants or permeable hardscape and receive a rebate. Rebates of up to \$1,000 are available for residents, and up to \$10,000 for businesses when they replace turf with low water using plants.

Irrigation System Hardware Rebate Program: Need to replace your old irrigation controller, sprinkler heads or valves? By replacing inefficient irrigation hardware with more efficient fixtures and upgrading irrigation systems, residents can receive up to \$1,000 and businesses can receive up to \$4,000 in rebates.

For more information on these rebate programs, visit http://www.valleywater.org/Water/Water_conservation/Landscaping/index.shtml or call Utilities Marketing Services at (650) 329-2241.

City Begins Approval Process for Project Lightspeed

AT&T, through its statewide program Project Lightspeed, has applied to install metal cabinets, called nodes, in the planter strips throughout the City to extend bandwidth via fiber optic cable so potential video and DSL subscribers will be "closer to the central office." Each cabinet will be approved through the Planning Division's Architectural Review process, and Street Work Permits will be issued by the Public Works Department.

The Architectural Review process focuses on minimal visual impact of the cabinets, while Street Work Permits ensure that installation does not impact the City's existing infrastructure. Applications for cabinets continue to be submitted and Street Work permits will be issued as the project progresses.



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

Update on Proposed Public Safety Building Project

A draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for a proposed Public Safety Building Project was released for public review on Friday, July 13, 2007. The project includes: **Option A** - a new 50,000 square foot public safety building and an associated parking garage on a 1.5 acre site located at 2747 and 2785 Park Boulevard, and **Option B** - a new 50,000 square foot building and associated parking garage on a 1.21 acre L-shaped site located at 2785 Park Boulevard.

The City is asking the public to comment on the DEIR in writing by August 29, 2007. The Planning and Transportation Commission will hold a hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, to take public comments. Written comments are encouraged and must be received no later than 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2007 by e-mail to Elizabeth.Ames@cityofpaloalto.org or by mail addressed to Elizabeth Ames, City of Palo Alto, Public Works Engineering Division, 250 Hamilton Avenue, 6th floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Please note that comments received after this deadline will not be addressed in the Responses to Comments for the Final EIR.

Copies of the DEIR are available for review and comment during a required 45-day period ending August 29, 2007, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Department of Planning and Community Environment (5th floor); the Public Works Engineering Division (6th floor), Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue; the Main Library, 1213 Newell Road; Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road; and the Downtown Library, 270 Forest Avenue. A limited number of DEIR documents will be made available at the Public Works Engineering Division for check-out/loan on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like to review the preliminary design schemes and the DEIR, please contact the Project Manager Elizabeth Ames, at (650) 329-2502.

Public meeting opportunities to comment on the Project design and environmental assessment are noted below:

Design review

August 16, 2007 - Architectural Review Board (ARB) study session
August 22, 2007 - Public Hearing with Planning and Transportation Commission

EIR review

July 13, 2007 - Circulate the Draft EIR for public review
August 29, 2007 - Allow 45 days for public comment
October, 2007 - Circulate Final EIR with comments
December, 2007 - Two Public Hearings for final certification of EIR



Join Your Neighbors August 7 for National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 7, 2007, neighborhoods throughout Palo Alto are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 24th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime prevention event. Over 35 million people in more than 11,000 communities gather to promote police-community partnerships for crime, drug and violence prevention, safety and neighborhood unity. This is the third year for the City of Palo Alto's participation in National Night Out.

Community and neighborhood groups are encouraged to join us. Elected officials and employees, including police and fire department staff, will visit registered block parties during the evening between 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. To register your group, contact Community Policing, Community Service Officer Susie Jones, at (650) 329-2632 or e-mail susie.jones@cityofpaloalto.org

Three New Plays at the Children's Theatre

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD is an exuberant musical based on Arnold Lobel's classic children's books. Performers are members of the Wingspread Summer Stock Company, ages 16 through 24. Remaining performances are this Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. Mainstage

HONK! JR. will be performed by members of the Summer Conservatory, ages 10 through High School. HONK! JR. is a musical adaptation of the Ugly Duckling story and this is the final production in the 2007 Hot Dog Suppertime series. Performances are Tuesday, July 17 through Saturday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday, July 24 through Friday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Magic Castle Stage

NICKELODEON'S BLUE'S CLUES LIVE! THE MOST SPECTACULAR PLACE, performed by members of the Summer Conservatory, ages 10 through High School, is a brand new play-along show based on the hit Nickelodeon television program and geared towards the younger set. Performances are Wednesday, July 18 through Saturday, July 21 at 2:30 p.m., and Tuesday, July 24 through Friday, July 27 at 2:30 p.m. Mainstage

All Palo Alto Children's Theatre productions are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person or over the phone through the Children's Theatre Box Office, (650) 463-4970, Tuesday through Saturday, 1:30-6:00 p.m.

