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Palo Alto, CA

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

Palo Alto to Host 2008 AMGEN Tour of California

Nearly 200 people gathered on the City Hall Plaza at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, to hear that Palo Alto, along with Stanford University, will host the "prologue" to the 2008 *Amgen Tour of California* professional cycling road race. Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto and Jean McCown, Director of Community Relations at Stanford University made the joint announcement to a festive crowd of community members, university representatives, City staff, elected officials, local businesses, commuters on bikes, local cycling teams, healthy lifestyle enthusiasts, biking parents and students, residents, and sporting enthusiasts.

Billed as "America's most successful cycling race," the ***Amgen Tour of California*** is an eight-day "rolling festival" through California. Scheduled for February 17-24, 2008, the ***Amgen Tour of California*** will showcase more than 750 miles of scenic California highways, roadways and coastline drives. Host cities include: Palo Alto (new city for 2008), Sausalito, Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Modesto (new city for 2008), San Jose, Seaside, San Luis Obispo, Solvang, Santa Barbara, Santa Clarita and Pasadena (new city for 2008).

For more information, read the news release at

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/documents/pr-Prologue2008TourOfCalifornia-7-25-07.pdf>



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

Water Conservation Programs Achieve Annual Savings

Thanks to the life-cycle savings achieved from a combination of 10 grant-funded or cost-shared water conservation programs, in Fiscal Year 2006-07, the City of Palo Alto Water Utility and its customers began conserving 87 acre-feet, or 28.4 million gallons, of water for at least 10 of the succeeding years.

Below are just a few of the programs that achieved our water savings:

- The Pre-Rinse Spray Valve Program offered free commercial kitchen spray valves (with free installation) to restaurant and food service customers, all at no cost. By replacing over 165 old spray nozzles with new efficient models, water customers saved over 33,000 gallons of water plus 122,000 therms of gas.
- The High Efficiency Toilet Installation Program replaced 150 old tank toilets in commercial facilities and apartment complex units at not cost to the customer with more efficient models, saving over 2.4 million gallons of water.
- The Water Wise House Call Program, which sends a trained water technician to homes and provides a detailed analysis of indoor and outdoor water consumption, visited over 280 residences in Palo Alto this past year. Implementing simple changes to faucets and showerheads, and making adjustments to irrigation systems could save approximately 920,500 gallons of water.

Visit http://www.valleywater.org/Water/Water_conservation/index.shtm or call Utility Marketing Services at (650) 329-2241 to learn more about these water saving measures and find other cash rebates for Palo Alto residents and businesses.

Palo Alto Art Center Awarded Grant

The Palo Alto Art Center is pleased to announce a Regional Arts Fund grant award from the Arts Council Silicon Valley to the Art Center. The panel's review of the Art Center said:

Strengths:

Not just a place where art is exhibited, they have all kinds of classes, extensive programming in visual arts. Individual/Board giving balance is good. Reach all age groups – impressive numbers. Love the art packs, the fact that kids are taking stuff home and are being reminded of their experience and are being invited back. Healthiest attitude you can have about art – it belongs to everyone. The center is a striking exception to the insular nature of town/community art centers that pride themselves on their insularity.

