

September 14, 2007
Palo Alto, CA

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO



Upcoming Scoping Session for Stanford Projects

On September 24, 2007, at 6 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, the City Council will sponsor a scoping session to accept public and Council input regarding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for two Stanford projects. The EIR is a joint document covering the Medical Center Facilities Renewal and Replacement Project, and the Stanford Shopping Center Expansion Project.

The session will allow the public to indicate environmental issues of concern to be addressed in the EIR, as well as project alternatives to be considered to minimize impacts. The scoping session is not intended to provide for comments regarding the merits of the project and no action will be taken by the Council.

Written comments may be provided in lieu of, or in addition to, appearing at the scoping session. Such comments must be provided in writing prior to October 1, 2007, and should be directed to the attention of Steven Turner, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Community Environment, City of Palo Alto, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. E-mail correspondence may be directed to steven.turner@cityofpaloalto.org

Palo Alto Recycled Water Project Scoping Meeting

Palo Alto Utilities invites the public to a scoping meeting for the Palo Alto Recycled Water Project on September 18, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Cubberley Community Center. The City of Palo Alto will prepare an environmental analysis for the Palo Alto Recycled Water Project and would like the public to guide the analysis and ensure that environmental issues of concern will be addressed.

The Project is Phase 3 of the City of Palo Alto's Water Reuse Program and provides customers with a reliable and "drought-proof" water supply for non-potable needs such as irrigation. A description of the project can be found at www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/utilities If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can e-mail comments to cpau@cityofpaloalto.org



Town Hall Meeting September 29

Join State Senator Joe Simitian for a Town Hall meeting on important issues to you and your community. The Senator will speak briefly about the outcome of this year's Legislative session and will answer questions from constituents. Light refreshments will be served after the event.

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2007
 Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Place: Palo Alto City Hall, Council Chambers, 1st Floor
 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

For more information, call (650) 688-6384 or visit www.senatorsimitian.com

Report of Significant Gifts Received by City

City of Palo Alto administrative policies and procedures contain a provision that gifts accepted on behalf of the City be periodically reported by the Finance Director to the City Council. In compliance, the accompanying chart provides a list of significant gifts (over \$5,000) received during fiscal year 2006-07. In most cases, the value of material gifts has been estimated and the chart does not include volunteer hours that are contributed to the City. A list of all contributions is available from the Administrative Services Department.

DONOR	GIFT	USE OF GIFT
David Newman	\$12,000 (value)	Baby grand piano
Anonymous donors	\$9,091 (cash)	Animal Services
Tig & Marilyn Tarlton	\$35,000 (value)	Bronze dolphin play structure for Heritage Park
Friends of the Palo Alto Library	\$24,523 (value)	Programs for all libraries
Friends of the Palo Alto Library	\$18,763 (value)	Children's Library collection
Friends of the Palo Alto Library	\$9,927 (value)	Online databases
Friends of the Palo Alto Library	\$34,805 (value)	DVD collection
Friends of the Palo Alto Library	\$74,369 (value)	Library books
Friends of the Palo Alto Library	\$49,994 (value)	Audio Books
Friends of the Palo Alto Library	\$7,937 (value)	Cable Coop Grant online databases
Friends of Palo Alto Parks	\$10,000 (cash)	Gateway Exhibits
Fred Carnes	\$109,000 (value)	Kawai Concert Grand Piano for Art Center auditorium concerts
Palo Alto Art Center Foundation	\$18,000 (cash)	Program Assistant support for children's art programs
Friends of Palo Alto Parks	\$10,000 (cash)	Gateway exhibits (pass through grant from PA Community Fund)
Friends of the Junior Museum	\$10,000 (cash)	Science Outreach for East Palo Alto
Friends of the Junior Museum	\$25,000 (cash)	Exhibits
Michael Kushlan, MD	\$9,000 (value)	Royal Garden Party to celebrate Children's Theatre 75 th Anniversary



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Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre	\$23,488 (value)	Printing & advertising for Children's Theatre programs & productions
Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre	10,214 (value)	Scholarship assistance for special Children's Theatre programs & the Atlantic Junior Theatre Festival
Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre	\$9,766 (value)	Public Relations, special receptions, & Children's Theatre 75 th Anniversary parties

Library Hosts Green Building Expert

Are you looking for practical, money-saving, environmentally-conscious ways to build, remodel, improve your home and reduce utility bills? Join Jennifer Roberts at Palo Alto City Library's Main Branch at 1213 Newell Road on September 27, at 7 p.m., for a lively and inspiring talk on achieving these goals. Roberts is the well-known author of *Redux*, *Good Green Homes*, and *Good Green Kitchens*. She has worked as an environmental and energy management specialist for Gap Inc., and is a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Accredited Professional. This free program is sponsored by the City of Palo Alto Recycling Program, the Palo Alto City Library, the Friends of the Palo Alto Library and Books Inc. For more information, see www.cityofpaloalto.org/library

Palo Alto Recreation Offers Three New Classes for Parents

Parent Project - In collaboration with the Palo Alto Police Department, the Recreation Department is presenting a nationally acclaimed program specifically designed for the parents of strong-willed or out of control kids. The class gives proven strategies that correct destructive behaviors which impact family life. Topics addressed include school behavior, attendance and grades; reducing conflict at home; dealing with drug and alcohol use; friendships, dating and more. This program offers concrete, no-nonsense tools, plans and resources to support parents in need, and will be held every Thursday, 6:30-9:30 p.m., from September 20, 2007, to December 20, 2007, at the Cubberley Community Center.

Organizing Your Student for Success - Parents will discover a proven time-management and student organization system from an experienced teacher. They will learn how to equip their 4th - 12th grade students for organizational success. This is a one-day workshop, which will be offered twice in the Fall Quarter: Saturday, September 22, 2007, from 9-10:30 a.m., and Thursday, September 27, 2007, from 7-8:30 p.m. Both classes will be held at the Lucie Stern Community Center.



Baby Sign Language - This class gives parents the opportunity to communicate with babies long before they can verbalize their wants and needs. Parents learn about the latest research on using sign language with hearing infants, and are introduced to basic signs. Signing with babies has been proven to help accelerate language development, reduce frustration, enhance a child's self esteem and deepen the bond between parent and child. Fun activities and songs show how easy it can be to integrate these signs into everyday routine and jump-start children's verbal skills. The workshop is designed for parents-to-be and parents with babies ranging in age from birth to 18 months. This one-day workshop will be offered on Saturday, September 22, 2007, and December 8, 2007, from 9–10:30 a.m. at the Lucie Stern Community Center.

For more information on these classes and others programs offered by City of Palo Alto Recreation, the Junior Museum & Zoo, and the Art Center, please visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy or call (650)463-4900.

Palo Alto Police and Fire Chiefs Take Leadership Roles

We're honored that our Police Chief Lynne Johnson and our Fire Chief Nick Marinaro have been named by their peers to lead their respective Santa Clara County associations as chairpersons for 2007-08.

The Santa Clara County Police Chief's organization works closely with law enforcement regarding regional problem solving and is recognized as a leader in the development of county-wide operational protocols in several areas including domestic violence, officer involved shootings, juvenile detention reform and recording of violent suspect statements. Santa Clara County Police and Fire Chiefs work jointly in emergency preparedness and with the Silicon Valley Interoperability Project.

Palo Alto Wins Sculpture Contest

The Palo Alto Public Art Commission is pleased to announce the winning sculpture for Mitchell Park, *Arch-Cradle*, by artist Michael Szabo. The community was engaged and participated in the selection process.

Michael Szabo was born and raised in Palo Alto, across the street from Mitchell Park, and attended Gunn High School. To Szabo, the cradle represents the nurture that Palo Alto gives to residents while the arch represents the new things sure to come. The sculpture will be approximately six feet high at its tallest point, 20-feet wide, and nine feet in length.

