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FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

4 Palo Alto Businesses Recognized for Going "Green"

Twenty-one Palo Alto businesses will be recognized for their "green" efforts at a City Hall reception Monday, December 3, 2007 at 5:45 p.m. The public is invited. The Mayor and City Council will honor 21 businesses that have recently achieved certification or recertification by the Bay Area Green Business Program for operating in an environmentally responsible manner.

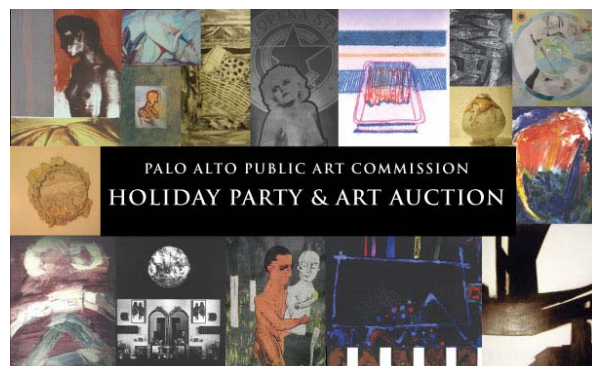
"The City of Palo Alto is proud to honor so many Palo Alto green businesses this year. They lead the way in making the many small changes needed to make our world sustainable for future generations," stated Palo Alto Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) coordinates the program, which is implemented by Green Business Coordinators in the nine Bay Area counties. Newly certified green businesses are Butterfly Life, Candace Kistner State Farm Insurance, Castilleja School, Globallinx Network, Green Java, Guckenheimer Food Service at Roche Palo Alto, Kasler Law LLC, Midpeninsula Community Media Center, Minerva Consulting, My Gym, Opal'z, Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, Robert McMillen and Associates, UPS Store and World Centric. Recertified green businesses are Acterra, City of Palo Alto, Common Ground, Palo Alto Hardware, Park Avenue Motors and Stanford Terrace Inn.

For more information or to enroll in the program, contact the Bay Area Green Business Program at <http://www.greenbiz.abag.ca.gov> or call (408) 282-3166.

Public Art Commission Holiday Party and Auction

The Public Art Commission will host an art auction and holiday reception on Thursday, December 13, at the Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nearly 40 artworks from



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

the City of Palo Alto Art in Public Places Collection will be offered for sale. This is an exceptional opportunity for the public to purchase original artworks.

Preview the exhibit December 11 and December 12 from 10 to 5 p.m. and December 13 from 10 to 4 p.m. Please join us for food, fun and fine art. For more information, please call Darlene Katsanes at (650) 329-2227.

Art Project - What Makes Your Neighborhood Great?

Participate in this fun art project, sponsored by the Palo Alto Art Center, and tell us what you think makes your Palo Alto neighborhood great. Artwork will be hung in the City Council Chambers for the first Council meeting of the year on January 7, 2008.



Participation is open to all ages and all levels of art ability. Entries can be drawings, paintings, photography, poetry, text, collage or mixed media. Paper should be 18" x 24", 100 pound. *Sheets of paper are available for the first 100 people* stopping by the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road. Otherwise, you may use your own paper similar in size and weight. Please put your name, address and daytime phone on the reverse side of your artwork.

Deliver finished work to the Palo Alto Art Center on or before the deadline of January 3, 2008. Please note that the Art Center will close December 23, 2007, and reopen on January 2, 2008. For details, questions and information, please call Pat at (650) 329-2367.

Zoning Ordinance Updated

The most recent revisions to the Zoning Ordinance (Title 18) in the Municipal Code were adopted by the City Council in September and became effective on October 11, 2007.

The Zoning Ordinance update includes modifications related to multi-family residential districts, parking standards and design, open space and public facilities zoning, and a number of miscellaneous provisions. The final adoption culminates a six-year effort to incorporate into the City's zoning regulations many of the policies and programs in the Comprehensive Plan. The update also includes reformatting and renumbering of the ordinance, with a greater reliance on tables and diagrams to identify requirements and guidelines for development. The revisions have been codified and the reformatted Zoning Ordinance is available on the City web site at



http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/clk/municipal_code.asp under View the Municipal Code online. A PDF version of the updated Code will be available on the web site by the first week of December. For questions, please contact the Planning and Community Environment Department at (650) 329-2441.

4 Local Streams Ready for Winter Rains

Crews from the City of Palo Alto Public Works Department and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) are preparing for the upcoming rainy season.

On September 6, City and District staff, along with representatives from Menlo Park, San Mateo County, Stanford University, the San Francisquito Watershed Council and the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (JPA), participated in the annual maintenance walk of San Francisquito Creek. During the walk sponsored by the JPA, crews identified fallen trees and branches, overgrown vegetation, bank erosion and illegal dumping sites which could potentially obstruct the creek during a winter storm. Each maintenance item was assigned to one of the participating agencies for follow-up action and all action items were completed by October 15.

Over 11,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed from San Francisquito, Matadero, and Adobe Creeks in Palo Alto during the extensive effort, which will ensure that the full capacity of the creeks is available during the upcoming winter season.

District crews also installed devices known as "Bridge Sharks" on the upstream side of the West Bayshore Road bridge over San Francisquito Creek (see photo). These devices are activated by the passing stream current and will prevent the accumulation of logs, branches, and floating debris on the bridge piers which causes flooding.



Visit the City of Palo Alto on-line creek monitor at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/pwd/flood_+_storm/ to view the status of creek water levels during storm events.

Lawn Bowls Tournament a Success

The Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club "Ed Arnold" Invitational Tournament, held in November, was a great success. Teams came from San Francisco, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose, Santa Cruz and Palo Alto. Twelve games

were played in all and the day ended just before the rain began to fall. Everyone enjoyed the day and gave positive feedback on the green and the club. The Palo Alto team of Terry Hogan, Roberta Durham and Con Glafkides won the tournament. There were 14 triple teams made up of men and women which totaled 42 players. The tournament was followed by a reception with light refreshments hosted by the Lawn Bowls Club.

