March brought plenty of rain, rainbows and even some rays of sunshine as the first day of spring arrived on March 20. Palo Alto’s rain gauges have calculated more than 28 inches of rainfall in Foothills Park since mid-October.

As spring blooms into full gear and the weather starts to warm up, you might want to dust off your golf clubs and book a tee time at the Baylands Golf Links. The redesigned course reopened last May and has already received two awards of recognition.
This month the links received an Award of Excellence in Facility Design by the California Parks and Recreation Society. This award acknowledges the course’s contribution toward environmental sustainability, accommodation of flood protection needs, and the reservation of land for future recreation usage. The golf course also previously placed 3rd in a 2018 Renovation of the Year award from Golf Inc. Magazine.

Message from the Mayor

This past month has been filled with personal highlights for me, such as delivering the State of the City address, celebrating our newly established partnership with Pets in Need, and welcoming exchange students from our Sister City Tsuchiura, Ibaraki, Japan.
State of the City
On March 5, members of the community joined me at Mitchell Park Community Center as I shared my vision for Palo Alto during the annual State of the City address. I highlighted our Council priorities for the year, celebrated our accomplishments of the past year and advocated to preserve local control over housing decisions rather than supporting SB 50.

I also called on tech companies to invest in long term infrastructure needs such as housing in communities where firms have a large impact and footprint, and discussed my plan to fully fund pensions by adopting a lower rate of CalPERS investment returns. You can watch my full State of the City presentation online here. Also, click on the links below to learn more about:

- Pets in Need Opens Its Doors
- City Hall Welcomes Japanese Exchange Students

Lace Up for the Great Race
Keep reading to stay up on “all things Palo Alto.” Until next month, I hope you will lace up your running shoes and join me at the Great Race for Saving Water and Earth Day Festival on April 13 at Baylands Athletic Center beginning at 9 a.m.
Sea Level Rise Policy Adopted

Current sea level rise projections put Palo Alto Baylands underwater as soon as 2050. That’s why on Monday, March 18, Council adopted a new policy to study it further... [more]

Shaping the Future of Ventura

The City Council and Ventura residents exchanged ideas that could shape the future of the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP) during a Town Hall Study Session on Monday, March 11... [more]
Save the Date!

Palo Alto Day
Sunday, April 28
2 p.m.
King Plaza

Palo Alto turns 125 years young this year!
There will be many events throughout the year to mark this milestone but be sure to Save the Date for the Palo Alto Day celebration on Sunday, April 28 in King Plaza. Come sing Happy Birthday, enjoy the entertainment, and discover the contents of a time capsule buried 25 years ago in a City Hall elevator shaft. Of course, there will be birthday cake too!

Apply to Serve on a Board or Commission
Are you passionate about City projects and want to make a difference? You are encouraged to apply for one of the 12 positions currently open. They include library, utilities, human relations, stormwater management, and the architectural review board.

Apply now
We are Social

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"Here comes the rain again..." - @annieelennox @cityofpaloalto #TongueOutTuesday #pug #rain

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Last night, Hobee's South Palo Alto hosted 16 Japanese exchange students and their host families for a fun-filled pasta dinner. The exchange is part of the Neighbors Abroad of Palo Alto program which fosters cultural ties with PA's eight Sister Cities.

And next month, Palo Alto sends a very special one-man delegation to Japan. Hobee's former president and co-owner Edward Gerard Fike will represent Palo Alto and run the Tsuchiura marathon.
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