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Smart City Alliance: Creating Global Connections

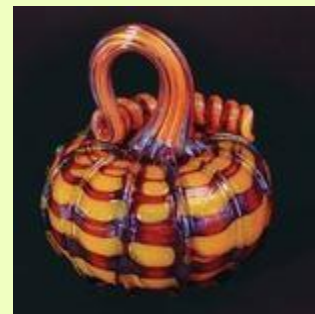


For more than 50 years, the City of Palo Alto has forged relationships across the globe under the umbrella of a “Sister City” agreement. Among those cities are Enschede in the Netherlands and Heidelberg, Germany, and as Palo Alto has evolved into a global city, so has the nature of its sister city relationships. Recently, a delegation from both

cities met with Palo Alto staff as part of a Smart City Alliance, to share ideas, talk about innovations in technology, and consider how to collaborate on a project for the future. The group focused on topics including mobility and how each city is implementing new technologies to encourage people to get out of their cars or drive more efficiently; civic participation, smart technology applications in street lighting, as well as the management of open data. The Smart Cities Alliance is in many ways the next iteration of the important bonds forged as Sister Cities, as cultural exchanges evolve into new global collaborations.

Healthy Palo Alto

Calendar of Events



Great Glass Pumpkin Patch Exhibition

Palo Alto Art Center
Sept. 27 - 30
10 a.m.- 7 p.m.



Photographer Bill Owens

Palo Alto Art Center
Sept. 21
6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.



TinkerLab
Cubberley Community Center

As part of the Healthy City, Healthy Community priority adopted by Council in 2015, the City is partnering with the Palo Alto Family YMCA to bring free health screenings, fitness and nutrition classes, and other well-being events to the [Palo Alto Community Health Fair](#) on Saturday, Sept. 10. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mitchell Park and includes a series of physician-led talks on a variety of health issues such as diabetes, sports injury prevention, sports performance, mental health and Parkinson's Disease. Pre-registration is encouraged for many of the health lectures.



October 1
2 p.m.-3 p.m.



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Transportation: Next Up in Comp Plan Update



The draft Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan is on the Council's agenda for Sept. 19. It's the second element going to the Council that the Citizen Advisory Committee has worked on with an eye toward strengthening the connection between the City's in-process Sustainability and Climate Action

Plan and the Comp Plan. The element also addresses single-occupant vehicle use (first/last mile, transit alternatives, funding); parking, vehicle miles traveled and what's called "level of service", which means the quality of the traffic flow, as well as the needs of a transit-dependent community. The element was continued from the Council's Aug.15 agenda and can be found [here](#). The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m.at the Mitchell Park Community Center where they will discuss the Natural Environment and Safety element. For more information on the Comp Plan, go to <http://www.paloaltocompplan.org/>

Let's Bike

Bike Palo Alto returns for a 7th year on Oct. 2, from 1-4 p.m., but this year there will be a little something extra – a Bike and Roll Expo on the Civic Plaza at City Hall that will feature local vendors of cargo bikes, electric scooters, three-wheeled bikes, electric assist bikes, and many other ways to get around town. Some of the event highlights include:



- Free bike safety check and maintenance
- Helmet fitting

- Local bike maps highlighting routes in and around Palo Alto
- Our route concierge to locate the best bike route to your destinations

So, hop on your bike and join the ride with Bike Palo Alto, which starts at El Carmelo School starting at 1 p.m. There are free, fun treats along the way, and then come on over to Civic Center Plaza for the Bike and Roll Expo. Get more Bike Palo Alto details at:

<https://bikepaloalto.org>

Pop-Up Library



Here's one under the category of customer service: the Palo Alto Library can now deliver books to check-out and other services directly to the community with its new bike program. Thanks to a grant, the library purchased two bikes and launched Bike PALS- Palo Alto Library Services. One bike resembles an ice cream cart, and carries library and craft materials, as well as pop-up storytime equipment. The other

transports library supplies and maps on safe routes to the City's five library branches. Click [here](#) for a list of community events where you can find the new traveling library program.

Butterfly Effect Exhibit

A new exhibit that is taking off at the [Palo Alto Art Center](#) from Sept.16-Dec.30 is one of the few collections to highlight artwork from the fragile and chaotic 1970s. It's called [The Butterfly Effect: California Art in the 1970s](#), and [Friday Night at the Art Center](#) celebrates the opening of the exhibit, with an opportunity to meet the artist, listen to 70's rock tunes and engage in groovy art activities. And yes, 70s attire is encouraged!



Tweets of the Month

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[schackattack](#) [@schackattack](#), August 27

Always a fun time volunteering at this [#PaloAlto](#) festival! @ Palo Alto Festival of the Arts

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BJn7IURB6dO/>



[Caroline Japic](#) [@CarolineJapic](#), September 2

Fab [#BackToSchoolNight](#) @PalyVikings [#amazing](#) [#school](#) & [#teachers](#)! Another great reason to [#live](#) in [@cityofpaloalto](#)



[Carol Daniels](#) [@Carol_Daniels](#), September 5

Look at all these birds! Baylands Nature Preserve [@PARanger](#)



[Murray Newlands](#) [@MurrayNewlands](#), September 3

Must be [#Caturday](#) [#PaloAltoMarket](#) [#PaloAlto](#)

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