Palo Alto is happy to help a good neighbor by being a good neighbor - in this case by sharing part of its water allotment with neighboring city East Palo Alto. Even during drought conditions, Palo Alto uses far less than its contracted entitlement of water from the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System. Due to this, Council voted on May 7 to release a half million gallons per day to East Palo Alto. A lack of enough water has prevented EPA from moving forward with developments such as affordable housing. Plus, there are a number of public benefits that would come from the transfer including shared infrastructure such as the development of a jointly supported alternative design for the Newell Road Bridge; the extension of a water line for recycled water across the Friendship Bridge, and the restoration of an emergency water intertie between the two cities at Woodland Avenue.
Palo Alto is in a position to assist with EPA's long-term water supply deficit because it has reduced its potable water consumption and is unlikely to rely on the full 17 mgd water allotment in the future. For more information, click here.

Tee Time at Baylands Golf Links

The countdown is on for the grand opening of the newly transformed Baylands Golf Links on May 26. While the finishing touches are being put on the greens of the 18-hole course off Embarcadero, the public is invited to take preview walking tours of the golf course on Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22 between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Some of the new course features include:

- elevated scenic views of the Baylands and San Francisco Bay
- 55 acres of native Baylands vegetation and wetlands areas
- 40% less turf, and a 35% reduction in potable water usage

Tee time reservations are already being accepted here and Palo Alto residents get a discounted rate.
Junior Museum & Zoo Rebuilding Set to Begin

The Junior Museum & Zoo is getting ready to usher in a new era as its reconstruction project nears at its current site on Middlefield Road. Earlier this month, the JMZ moved into a temporary home at the Cubberley Community Center. It will provide its museum and science programs from the Cubberley Center’s auditorium starting in July. Families are invited to check the museum website for posted hours prior to visiting at: cityofpaloalto.org/jmz
The new JMZ facility is part of a $25 million dollar fundraising effort by the Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo that will offer better visitor amenities and experiences, including new and more accessible, and inclusive exhibitions; public art; improved programming supports and classrooms; and a safer drop-off area.
Heads Up on Road Construction

The next time you see a construction project on a Palo Alto street and wonder what’s happening you have a new online tool to turn to called Heads Up! Heads Up! gives you real time information on street closures impacting our City’s roadways for four hours or more.

It’s still in beta launch mode but you can get the information at your fingertips by registering to receive Heads Up! at: cityofpaloalto.org/headsup

Blue Trees Make Environmental Statement

Your eyes aren’t playing tricks on you- the tree trunks in front of King Plaza are painted a bright cobalt blue color as part of the City’s latest socially driven public art intervention. Volunteers joined artist Konstantin Dimopolous over several days this month to transform the trees and stimulate a conversation about global deforestation. Dimopoulos uses environmentally safe pigments and has brought The Blue Trees project to cities around the USA, Canada, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, England and Singapore. It will be on display here until April 2019.
Socials of the Month

Are you following us on social media? Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Kyle @Bofuss May 13

@cityofpaloalto the Municipal Services open house was such a fun event! Can’t wait til next year!!
Patricia Becker. Health Coach: Yoga and Diet @PatriciaJoyBeck April 23

Thank you this is a fabulous city to live in! @PA_Chamber @paloaltoweekly @PaloAltoPolice @PaloAltoCityMgr @PaloAltoLibrary #healthandjoy

Johanna Pamin May 5

My workplace, Audi Palo Alto partnered with our local Girl Scout Troop (60016) on their environmental campaign to raise awareness about the risks of single-use (drinking) plastic straws to our overall environment. The local Troop reached out to us to support them on constructing and designing a float for the honored Palo Alto tradition event, The 96th Annual May Fete Parade which was held earlier today, Saturday, May 5th 2018. Our APA Team thought it would be fitting with our company’s values and a substantial focus for the Bay Area; nonetheless a global concern.

To find out how you can get involved, or more information about Our Palo Alto, go to: www.ourpaloalto.org