



Welcome to *Our Palo Alto* eNewsletter, October 2015

Work on Comp Plan Update Continues

The City Council takes up two elements of the [Comprehensive Plan](#) at its meeting on Oct. 5 to provide direction to the [Citizen Advisory Committee](#) as they work through both the Community Services & Facilities and Land Use & Community Design elements. The CAC has already started its discussion of the Community Services & Facilities element that will come back to the group for final review in late November. At its meeting on Aug. 31, the Council reviewed and provided guidance on the Transportation element. The CAC discussed the element at its Sept. 8 meeting and will take it up again at its next meeting on Oct. 20. The Transportation element has been posted on the Digital Commenter on Open City Hall, and has attracted more than 350 visitors to the page, with more than 140 ideas and comments. The deadline to provide input on the element is Oct. 13. Go [here](#) to check it out. The CAC is scheduled to begin its review of the Land Use & Community Design element in mid-December, which will be posted for feedback on the Digital Commenter starting at the end of October.

Planning for the Future

The City is in the midst of developing several master plans, including one for Public Art, as well as Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation. Both plans need your input. The Parks plan has been in the works for about a year, and to find out what we've learned from the community so far, go to www.paloaltoparksplan.org. Weigh in on a community prioritization challenge that will help the planning team know what improvements the City should prioritize over the next 20 years. Each participant gets \$25 of virtual funding – how will you spend your money? Click [here](#) to take the survey and let

Calendar of Events

20th Anniversary Great Glass Pumpkin Patch Exhibition

Oct. 3-4, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

If you missed the 20th Anniversary Great Glass Pumpkin Patch® exhibition, you can still gather your friends and family and head out to pick up your favorite pumpkin at the Art Center to support three local arts organizations at the same time during the pumpkin sales dates: Oct. 3-4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.greatglasspumpkinpatch.com.

Comprehensive Plan Update - Citizens Advisory Committee

Oct. 20, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will be continuing their discussion about the Draft Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan Update. The CAC will meet at Rinconada Library - Embarcadero Room, 1213 Newell Road. For more information, please contact: Jeremy Dennis, Advance Planning Manager, Jeremy.dennis@cityofpaloalto.org or visit the Comprehensive Plan Update [website](#) for more information.



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The City Council has a study session on the Public Art Master Plan on its agenda for Oct. 5. Led by public art consultants Barbara Goldstein and Gail Goldman, the plan's goal is to provide a clear vision for the future of public art in Palo Alto, at least for the next decade. As part of the community outreach, the Mobile Arts Platform (MAP) has been engaging citizens around the community on their ideas for how public art might make Palo Alto a more vibrant city (go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/publicart for a complete schedule of appearances). So far, some of the themes include supporting teens, caring for the environment, pedestrian-friendly art, capturing history, and art in unexpected places. A draft plan is expected for review in early 2016 with final plan adoption scheduled for spring.

Finally, speaking of public art, we said good bye on Sept. 26 to Aurora, the lighted tree that has graced King Plaza for almost two years, and will say hello on Oct. 8 to Rondo I by Bruce Beasley that will be installed in front of City Hall as part of the City's temporary public art program.



Rondo I by Bruce Beasley



Residential Parking program kicks into high gear

For the past two weeks, the RPP enforcement team has been placing informational notices on car windshields with details about how to register for a permit online, and the availability of in-person assistance at City Hall. This was done to provide additional assistance to individuals who were having trouble navigating the online permit system or who may have been unaware of the permit requirements. As of Sept. 29, the RPP enforcement team has been issuing a "warning" to cars parked for more than two hours without an RPP permit within the downtown parking district. Citations will be issued starting no later than Oct. 13 for those without a

permit and the ticket costs \$53. On site help is still available for the next few weeks at City Hall for those still having trouble with the online permit site. As anticipated, there has been parking spillover directly outside the RPP district. The RPP ordinance provides a process for residents of any block to petition for annexation into an adjacent RPP district. Click [here](#) for more information.

Meet the Street

Meet The Street

October 8, 2015 from 5-9 p.m.



Shop. Dine. Stroll – Art. Music. Light. Experience downtown in a whole new way during the Meet the Street event on **Oct. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m.** where you'll have the chance to connect with local merchants and enjoy an evening of food, fashion music and more. The City of Palo Alto, Palo Alto Downtown Merchants and the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association are sponsoring the first ever Meet the Street event that will be held on Emerson, Ramona and Bryant Streets from University to Hamilton and Emerson from University to Forest. It will be pedestrians only with plenty of places to dine outdoors, watch a cooking demonstration or just have some fun. Bryant Street will turn into a fashion runway featuring apparel from local merchants, and there will be music, literally in the streets. For all the details, go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/MeetTheStreet.

Tweets of the Month

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@mickey_du: [@cityofpaloalto](#) the [@bluebottleroast](#) is the best spot in town for great coffee, relaxation, and a beautiful outdoor courtyard

@kingleaia: [@cityofpaloalto](#) [@svtpca](#) [@GunnBEAM](#)
Awesome audience last night! Caring adults rallying for our teens! Go#GunnBEAM!

@lochoffs: [#Digital](#) Commenter: [@cityofpaloalto](#) gives citizens a voice

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@GunnBEAM: Tom Fehrenbach of [@cityofpaloalto](#)
discussing how Palo Alto is involved in Gunn BEAM
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@SCC_OES: Wonderful presentation given [@cityofpaloalto](#)
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Emergency Managers.

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