



June 2017

Summer is here and while things may slow down for many people this time of the year, many of our projects are just starting to take off.

Upgrading Our Downtown

UPGRADE DOWNTOWN
SAFE, RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE & STREETS

Upgrade Downtown is a City of Palo Alto multi-year infrastructure and street improvement project that will include utility pipe replacements, road repaving, traffic signal enhancements and a new downtown parking garage. The project will provide critical preventative upgrades to core infrastructure so that we can continue to provide safe, reliable and cost effective services to our community.

- EASIER PARKING** (Car icon)
- NEW WATER & GAS** (Pipe icon)
- SAFER STROLLS** (Crosswalk icon)
- IMPROVED MOBILITY** (Bicycle icon)

[Upgrade Downtown](#) is one such project that is now underway. It's a multi-year street maintenance and infrastructure improvement project that includes utility pipe replacements, road repaving, traffic signal enhancements, a new downtown parking garage, and potential new bike lanes. Work began this week with water pipe replacement on Hamilton Avenue.

Calendar of Events



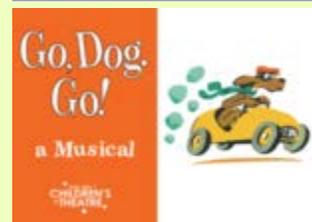
Clay & Glass Festival

Sunday, July 9, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Palo Alto Art Center



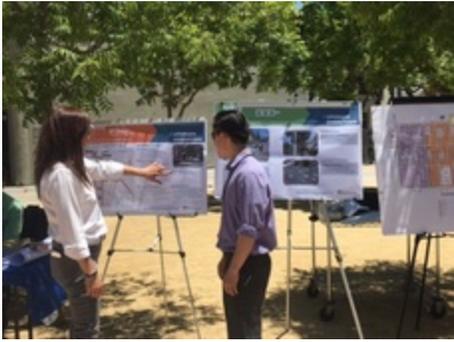
3D Print, Poem & Photo Library Contest

Teens grades 6-12 can enter for a chance to win prizes!
Deadline is July 23



GO, DOG, GO!

July 12-30
Palo Alto Children's Theatre
1305 Middlefield Road



City staff were out in the community at several open houses around town to let the public know more about the project and to answer questions. You can download a copy of the Upgrade Downtown project map [here](#) and stay up-to-date on the progress by [signing up here](#) to receive regular updates.



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Greening Our Garages



Earlier this month, we completed the first of four solar power installation projects on garage rooftops. The first installation was completed atop the Bryant Street Garage, and solar panels are currently going up on the garage at Cowper/Webster. Two garages on California Avenue are next in line for the work to be done. In addition, a total of 18 Level-2 electric vehicle chargers will be added to the Bryant Street and California Avenue garages. The Cowper/Webster garage already has EV charging

stations on site. Each garage will be also wired for an additional 20 charging stations that could be added at a later time.

Our Road to Success



Palo Alto has made the grade for the best roads in Santa Clara County earning an 83 Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score. PCI measures the condition of street surfaces on a scale from 1 to 100. Our road to this success began in 2011 when annual funding for streets increased to \$5.1 million from \$1.8 million. You can learn more about our five-year paving plan and see what streets have

already been completed and which ones are in the works [here](#).

Going Behind the Scenes of Palo Alto



Ever wonder what it takes to make a city work? Here's your chance to go behind the scenes as Public Works, Utilities, and Administrative Services take you on an Open House tour at the Municipal Services Center (MSC) on July 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. You can see how our utilities are operated, what's inside a transformer, how a generator works, learn about EcoHome and efficiency programs, street paving and bucket trucks. There will also be games, including hula hoops made by Public Works out of plastic pipes. The event is free and you are encouraged to [RSVP](#).

Golf Course on Par for Reopening



The Municipal [Golf Course Reconfiguration Project](#) is on course to be transformed for its November reopening. The irrigation system and the concrete cart paths are now complete on the new links-style course. Grass sprigs and sod have been rolling out since May, with the landscaping expected to be complete by early July.



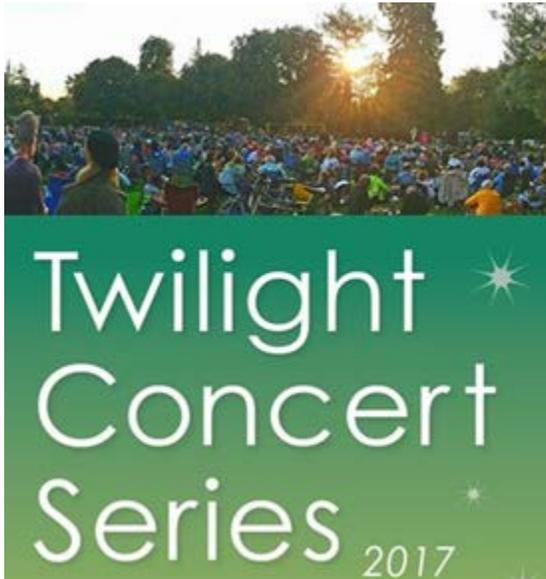
The new course will have:

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

During the course closure, the Brad Lozares Golf Shop and driving range, and the Bay Café are all still open for business.

Summer in the City

Not only have temperatures heated up, but there's also an uptick in summertime activities taking place around town.



The [Twilight Concert Series](#) is back with Saturday night movies and musical acts, including the Santana tribute band, Caravanseri. The shows take place at various City venues through August 5.



The 36th annual [Chili Cookoff and Summer Festival](#) is a 4th of July tradition in Palo Alto that takes place in Mitchell Park. Whether you like to eat chili or cook it, the festival offers something for everyone. Over \$2,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to the Best Chili Division and Best Overall Chili winners. There's also a Best Booth and Best Spirit Award up for grabs.

[Music on the Plaza](#) returns Thursday nights starting on July 13, but this year the venue has moved from King Plaza. You will need to groove over to Lytton Plaza to catch the shows that run through August 17.

Stay cool and hydrated, and make it a great summer in Palo Alto.



Tweets of the Month

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Autumn Carter [@Autumn_Carter](#)

What's dinner in [@cityofpaloalto](#) without a [#cityhallselfie](#) beforehand? Good selfie, right [@OpenGovInc](#) team?



Cynthia & Bunny [@typaldos](#)

On tansy leaf phacelia in my [#GreerDucky](#) garden in [#PaloAlto](#)



Minnie & Max Pugs [@MinnieMaxPugs](#)

We're on a Palo Alto "staycation" [@GCHPaloAlto!](#) [@GoPetFriendly](#) [@cityofpaloalto](#) [#MMStaycation](#) [#MemorialDayWeekend](#) [#pug](#)



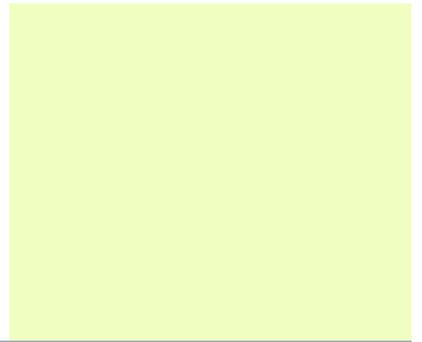
Palo Alto High [@PalyVikings](#)

Spotted on campus. New water bottle filling stations. Thanks PTSA!



Paul Locatelli [@Paul_Locatelli](#)

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