Connecting Palo Alto Roundtables Set

Connecting Palo Alto is on the move again, this time holding a series of roundtables in November to help evaluate potential grade separation options at each of Palo Alto’s four Caltrain rail crossings at Churchill Avenue, Charleston Road, Meadow Drive and Palo Alto Avenue. One of the roundtable sessions will be devoted to discussing a tunnel and trench scenario. With the electrification of Caltrain and potential High Speed Rail, we know there will be more trains traveling through our rail corridor. Since the Palo Alto Avenue station is already the busiest stop between San Francisco and San Jose, the rail crossings are an issue that affects everyone in Palo Alto whether you live or work here, or are visiting. That’s why the public feedback on this issue is so important.

Calendar of Events

**Teen Takeover**
Mini golf, pinball, art, dance & more!
Art Center
Fri., Nov. 3, 6-9 p.m.

**Meet the Artists**
Cubberley Center’s Annual Open Studios
Sat., Nov. 11
12-5:30 p.m.

**Veteran Photography Exhibition**
Cubberley Center
Nov. 4-18.
Attend one of the roundtables or as many as you’d like, and if you bring somebody new who hasn’t attended the previous workshops you’ll receive a City of Palo Alto notebook and the heart-shaped “For the Love of Palo Alto” lapel pin!

The Council’s Rail Committee will meet on Nov. 8 at 8 a.m. in the City Hall community meeting room to talk about the roundtables and more. Mark your calendar for the roundtable discussions listed below:

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<td>Charleston Road and Meadow Drive</td>
<td>Tuesday, November 14</td>
<td>6 to 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Mitchell Park Community Center El Palo Alto Room 3700 Middlefield Road</td>
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<td>Churchill Avenue</td>
<td>Thursday, November 16</td>
<td>6 to 8 p.m.</td>
<td>PAUSD District Office, Aspen Room 25 Churchill Avenue</td>
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<td>Palo Alto Avenue</td>
<td>Tuesday, November 28</td>
<td>6 to 8 p.m.</td>
<td>City Hall, Community Room 250 Hamilton Avenue</td>
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<td>Trench and Tunnel Discussion</td>
<td>Thursday, November 30</td>
<td>6 to 8 p.m.</td>
<td>City Council Chambers 250 Hamilton Avenue</td>
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<td>Visions of Warriors</td>
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<td>Part of Open Studio Event Cubberley Center Sat., Nov. 18 3-7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Ceramics &amp; Jewelry Studio Holiday Sale</td>
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<td>Art Center Sat., Dec. 2 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.</td>
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You can RSVP here: [connectingpaloalto.brownpapertickets.com](http://connectingpaloalto.brownpapertickets.com)

For more information, visit: [cityofpaloalto.org/ConnectingPaloAlto](http://cityofpaloalto.org/ConnectingPaloAlto)

**On the Table Community Conversation**

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*A Community Conversation About Housing*

Palo Alto is participating in [On the Table](http://www.onthetable.org), a community conversation about regional housing challenges sponsored by the [Silicon Valley Community Foundation](http://www.siliconvalleycares.com). Here in Palo Alto, we are holding the one-day event at several coffee cafes listed below on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 15. We hope you will stop in to buy your morning "cup of joe" and join the discussion. Elected officials and City staff will divvy themselves up among the locations to help facilitate the conversations and make sure the community’s ideas are captured for future housing discussions. Here’s a list of the participating cafes:
• Coupa Café  
 538 Ramona Street  
8:30-10:30 a.m.

• Philz  
3191 Middlefield Road  
8:30-10:30 a.m.

• Printers Café  
320 S. California Avenue  
8:30-10:30 a.m.

• Hobee’s (facilitated by Human Relations Commission)  
4224 El Camino Real  
8:45-10 a.m.

For questions or more information about On the Table, email: info@cityofpaloalto.org

Saluting Our Veterans

On Monday, Nov. 6, the City will hold a Veterans Day Recognition Event in the Council Chambers from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in honor of all Armed Forces veterans and active duty service members. The ceremony will take place before the Council begins its formal agenda and it includes the Army’s 63rd Regional Support Colonial Color Guard, the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West and speakers from the Air National Guard at Moffett Field, elected officials including State Senator Jerry Hill, as well as a Bronze Star World War II veteran who also happens to be a centenarian. Members of the military, their families, and the public are invited to attend.

Electric Refuse Truck Paves Another Palo Alto First
There is another “first” for Palo Alto as it gets ready to roll out the Bay Area’s first all-electric refuse collection truck. Contractor GreenWaste of Palo Alto will participate in a one-year pilot, testing the truck on the garbage, compost and recycling collection routes of residential customers. The electric vehicle is also recognized as the first full-size, fully automated side loader collection truck in North America. It will be unveiled outside King Plaza on Monday, Nov. 13 at 4:30 p.m. and touts benefits including:

- Saves approximately 6,000 gallons of diesel per year
- Saves 72 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents
- Reduces nitrogen oxides by .0237 tons/year
- Reduces smog forming gasses by 0.0012 tons/year and PM10 by 0.0010 tons/year
- Takes 2.5 hours to fully charge and travels 65 to 75 miles on that charge

In September, GreenWaste received the prestigious Gold Award for Recycling Excellence from the Solid Waste Association of North America. The highly acclaimed Gold Award was presented to GreenWaste for technical innovations at its Materials Recovery Facility in San Jose. The facility features state-of-the-art technology and boasts a 98 percent materials recovery rate for recyclables.

**El Palo Alto Provides Classroom History Lesson**
California History is already part of the school curriculum for 4th graders in the state, but students at Walter Hays Elementary in Palo Alto were fortunate to recently get a firsthand visit to the state’s first official living landmark, El Palo Alto. The City is named after this famous redwood tree that is located in El Palo Alto Park near El Camino and the railroad tracks.

Besides providing a hands-on history lesson, the field trip included a math lesson where students measured the trunk of El Palo Alto and the other trees in the park, and calculated the circumference, diameter and age.

In case you’re wondering, El Palo Alto is 1,076 years old. The interactive lesson plan was made possible thanks to Walter Hays Elementary teacher Barbara Lindsay and a collaboration between Canopy, Grassroots Ecology, the Palo Alto Historical Association, and Palo Alto’s Urban Forestry division.

The hope is to expand the field trip to other schools in the Palo Alto Unified School District next spring. To learn more about our famous El Palo Alto, watch this fact-filled short video on our Instagram account at: bit.ly/2vttLl
The Robots are Coming

On Oct. 30, the City Council approved a pilot permit program to allow cooler-sized delivery robots to operate in Palo Alto. The autonomous robots, like the one in the photo from Starship Technologies, can carry about three grocery bags worth of goods and utilizes an online payment system. The permit program will require that the robots not travel faster than 3.5 mph and they must be monitored with a human attendant or GPS. You can find more details in the staff report here.

Another kind of robot is coming to Palo Alto starting this week. Artwork Forge, a retro-style, interactive robotic sculpture by artist Toby Atticus Fraley will be on display outside King Plaza until April 2018. By inserting four quarters into the robotic sculpture, visitors will be able to watch their own unique artwork being designed in just a couple of minutes. The interactive robot creates an image based on what's trending on social media and then deposits the art in a tray on one end of the sculpture for collection. Artwork Forge is part of the Palo Alto Public Art Program’s ongoing series of temporary public art installations on King Plaza.

Tweets of the Month

Are you following us on Twitter yet? Connect with us and tell us what’s on your mind.

FoodWaterShoes @FoodWaterShoes
Oct. 31

It's hard not to play with your #food... especially @Kitchoan @stanfordshop in #PaloAlto @cityofpaloalto #travel
Big Bertha @MistralWinds Oct. 12

Palo Alto, 100 miles away from the fires

Jon Tanner @Chilco Oct. 27

Walk and talk with an old friend takes us past the original HP office (garage to the left) #paloalto #SVorigins

CupriDyne Clean @CupriDyneClean Oct. 27

#PaloAlto is Working to Achieve New #Organics Waste Diversion Targets

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