Community Conversation Piece

The crisp days of Fall officially arrived on September 23, and just like the changing of the leaves that begins to take place this time of year, King Plaza outside City Hall is being transformed with yet another community conversation piece. The *Cache Me If You Can* installation by FreelandBuck is a geometric, three-dimensional pavilion structure depicting photos captured from a day in the life on the plaza last May 31. It went up this week for all to enjoy as part of the Palo Alto Public Art program’s ongoing series of temporary exhibitions. If you happen to "catch it" in the evening, you will see it twinkle as it is lit from the interior at night. On display until Spring 2020, Public Art Program
Manager Elise De Marzo says, “I look forward to seeing how the piece will appear in different seasonal light conditions over the next few months.” Come check it out for yourself!

**Message from Mayor Filseth**

This month, the City celebrated its good, green partnership with Hewlett Packard at a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 10 to mark the completion of the largest solar array project to date in Palo Alto.

**A Good, Green Partnership**

A total of 3,372 solar panels have been placed on the rooftops and carports at...
HP’s campus headquarters on Page Mill Road. It’s part of the CLEAN (Clean Local Energy Accessible Now) program to buy back electricity in order to contribute renewable energy to the City’s grid. The HP solar panels are expected to generate 2,355 megawatt hours of electricity per year, which is enough energy to power 263 homes a year in Palo Alto. In addition, the electricity produced at HP’s headquarters will offset the equivalent of nearly 2 million pounds of coal per year – making this partnership another important step in our Sustainability and Climate Action Plan goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2030.

Sister Cities: Building a Sustainable World

Palo Alto participated in the very first Sister Cities Sustainability Conference hosted by Sister City, Heidelberg, Germany on September 5. Councilmember Liz Kniss and Neighbors Abroad of Palo Alto President Bob Wenzlau exchanged sustainability practices with representatives from Enschede, Netherlands, Linköping, Sweden, Oaxaca City, Mexico and of course, Heidelberg. In Heidelberg Innovation Park, a Palo Alto Platz sign, which translates to Palo Alto Place in German, will go up at the site of the former U.S. Patton barracks that now houses startup companies.

The Neighbors Abroad trip also included a stop in France since this year marks the 25th anniversary of our Sister City relationship with Albi. Vice Mayor Adrian Fine and Councilmember Kniss
both attended this leg of the trip, which was symbolic for Kniss since she signed the official Sister City agreement with Albi in 1994 during her first term as Mayor of Palo Alto.

Museum Toulouse-Lautrec

Albi highlights included a walking tour of the Museum Toulouse-Lautrec, which as the name implies, houses the largest collection of painter Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec’s artwork.
Other stops in Albi included visiting the gothic Sainte-Cécile Cathedral, Circuit d’Albi (a professional race track with a hydrogen fueling station), watching a new pedestrian bridge being built, and touring public transit company Safra. Founded in 1955, Safra has now launched a groundbreaking urban bus that is an electrical hybrid plug-in.

Albi may be a historic city with medieval roots, but it takes a Smart City and sustainable approach to infrastructure and innovation. Just like Heidelberg, Albi is also a university town, with two major universities- one of them being the top-ranked engineering college, Ecole des Mines, which was part of the Sister City tour.

Palo Alto’s other sister cities are Palo, Philippines; Tsuchiura, Japan; and
Yangpu District, Shanghai, China. Discover all eight of these partnerships [here.]

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**Palo Alto Sister Cities**

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**All Things Palo Alto**

**On Track with Connecting Palo Alto**
The City Council discussed and unanimously approved moving forward with changes to [Connecting Palo Alto](#) at its September 9 meeting... [more]

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All branches of the Palo Alto City Library will be closed on **Wednesday, October 2** in order for staff to participate in professional development training on Design Thinking practices... [more]

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Two members of the Palo Alto Fire Department were deployed on September 3 to assist with Hurricane Dorian that developed near the Caribbean... [more]

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