Final Days of Summer

School is back in session, the longer days of summer are winding down, and the free summer concerts in Palo Alto are about to wrap up before the Labor Day holiday. You can catch the final show on Friday, August 30 at Magical Bridge playground in Mitchell Park as the James Henry band performs at 6 p.m. The band is known for bringing instruments from all over the world for the crowd to give a try, making it an interactive performance the whole family will enjoy. Pack a picnic dinner and savor the final days of summer at the concert in the park.
Message from Mayor Filseth

Council returned from summer recess on August 5 and got back to business on many of our current ongoing projects such as the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan, and Connecting Palo Alto. A Blue Ribbon Committee is being considered to enhance the rail grade separation process.

Such a committee would help develop recommendations to Council on the funding plan and other strategies for local and regional support of grade separation options. Meanwhile, the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) has developed into the Expanded Community Advisory Panel, better known as the XCAP.

The XCAP will continue its key role during the current evaluation phase by bringing neighborhood perspectives to the table as various grade-separation alternatives are defined. Once the evaluation phase is concluded and options are defined, the City will seek community input through several ways, including a citywide community meeting. Input gained will inform the City Council's consideration of grade separation options in early 2020. Council takes a closer look at the possibility of a rail Blue Ribbon Committee at its meeting on Monday, September 9.
During the August 19 Council meeting, I recognized thirteen Palo Alto companies for making strides toward improving energy efficiency. Congratulations to this year’s Green Business Leaders: CommonWealth Partners, HP Enterprise, Hines, Hudson Pacific Properties, Jay Paul Company, Orchard Commercial, Sand Hill Property Company, SAP, Stanford University, Verizon, VMWare, Wells Fargo, and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. Green Building Leaders must have either LEED certified buildings or be ENERGY STAR certified. ENERGY STAR buildings use 35% less energy on average and likewise, produce 35% less greenhouse gas emissions on average. Keep up the good green work!
 Welcoming Newcomers
Palo Alto Welcome Week returns September 12-22. We are already known for being diverse and inclusive, so this is the perfect opportunity for newcomers and the entire community to come together and participate in several free, fun-filled activities planned for the week... [more]

Get Pumped for Bike Palo Alto
Grab your helmet, pump up your tires and hop on your bike as the 10th Annual Bike Palo Alto returns for riders of all ages on Sunday, September 29 from 1-3 p.m. ... [more]

We Built This City!
As part of Palo Alto’s yearlong 125th anniversary celebration, families who attended the Summer Family Day at the Art Center on August 25 got a chance to design their own replica of Palo Alto... [more]

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