Happy Halloween

Halloween is here tomorrow, and we are wishing you and your “boo” a safe, fun-filled evening trick-or-treating. Before you step out in costume, don’t forget to review our list of Halloween safety tips here.

For 24 years, the Palo Alto Art Center has helped usher in this beautiful autumn season with the glass blown gourds that go on display at the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, the Bay Area Glass Institute and the Palo Alto Art Center. Learn more about it here and click the link below to enjoy an online photo album of this year’s event.

Great Glass Pumpkin Patch
Message from Mayor Filseth

Council and staff have been hard at work on this year’s Council priorities. On Oct. 7, Council approved the Transportation Work Plan designed to address transportation and traffic, and we continue to work on the community-based process, Connecting Palo Alto, to inform rail grade separation decisions before Caltrain electrification begins in 2022. There will be a citywide community meeting on the rail process on Thursday, Nov. 7 at Mitchell Park Community Center beginning at 6 p.m. in the El Palo Alto room. I hope to see you there.

Cubberley's New Field of Dreams

On Oct. 18, I stepped onto the newly renovated Cubberley Track and Field for the re-opening ceremony. The three-month project replaced the synthetic turf field and upgraded the pre-existing decomposed granite track with an all-weather track that can be used by the public year-round.

Sister City Milestone Celebration in Japan
This month, the City also marked another international milestone as we celebrated 10 years with our Sister City Tsuchiura, Japan. I joined Tsuchiura Mayor Kiyoshi Nakagawa and his staff, along with Palo Alto Neighbors Abroad Vice President Jennifer Buenrostro and Palo Alto Assistant to the City Manager, Chantal Gaines, as we renewed our partnership by signing a joint declaration in Japan.*

Palo Alto and Tsuchiura officially entered into a sister city relationship in March 2009, but the relationship was established as early as 1993 when local parents started a student exchange program. The student exchange program is primarily for middle schoolers. Tsuchiura students usually visit Palo Alto during Spring Break and then in mid-June, Palo Alto students head to Japan. If you are interested in participating, contact Palo Alto Neighbors Abroad here.
If you’re traveling to Japan, Tsuchiura is north of Tokyo and an hour by train, on the shore of Lake Kasumigaura. Two major annual events there are the Tsuchiura All Japan Fireworks Competition each October and the Kasumigaura Marathon in April.

Palo Alto’s other sister cities are Albi, France; Enschede, The Netherlands; Heidelberg, Germany; Linköping, Sweden; Palo, Philippines; and Yangpu District, Shanghai, China. Discover all eight of these partnerships here.

*Please note: Palo Alto does not fund elected officials' trips to Sister Cities.

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**All Things Palo Alto**

**Reuse Zone Stocks Household Products**
Next month, we will be celebrating the expansion and reopening of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program’s Reuse Zone and the public is invited to join me at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. at 2501 Embarcadero Way... [more]

**Experience Diwali**
The Palo Alto City Library invites the community to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 2-5 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Community Center... [more]

**Honor Our Veterans**
On Monday, Nov. 4 the City will be honoring
Armed Forces veterans and all active duty service members at a Veterans Recognition Event in King Plaza from 3:30-4:30 p.m... [more]

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**We are Social**

If you mention @CityofPaloAlto or #PaloAlto in a social post, we might feature it here.

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BYD’s Electric Garbage Trucks:

- Saves 6,000 gallons of diesel per year
- Prevents #GHG emissions #zeroemission
- Regenerative braking = recharges every time it stops

#electricvehicle #ev #greentech #futuretech
@cityofpalooalto @GreenWastePA

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Magical Bridge

October 8 at 3:45 PM

PBS NewsHour covers Magical Bridge Playground!
https://youtu.be/4D58dK3yjB8

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House in the @cityofpalooalto decorated to the hilt! #halloween2019 #HalloweenVibes #Halloween