Enjoy this edition of All Things Palo Alto, a brief weekly digest of community interests and events taking place here in the heart of Silicon Valley.

Fire Strike Team Called to California Wildfires

Palo Alto Fire crews from Engine 65 and Engine 365 returned Sunday from a call to duty, providing mutual aid to the Southern California wildfires. The team was deployed to the Easy Fire that ignited on October 30 in Ventura County, threatening the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. The library escaped damage, and in the above photo you can see firefighter Colin Fraser, Captain Hugo Godoy, engineer/paramedic Sunny Johnson-Gutter and
firefighter/paramedic Nate Heydorff in front of the Reagan statue outside the library.

Engine 65 was also dispatched to the Kincaid Fire burning in Sonoma County in October. They were part of a crew helping mitigate structure threats. Both engine units made up part of the Santa Clara County strike team.

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JOIN THE RAIL CONVERSATION
NOVEMBER 7, 6-8 P.M.
MITCHELL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Help us kick off the next phase of the rail grade separation planning process known as Connecting Palo Alto. The next community meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, November 7 from 6-8 p.m. in the El Palo Alto room at Mitchell Park Community Center. Join the community conversation and learn about the options that will lay the groundwork for Council decisions in Spring 2020. Keep
track of this issue by reading our blog series. The second blog looks at the current rail options being considered.

Crescent Park residents have put speeding and congestion from cut-through traffic in their neighborhood on our radar. Join the City in Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 19 from 6-8 p.m. as the community comes together to share ideas for safety improvements that will inform pilot traffic calming measures. This is the first in a series of two-way street talks we are kicking off called Word on the Street. The talks will provide an opportunity for the community to discuss transportation issues with staff. We will take some of these talks on the road and may even come to your neighborhood.

Get Up to Speed on the Transportation Work Plan
Council recently adopted a **Transportation and Traffic Work Plan**, highlighting a series of efforts and plans underway to address Council Priorities for the year, including transportation and rail. Check out our [latest blog here](#) for a more in depth look at the work plan. It also highlights ways the community can share feedback on transportation related issues.

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**Pickleball Craze Brings More Courts to Mitchell Park**

Move over tennis, pickleball is the growing craze on the courts in Palo Alto. So much so that the City recently added six new pickleball courts to Mitchell
Park. Four of the new courts were actually transformed from one tennis court. Court use is on a first come, first "serve" basis with pickleball priority hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Want to see what this courtside craze is all about? Come to the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, November 13, 12 p.m. at 600 E. Meadow Drive.

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**Foothills Park Restoration Plan**

Foothills Park on Page Mill Road in Palo Alto is a nature lover’s paradise filled with miles of trails, streams, a lake and spectacular views of the Bay Area. A 7.7 acre parcel has recently been added to the 1,400 acre area of Open Space and the public is being asked to provide input on a restoration plan for the new parcel. Meet at the Foothills Park Interpretive Center on Saturday, November 16 at 11 a.m. to discuss the draft plan and get a tour of the new area. Learn more [here](#).

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