Season of Thanks and Giving

Families and friends will soon come together on Thanksgiving. No matter if you feast on turkey, parades or football games on this day, it's a wonderful time of year to give thanks and kick off the season of giving. 'Tis' the season when the Palo Alto Teen Advisory Board holds its annual Toy Drive in the spirit of giving to children in need. You can drop off unwrapped toys, games and books in barrels that have been placed at Mitchell Park and Lucie Stern Community Centers, the Palo Alto Art Center, the Palo Alto libraries, and fire stations number 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. The Toy Drive goes until Thursday, December 12 in most locations, but the Palo Alto fire stations will accept donations until December 24. Find the full list of drop-off locations by clicking on the Toy Drive button below.
Message from Mayor Filseth

In this season of thanksgiving, I want to thank the more than 160 community members who shared their input at the Connecting Palo Alto meeting to evaluate rail grade separation alternatives. It will help lay the groundwork for Council decisions in the April 2020 time frame. Here’s a [link to video] of the November 7 meeting and the [preliminary fact sheets]. Learn more about this community-driven process by reading the Stay on Track blog series [here]. The next XCAP (Expanded Community Advisory Panel) meeting will be held on December 4 from 4-6 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of City Hall.

I’m happy to share that on November 4, Council adopted a new building electrification plan that includes ways Palo Alto can be more sustainable. It advances an all-electric requirement for new residential and commercial construction in 2020. Read our recent blog post on this topic [here].

Pickleball Anyone? New Courts Open at Mitchell Park

An impressive crowd of Palo Alto players came to the pickleball ribbon-cutting at Mitchell Park on November 13. After the ceremony, I picked up a paddle and played on one of the six new courts. Four of the new courts were actually transformed from one tennis court at Mitchell Park. Give it a try for yourself.
Pickleball priority hours are 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. and court use is on a first come, first “serve” basis!

125th Birthday Celebrations

This has been a year of reflection as Palo Alto celebrates its 125th year. As most of you know, Palo Alto’s namesake is rooted in the El Palo Alto redwood tree located near the Caltrain tracks in El Palo Alto Park. Therefore, it’s fitting that as part of the year-long quasquicentennial celebration, Canopy held a tree planting ceremony in Heritage Park on November 18. That same day, Chamber of Commerce President Judy Kleinberg declared there will be an annual Palo Alto Day each spring and mayors from our eight Sister Cities sent in their birthday wishes via video. Learn more about the day's event here.

125th Birthday Celebration Photos Courtesy of: Jane Gee

Watch Birthday Tributes
Cubberley Draft Plan Revealed
The Draft Cubberley Concept Plan can now be found here on the project website. It’s the culmination of a yearlong co-design process that the community weighed in on, balancing current needs while preserving land for potential future education needs...

Holiday Roundup
The tree lighting ceremony that was held on November 22 in Lytton Plaza is just one of the many ways Palo Alto rings in the holidays. Other traditions around town this time of year include...

Become A Block Preparedness Coordinator
You can never be too prepared for a disaster. The next Palo Alto Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC) class is coming up on Tuesday, December 10 from 6-9 p.m. in the Downtown Library Community Room.

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Palo Alto Forward
@paloaloforward

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Canopy, started in 1996, grew out of a task force created in 1986 by the City of Palo Alto. Public Agency to study the city's urban forest. In 2006, it expanded its mission of community-supported urban tree canopy growth to nearly communities.

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