



Magda's NOTES AND QUOTES

Office of the City Manager

July 24, 2014

"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought." — John F. Kennedy

New Playground—Kaboom!

Our community is getting closer to having a wonderful new playground at Bell Street Park. On July 18, 2014, the City received three bids from construction contractors to prepare the site and the City Manager, as authorized by the City Council, awarded the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Guerra Construction Group

from Santa Clara, CA. Staff anticipates that construction will start very soon. On Tuesday, July 29th a temporary fence will go up around the site to protect the public during construction activities. In the meantime, community leaders continue to plan for BUILD DAY, August 20th, when volunteers from East Palo Alto and Coupons.com will build the play structure. Put August 20th on your calendar! Starting at 9:00 a.m. we'll build a playground together!

Internships

As part of One East Palo Alto's "Sponsored Employment Program" and the Internship Program at City Hall, we have bright young EPA interns providing us with high quality work. Their tasks include helping with the front desk, data entry, filing, scanning, phones, mailing, and many more tasks that are needed throughout the City. Thank you all for your hard work!

Andrea Arceo – Administrative Intern

James Colin – Administrative Intern

Ariana Razo – Administrative Intern

Karla Prince – Recreation Leader II

Giana Borgo – Administrative Intern

Rashad Percelle-White – Administrative Intern

CAL-OES Safety Assessment Program

The Community and Economic Development Department teamed with Menlo Fire District and the American Construction Inspectors Association and sponsored California Office of Emergency Services Safety Assessment Program training on Friday July 11, 2014. The class was well attended with more than 20 participants that were educated on the implementation of Rapid Evaluation procedures for post-disaster safety assessment of structures within our jurisdiction. Our Community Development Director John Doughty, Sr. Engineer Maziar Bozorginia, along with Menlo Fire District Fire Marshal Jon Johnston, Fire Inspector Bob Blach, and Ron Keefer represented the East Palo Alto jurisdiction assuring that our local staff are prepared and qualified at the State level in the event of a Natural Disaster such as earthquake or flood.

Special thanks to our East Palo Alto Menlo Fire Station Inspector of Record Mel Weidner for his efforts in seamlessly coordinating such a successful training event and our Fire Marshal Jon Johnston for arranging the use of the Menlo Fire District Emergency Operations Center training room, at no cost, that provided a comfortable environment for the training venue.

The California Office of Emergency Services provided the national level trainer, David Karina, and all reference materials at no cost. Cal-OES made special note of this training event as it is the first in our area and the first event that had joint participation from East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Millbrae, San Bruno, San Mateo - Building, Fire, Engineering, and local licenses design professionals all with the focus to aid our community when needed.



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"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity."

— Douglas Adams