



## Boards & Commissions Recruitment

The City of East Palo Alto is recruiting its' residents for members to participate in various Boards, Commissions, and Committees! There are nonpaid positions open in the Planning Commission, Public Works and Transportation Commission, Rent Stabilization Board, and in the Senior Advisory Commission. This is a great way for you to be actively engaged in your community! For more information about these important City Advisory Boards, please visit the City's website at [www.cityofepa.org](http://www.cityofepa.org) and click on Boards and Commissions under Government. You may pick up an application on the City's website or in City Hall. Applications are due by Friday, May 8th at 5 p.m.

## Budget Study Sessions

The City will be hosting Budget Study Sessions on May 12th and May 13th in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. We invite you to come, hear, and comment on the Proposed City Budget to the Community, along with Departmental Presentations, and the Proposed Ten Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged. The future of the City is very bright, and the City Budget is very important to the operation of the City as it sets the foundation of the City's Programs and Management. All are welcome to attend these Study Sessions.

## New Bus Shelter

Just in time for the warm weather, a brand-new bus shelter has been installed on the corner of University Avenue and Bell Street, which will better serve all public transportation users. Thanks to all who took part in this project.



## Circus in EPA

American Crown Circus is coming to East Palo Alto, beginning May 14th—May 18th. Acrobatic shows include trapeze artists, clowns, magicians, acrobats and jugglers that will be performing under a secure bigtop tent.



Dates & Showtimes:  
May 14, 15 & 18 at 7:30 p.m.  
May 16-17 at 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

## Facebook Local Job Fair

Join Facebook and partners at a local Job Fair on Wednesday, May 13th. Meet the Facebook Recruiting Team, and Facebook Vendor Partners to learn about potential job opportunities, and to distribute resumes.



Participating companies include: Facebook, ABM - Onsite Facility Services, Allied Barton Security, Flagship - Culinary, Hines Property Management, Loop Transportation, Milestone - IT Solutions, Philz Coffee, Precision Parking, Pro-Unlimited - Contingent Workforce Program

When: Wednesday, May 13, 2015:  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Where: Belle Haven Senior Center:  
110 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park

## Block The Bells

The 2nd Annual Block the Bells has been rescheduled to May 30th, beginning at 1:00pm, due to rain. This is an open community block party that aims to celebrate East Palo Alto's youth, arts, music, and culture to promote community togetherness through positive artistic engagement. This event is planned and implemented by teens and young adults from our community.



## Peninsula SunShares

Just in time for Earth Day, East Palo Alto is partnering with neighboring communities throughout San Mateo County and local nonprofit, Vote Solar, to launch a discounted purchasing program for homeowners wanting to install solar.

The Peninsula SunShares program pools the buying power of individual participants to obtain more competitive pricing on solar PV array installations and lower cost for you!

Vote Solar and program partners have selected two qualified contractors for the program. Sunrun, Inc. and Skytech Solar as the sole service providers.

Enrollment in Peninsula SunShares has begun and is now available for a limited time only. Sign up soon to receive a no-cost, no-obligation site evaluation to learn how you can benefit from going solar.

Find out about upcoming workshops at:  
[www.mygroupenergy.com/group/peninsula](http://www.mygroupenergy.com/group/peninsula)

For more information about East Palo Alto's solar programs and initiatives, contact Michelle Daher at [mdaher@cityofepa.org](mailto:mdaher@cityofepa.org) or call (65.0) 853-3197.



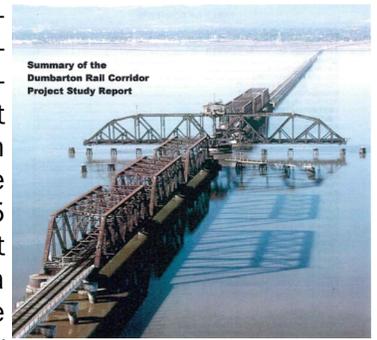
## Disaster Preparedness Day

Save the date! San Mateo County's 11th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day will be Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the San Mateo County Event Center (1346 Saratoga Avenue, San Mateo). Arrive before 11:00am for free parking and free admission to the County Fair. Come and learn about First-Aid, Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and equipment demonstrations, and learning how to put together a disaster plan and emergency kit. For more information on this event, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 363-4790.



## Dumbarton Rail Corridor

East Palo Alto will be hosting a Policy Advisory Committee meeting for the Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project on Friday May 29th from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the Council Chambers (2415 University Avenue). East Palo Alto Mayor Lisa Gauthier is a member of the Project's Policy Advisory Committee, and invites you to attend.



The Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project plan was to extend commuter rail service across the southern portion of the San Francisco Bay between the Peninsula and the East Bay. When the service eventually starts, the rail corridor would link Caltrain, the Altamont Express, Amtrak's Capitol Corridor and BART, as well as East Bay bus systems, at a multi-modal transit center in Union City.

The reconstruction of the rail corridor plans to include track improvements, a new moveable rail bridge, four stations and a centralized traffic control system. Potentially, six round-trip trains will travel from Union City during peak commute hours. Three of these trains would travel to San Francisco and three to San Jose.

The project aims to repair the Dumbarton Rail Bridge between Redwood City and Fremont to establish a rush hour commuter rail service from the East Bay to both San Francisco and San Jose. However, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission reallocated money as a "loan" from Dumbarton Bridge to the BART extension to San Jose.

The failure to pass a transit sales tax for Alameda County in the November election of 2012 led to a number of decisions, including the re-distribution of Regional Measure 2 funds. Without sufficient funding, the project had less than half of the minimum \$700 million dollars needed for this project, and the project was placed on hold since it does not have a robust funding plan for inclusion on the NEPA document.

Although the Dumbarton Rail Bridge remains out of service, needing millions of dollars of work to be put back in service, it is still a valuable public asset as it already has the right of way, the connections to rail junctions, and the environmental clearances for the bridge.

Come to discuss the possibilities to rehabilitate the Dumbarton Rail Bridge, or other potential transit alternatives. This project would be a major connecting link between Capitol Corridor trains, BART, ACE and High Speed Rail to Caltrain and the cities on the Peninsula.

In addition, the Dumbarton Rail Bridge would provide a direct connection to Sacramento and the northern San Joaquin Valley to San Francisco. For more information about this project, visit [www.smcta.com](http://www.smcta.com).

## Proposed Water Capital Improvement Surcharges

The City of East Palo Alto owns an aging water system that is leased and operated by American Water Enterprises. The City's water rates have historically funded the costs of providing service but do not provide funding for substantial water system infrastructure needs. As a result, over the years major improvements and rehabilitation of the system have been deferred due to a lack of adequate funding.

Among much needed infrastructure improvements are two new groundwater wells and emergency water connections with the City of Palo Alto and other local water agencies, which are needed to improve water reliability and minimize the potential for service outages during supply disruptions and emergencies.

In order to provide approximately \$500,000 in annual funding for water infrastructure projects that support safe and reliable water service to our community, the City is proposing to adopt a new Water Capital Improvement Surcharge. This Surcharge will be collected in addition to regular charges for water service. Surcharge revenues will be used to fund costs associated with planning, analysis, design, and construction of water system infrastructure, and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Proposed Water Capital Improvement Surcharge rates are shown on the table below and include two components: 1) a fixed monthly amount based on customer class and meter size, and 2) a volumetric amount based on metered water use. The City proposes to begin collecting the Surcharge on bi-monthly water bills sent on or after September 1, 2015. The Surcharge will be subject to automatic annual adjustment by the change in the Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area – a widely-used measure of construction cost inflation – from the index as of June 2015.

Proposed Water Capital Improvement Surcharge	
<b>Water Usage Surcharge</b>	
\$ per hundred cubic feet of metered use*	\$0.43
<b>Fixed Monthly Surcharge</b>	
Single Family Residential Meters (5/8-inch to 1-inch)	\$2.88
<b>All Other Water Service Meters</b>	
5/8-inch	\$4.46
3/4-inch	6.70
1-inch	11.16
1-1/2-inch	22.29
2-inch	35.66
3-inch	66.86
4-inch & larger	111.44

\* One hundred cubic feet = approximately 748 gallons.

## Sample Calculation for a Typical Single Family Home

The monthly Water Capital Improvement Surcharge for a typical single family home with a 5/8-inch or 1-inch water meter using 9 hundred cubic feet of water per month (approximately 225 gallons per day) would be calculated as follows:

Fixed Monthly Surcharge	Usage Surcharge	Total Surcharge
\$2.88	9 units x \$0.43 = \$3.87	\$2.88 + \$3.87 = \$6.75

## Community Participation & Protest Procedures

You are invited to present oral or written testimony regarding the proposed Surcharge at the Public Hearing. Customers and property owners may also file written protests against the proposed Surcharge. Protests must be submitted in writing and must a) identify the affected property or account(s), such as by address, Assessor's Parcel Number, or customer account number; b) include the name and signature of the customer or property owner submitting the protest; and c) indicate opposition to the proposed Surcharge. Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted. The proposed Surcharge will not be adopted if written protests are received with respect to a majority of affected parcels or a majority of customer accounts. Written protests can be submitted at the public hearing, and can also be mailed or delivered to: City Clerk, City of East Palo Alto, 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303. All protests must be submitted prior to the close of the Public Hearing on June 16, 2015. The City will follow its Procedures for the Acceptance and Tabulation of Written Protests (available from the City Clerk's Office) when tabulating protests.

A Public Hearing on Proposed Water Capital Improvement Surcharges will be held on June 16th at 7:30pm, at the City Council Chambers (2415 University Avenue).

For additional information or questions, please contact American Water Enterprises located at 2415 University Avenue, Second Floor, East Palo Alto, (650) 325-6195; or call the East Palo Alto Community & Economic Development Department at (650) 853-3189.

## Employment Opportunities

The City of East Palo Alto currently has open position for the following areas. If you are interested in these positions, or know someone that might be, please visit [www.cityofepa.org](http://www.cityofepa.org) for more information on how to apply.

- Administrative Services Director
- Deputy City Clerk
- Public Works Director
- Police Officer Academy Graduate and Lateral

