



Crime Prevention & East Palo Alto Beat Updates

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August Beat Meeting Schedule

Beat One:

Date: Wednesday, August 27th, 2008

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall
1425 Bay Road, EPA

Beat Two:

Date: Thursday, August 7th, 2008

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: Ecumenical Hunger Program
2411 Pulgas Ave. EPA, CA 94303

Beat Three:

Date: Thursday, August 14th, 2008

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Location: Palo Mobile Estates
1885 East Bayshore Road, EPA, CA 94303

Beat Four:

Date: Thursday, August 21st, 2008

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

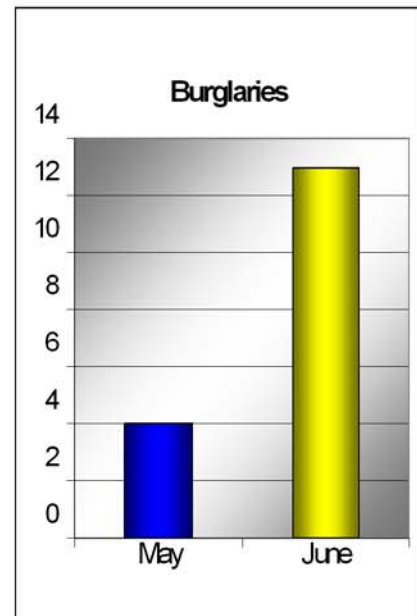
Location: Community Room at City Hall
2415 University Avenue, EPA, CA 94303

Area One Crime Prevention Tip

Area One consists of Beat One and Beat Four. Burglary had the largest percent increase of part one crime in both Beat One and Beat Four. Beat One increased by 100% and Beat Four increased by 600%.

Top Twelve Tips to Prevent Burglary

1. Keep all doors, windows, pet entrances and garage doors closed and securely fastened. Doors should have deadbolt locks with at least a 1" throw and reinforced strike plate with 3" screws. All windows should have window locks.
2. Secure sliding glass doors/windows. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts.
3. When service or delivery people come to your door, ask for ID. If you are still not sure, call the police first and report the stranger. Call the company to confirm.
4. Cut up cartons for TVs, computers, stereos, etc. Tie the pieces together so a burglar going through the garbage does not see any of your highly valuable household items.
5. Do not leave ladders or tools lying around outside. They can assist a possible intruder.
6. Install a wide-angle door viewer (peephole) in your front door so you can see who is at the door.
7. Organize a neighborhood watch program. Neighbors working together make one of the best crime fighting teams around.
8. Make an inventory list, complete with photos or video. Store this list in a safety deposit box.
9. Have a security plan in place and talk about it with family and neighbors.
10. Write down the emergency telephone numbers of local police, sheriff, and several nearby neighbors. Keep the numbers by your telephone(s).
11. Do not put your name and residential address on your key ring. If you lose it, a dishonest person could gain entry to your home.
12. Install and test a burglar alarm system and post signs in visible areas, indicating your home is protected by a burglar alarm system.



Area Two Crime Prevention Tip

Area Two consists of Beat Two and Beat Three. Auto Thefts had the highest percent increase in Beat Two with a 100% increase. Assaults had the highest percent increase in Beat Three with a 9% increase, however auto thefts followed close behind at an 8% increase.

One way to prevent auto theft is to install an anti-theft device. Many car insurance companies may give you a discount for certain anti-theft devices, such as the ones listed below. Check with your agent for details.

Ignition Kill Switch. Splice an inexpensive toggle switch into your ignition wire or to your starter. The trick is hiding the switch well. Keypads, pressure pads and more expensive "Immobilizers" and "Passkeys" can also be used.

Fuel Kill Switch. The valve that halts the fuel supply is closed.

Visible Steering Wheel Lock. Prevents the steering wheel from being turned.

Floorboard Locks. Devices that disable the gas or brake pedal.

Gearshift Locks. Disables shifting of the transmission.

Tire/Wheel Locks. Prevents the vehicle from moving.

Hood Locks. Prevents the thief from gaining access to your security system and battery.

Armored Collar Around the Steering Column. Protects the column and ignition.

Alarms. Security systems which make loud warning sounds when doors/hood/trunk are opened. Optional sensors detect glass breakage, motion, tampering, and towing. Panic buttons, back-up batteries, flashing parking lights or headlights, and automatic engine-disable features are also popular.

Vehicle Tracking. Transmitter hidden in car enables police to track car (may not be available in all areas).



Neighborhood Watch Group Announcements

Kavanaugh Neighborhood Watch Update (Beat 1 – Area 1):

1. JobTrain Drug-Free Zone: JobTrain (formerly OICW), at the border with Menlo Park, has been designated a drug-free zone and signs have been posted on O'Brien and Kavanaugh Drive to increase enforcement efforts. Per the California Health and Safety Code, selling or possessing illegal drugs within 1,000 feet of the school grounds will carry heavier fines and stricter sentences. Other prohibited activities include gang involvement and/or carrying weapons.

People witnessing drug traffic activities should report them at (650) 321-1112 with as much details as possible (location, people involved, etc...). For deterring drug buyers, license plates of offenders can be also reported to ruchida@cityofepa.org

Gardens Neighborhood Association meeting (Beat 3 - Area Two):

The Garden's Neighborhood Association's next meeting will be on the following:

Date: Saturday, August 9th, 2008

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

Location: The COGIC church on Pulgas & O'Connor



City Announcements

A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

There is called and ordered to be held in the City of East Palo Alto, California, on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, a General Municipal Election for four-year terms.

The City of East Palo Alto City Council has three (3) term-expiring seats for this General Municipal Election.

1. Potential Candidates: Must show Proof of Residency in the City of East Palo Alto, have the ability to show Proof of San Mateo County Registered Voter status; and must be 18 years of age
2. Declarations of Candidacy: "Nomination Papers-Official Filing Form" and candidate/Informational packets may be requested at the City Clerk's Office - 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto. Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00p.m.
3. Filing dates: Monday, July 14 through Friday, August 8, 2008.

RESIDENTS OF EAST PALO ALTO

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE SHAPING AND CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR CITY?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE AND MOTIVATIONAL IDEAS ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF YOUR CITY THAT AFFECT YOUR YOUTH, SENIORS AND NEIGHBORHOODS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS GUIDING THIS ACTION?

THE CITY ISSUES RESIDENTS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY. THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO PRESENTS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED BY INTERVIEWING FOR AND SERVING ON ONE OF ITS ADVISORY BODIES .

YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

City of East Palo Alto Residents are invited to serve on the City Advisory Bodies described below that have vacancies as a result of expiring terms and/or vacant seats.

If you are interested in volunteering, (certain advisory bodies allow for stipends), to serve on one of these advisory bodies and wish to complete an application and interview by City Council process please do so before the deadline listed below. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 or on the City's Website and attached to this ad. You may also call for an application at 650.853.3100.

The Deadline for the return of completed applications is 5:00p.m., Friday August 15, 2008 to the City Clerk's Office. Applicants must be residents of East Palo Alto and are required to familiarize themselves with the purpose of the advisory bodies they are interested in serving on prior to being interviewed by the City Council. The lengths of terms may vary from 1 to 3 years, beginning and ending as the advisory body policies on positions indicate. You may also find this ad with description of boards and # of seat inclusive along with the Advisory Body application on line in the "In the Spotlight Section" (Homepage, or in the City's public library - 2415 University Avenue.)