



# LOS ALTOS AT-A-GLANCE

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### 2009 CITY WIDE SLURRY SEAL PROJECT

Preventive maintenance is the key to good, economical street maintenance. It is less expensive to provide timely maintenance of a roadway before it becomes badly deteriorated and requires costly reconstruction. Each street in the City's 110-mile roadway system is inspected regularly to assess its condition. The condition of individual streets, and the amount and type of traffic using the street determines the type of preventive maintenance that is most appropriate. The biennial street slurry seal project is a major component of the preventive maintenance plan. The purpose of this slurry seal project is to provide a new wearing course and extend the pavement's service life.

Over time the heat from the sun "bakes" the oil from the surface of the streets. If this is not addressed, the small rocks in the surface pavement will become loose and over time the pavement will begin to fail. The slurry material is intended to provide new surface oil. Slurry seal is an application of a thin mixture of oil, water, and sand on the existing street surface. Pavement failures and "potholes", on those streets selected to be slurry sealed, were identified and repaired under a separate contract last year.

Portions of 150 streets in Los Altos were slurry sealed by Graham Contractors, Inc. in June and July. The construction contract was managed by the Engineering Division. City staff appreciates the excellent cooperation from the residents on those affected streets as this type of work requires that traffic not be allowed on the new slurry for most of the day.





The City of Los Altos was rated second of cities in the Bay Area for three-year average pavement condition index (PCI) according to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

The California Pavement Preservation Task Group awarded the City of Los Altos the 2009 Program of the Year Award to recognize the city's proven leadership in the use of pavement preservation techniques such as the slurry seal project. Pavement maintenance is a team effort with Engineering, Maintenance and contractors to provide good use of gasoline tax and city funds applied to our streets.



Larry Lind of the Engineering Division receives the coveted award on behalf of the City of Los Altos.

### Thursday Teen Trips

Bored? Nothing to do? Take a trip with the Los Altos Recreation Department! Trips include transportation and ticket into the venue. Trips are supervised by Recreation Staff and leave from Hillview Community Center. All participants should bring extra pocket money for lunch. Trips are designed for participants 12 and over. To sign up, contact the Recreation Department at 650.947.2790.

July 23	Raging Waters	10 AM to 4 PM	\$37
July 30	Santa Cruz Boardwalk	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM	\$37
August 6	Oakland A's Game	10 AM to 4:30 PM	\$38
August 13	Marine World	9 AM to 5 PM	\$68

### Teen Open Gyms

Open to all 12 and over. Bring your own basketball. Supervision is provided by the Recreation Department.

Wednesday, July 22	Blach Gym	7-9 PM
Wednesday, August 3	Egan Gym	7-9 PM

### Redwood Grove

The popular summer camp has spots available! Redwood Grove Nature Day Camp takes place at Redwood Grove Nature Preserve located at 482 University Avenue in Los Altos. Camp for 4-6 year olds is the morning from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 7 to 11 year olds come in the afternoon from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Overnight camps are available for 7 to 11 year olds this year during the weeks of July 20 and August 3. For more information about registration, please contact the Recreation office at 650.947.2790. See you under the Redwoods!

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The Los Altos Recreation Department is excited to present a FREE summer concert on Thursday, August 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Heritage Oaks Park. This fun family event will feature the *The Beach Boys Tribute Band* - a 7-piece band that covers all of the Beach Boys greatest hits and more! It's also the grand opening of the Rocks and Ropes Playground. Come early and check out the new playground! Bring your family and friends. It's a summer party and everyone's invited. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are encouraged. Pack your favorite dinner and come enjoy a festive evening of fun and music.

For more information contact Lea Guy at 947-2890 or at [Lea.guy@losaltosca.gov](mailto:Lea.guy@losaltosca.gov)



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2009

On Tuesday, August 4, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. neighbors throughout Los Altos are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “**26<sup>Th</sup> Annual National Night Out**” anti crime/drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Los Altos Police Department, involves over 9,700 communities for all 50 states U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. Last year a million people participated in “America’s Night out against Crime” last year NNO was supported in part by the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and community-police relations
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

It is an extraordinary way to build neighborhood unity and strengthen police-community partnerships. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, we invited neighborhoods nationwide to join forces with us to “*Give Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party.*”

This year is Los Altos **fourth year** participating in this worthwhile event. The Los Altos Police Department encouraged citizens to join this fun event and give crime and drugs a going away party. Neighbors were asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend an evening out with their neighbors and police.

The Los Altos Police Department provided stickers, lollipops, magnets, and pencils to all participating neighborhoods.

**National Night Out** is held the **first Tuesday in August every year**. I look forward to sharing this event with you in the years to come.

Please submit to Los Altos Police Department

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 21, 2009**