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The logo for the City of Palo Alto, featuring a stylized tree inside a circular frame.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS**

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**HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK**



## The Community Services Department is Happy to Welcome its New Director!

Rob de Geus, the new Director of Community Services for the City of Palo Alto as of February, is hard at work at the helm of the department! He believes parks, recreation, human services and the arts are vital to community health, playing an important role in connecting people to the City in which they live, work or visit. Born and raised in Melbourne, Australia, Rob has always had a passion for parks, recreation and the arts. He joined the City of Palo Alto in 2000 as a Recreation Coordinator, and over the past 15 years has held positions of increasing responsibilities within the Community Services Department. Areas of focus and passion include community health and wellbeing, accessibility, innovative public private partnerships and public service. Rob is valued liaison to numerous Palo Alto boards, commissions and interest groups including the Parks and Recreation Commission, Palo Alto Recreation Foundation, and Golf Advisory Board, and Rob has been a key member of the collaborative work of Project Safety Net, "Palo Alto is an exceptional city and it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents and community," said Rob de Geus. "I look forward to working with citizens and staff on a wide variety of programs, services and park projects to continue improving the quality of life in Palo Alto."

**Playhouse!**  **Goldilocks & The Three Bears**  
April 18 + 19



### Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Join the Palo Alto Children's Theatre for *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* in the Playhouse, this weekend, **April 18-19**. This is a very special, audience-interactive experience designed for you and your children, ages 3 to 6, where local high school performers bring beloved fairy tales to life. Running time: Approximately 45 minutes.

Purchase tickets at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre)  
Or call the Box Office at 650-463-4970



### Magical Bridge Grand Opening

Bring your kids to the Grand Opening of the Magical Bridge Playground at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto this **Saturday, April 18**, from **10am-5pm**. Magical Bridge Playground is the nation's most innovative-inclusive playground, designed and built for visitors of varying abilities. It's a place where everyone of **all** abilities can play. Food and entertainment will be provided.

For more information, go to [www.magicalbridge.org](http://www.magicalbridge.org)



## JUST EAT IT: A Food Waste Story

Come to the Fireside Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto on Friday, April 24th, at 7:30pm for an exclusive screening of this award-winning film! Filmmakers and food lovers Jen and Grant dive into the issue of food waste after learning about the billions of dollars of good food that is tossed each year. They pledge to quit grocery shopping and survive only on discarded food. What they find is truly shocking.

For more information, click [here](#)



## BOOST! Line Dancing

If you want to have a ton of fun while getting some exercise, come join our BOOST! Line Dancing class. This diverse group of dancers comes from all over the bay area to dance to Oldies, Rock 'n' Roll, Pop, Country, Latin, Soul, Rock, Big Band and Hip Hop! Classes are held on Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm at the Lucie Stern Community Center Ballroom.

To register for the class or for more information, go to [cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy](http://cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy)



## Super Family Sunday

The Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo is having a free special event for families who have children with special needs on **Sunday, April 26**, from **10am-12pm**. Guests will be able to meet animals up-close, touch collection artifacts, and enjoy a hands-on science activity. Siblings and grandparents welcome. Super Family Sundays are made possible thanks to the generosity of the David & Lucile Packard Foundation. Spots are limited and reservations are required.

To make a reservation or request special accommodations, email [Trudi.Wallick-Horrocks@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Trudi.Wallick-Horrocks@CityofPaloAlto.org) or call 650-329-2111



## Public Art Photo Contest

During the month of April we are celebrating Anthony Discenza's temporary public art project Questions About Your City by opening a photo competition. Discover all 20 artwork locations installed in downtown Palo Alto by downloading the [map](#) and full copy of the [text](#) incorporated into the signs. Choose an artwork with the questions that resonate with you the most and send us your best picture interacting with the artwork. The most fun pics will be featured on the new Public Art Program [Facebook page](#).

Please send submissions to [Nadya.Chuprina@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:Nadya.Chuprina@cityofpaloalto.org)

Learn more about the Community Services Department at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd>

Learn more about our programs at <http://enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org>

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