Here's the latest weekly edition of *All Things Palo Alto*, a brief digest of community interests and events taking place here in the heart of Silicon Valley.

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**Be Storm Ready**

The rain that arrived during the Thanksgiving holiday week is *forecasted* to stick around clear through this weekend. To date, over 2 inches of rain has been recorded at Foothills Park and down in the Baylands, the Palo Alto Airport has seen nearly 1.5 inches of rain. While the rain is welcome, strong storm systems can often bring flooding, downed trees, clogged storm drains, and other issues. With that in mind, follow our [Palo Alto Connect blog here](http://example.com) for safety tips you can take before, during and after a storm.

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**Closure of Adobe Creek Bike/Ped Path**
The rainy season has closed the Benjamin Lefkowitz bike/pedestrian under-crossing at Adobe Creek, as it does every year. The seasonal rain closure usually begins in mid-October, but the weather cooperated this fall, allowing the Public Works Department to keep the popular thoroughfare open longer than expected. The under-crossing typically re-opens in April, but this year there will be an extended closure since plans are in the works to replace the flood-prone under-crossing with the Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Project. Learn more about the project in a new blog [here](#).

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**Council to Revisit Renter Protection December 9**

The City Council discussed establishing an emergency ordinance to prevent unjust evictions and rent hikes in Palo Alto on both November 18 and December 2, and will revisit it again on December 9. The ordinance would give renters protection from no-fault evictions until the state [Tenant Protection Act](#).
(AB 1482) goes into effect in the new year on January 1. You can read the emergency ordinance here and share your input with the City Council on this topic here. Learn more about the rent protection resources tenants have here.

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**Tree Maintenance Work Off Arastradero Road to Begin**

Once the rain clears, the tree removal and maintenance work on the Los Altos-Hetch Hetchy Pathway will begin off Arastradero Road. The work is scheduled to take about two weeks and the pathway will be closed during the tree work. Thank you to the approximately 40 community members who attended our walk-through meeting on November 20 where Public Works staff explained the scope of the work and efforts to minimize impacts to the trees. The area of closure and detour map can be found here.

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**Seasonal Holiday Favorites in Palo Alto**

The holiday classic production of the Nutcracker comes to the Palo Alto...
Children's Theatre December 5-22. This version, complete with Tchaikovsky's beloved music, runs just under an hour, so it's perfect for the youngest of fans. For show times and tickets, click [here](#).

The Palo Alto Art Center's Annual Studio Holiday Sale returns on Saturday December 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. It features the creations of local artists and benefits the Art Center studios, the artists, and the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation. Learn more [here](#) and come down to start your holiday shopping.

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