



CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

March 21, 2021

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Santa Clara County Director of Public Health Update from March 17

- The virus continues to mutate and change, and the community should continue masking, testing, and get vaccinated and boosted to keep the community safe and healthy.
- A variety of Omicron that spreads more easily, B2 sub-lineage, was detected in the wastewater and is increasing in prevalence in the Bay Area, notably in Palo Alto.
- It does not seem to be increasing COVID-19 case counts. County health officials are watching this carefully.

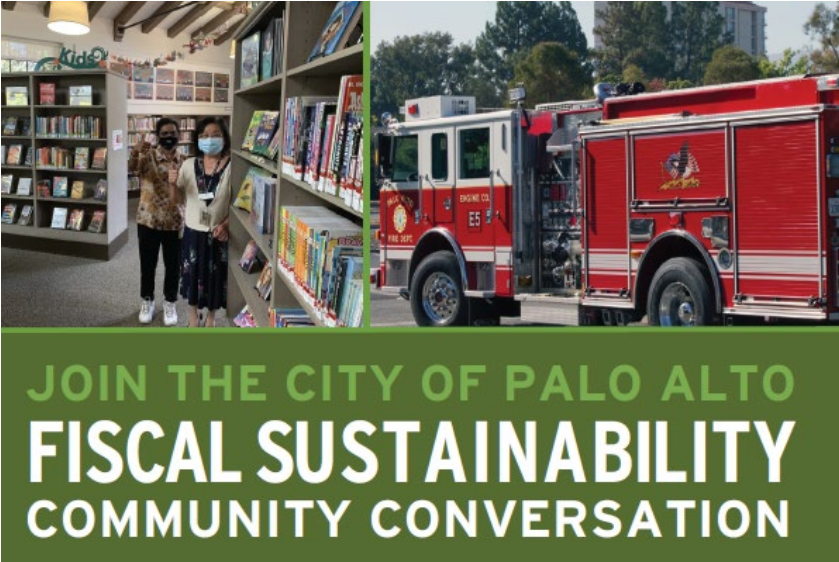
Reminder: Free Community COVID-19 Testing

- Curative testing Kiosk at Mitchell Park located at 600 E Meadow Dr. is available Sun-Thurs
- County testing continues at the Art Center on April 8 and at Cubberley Pavilion on March 25, and April 22.

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY MEETING



- Staff continue to focus on the November 2022 potential ballot measure Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan approved by Council.
- Focus Group sessions are well underway, and staff is planning on a presenting progress reports at the Finance Committee on March 28 and Council in April 18.
- An informational mailer was sent late last week, a second round of polls launched last week.
- A community informational session is scheduled for **March 29 at 6 p.m.**



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POLICE CHIEF SELECTION PROCESS



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- The City Manager launched a selection process for the next Police Chief and is seeking community feedback.
- Seven community member comments to date and themes heard so far include transparency, accountability and importance of making community connections.
- Join the conversation by sharing community priorities for the Police Department and key skills needed for the next Police Chief
 - Attend the third of three community listening sessions on **Thursday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m.**
 - Provide input via online form at www.cityofpaloalto.org/policechiefselection



For more information and to register, click on the home page, under “Calendar”

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PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING CONCRETE POURING



- The Public Safety Building contractor will be pouring the reinforced concrete slab for the west side of the ground level and ramps in the next week.
- These two concrete pours are the first half of a planned series of four concrete pours for the ground level.
- The previously announced concrete pour dates were rescheduled to March 23 and March 28.
- **Learn more at www.cityofpaloalto.org/psb**



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECRUITMENT



- Apply for an Open Position on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Apply now to serve on Palo Alto's Parks and Recreation Commission.
- This is a great opportunity to volunteer and give back to the Palo Alto community while advising City Council on open space, parks, the golf course, and recreation matters.
- Palo Alto residency is required.



**The deadline to apply
is April 4 at 4:30 p.m.**

For more information and to apply, visit bit.ly/3KKjjZ6

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MAY FETE PARADE & FAIR IS BACK!



- Celebrate together as a community at this year's May Fete parade and festival. The 2022 May Fete parade and festival is back for its 98th year with the theme, “What emPOWERS you?” on **Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m.**
- Gather your family or friends and show off your float making skills and take-home big prizes in this parade along University Ave with kids walking their pets, riding bikes, pulling wagons and showing off homemade floats.
- Watch or participate in this year's parade, attend the festival, enjoy a May Fete Scavenger Hunt and more!

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www.cityofpaloalto.org/MayFete

NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



April 4

- Review and Approval of 2022 City Council Priorities workplans
- Police Department Annual Update

April 11

- Earth Day Study Session
- Additional Objective Standards Regarding Height Transitions

April 18 and beyond

- Joint Study Session with the Palo Alto Youth Council
- Discuss Ballot Measure Polling Results
- Study Session – Introduction of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Save the Date

April 9: State of the City Address at 11 a.m. in person at Mitchell Park Community Center and streamed live via YouTube.

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