



**CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS**

January 24, 2021

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Service Changes for Community Safety:

- The City continues to monitor service levels in response to COVID-19 case levels and staffing limitations.
- To support community safety:
 - City Council meetings will be held by virtual teleconference only through Monday, February 7. There will be no in-person participation.
 - Several Library service changes went into effect Tuesday, Jan. 18 including temporary closures of Children's, College Terrace and Downtown Libraries. Rinconada Library will reduce hours to Wednesday to Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.
 - **For all service changes, go to the City's homepage and click on "News"**

Get vaccinated, boosted and wear a mask.

- Everyone 5 years and older are strongly recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine; Pfizer-BioNTech booster eligibility expanded for anyone 12 and older. Visit sccfreevax.org to schedule an appointment or myturn.ca.gov.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING OPTIONS AND TEST KITS



Free COVID-19 Testing: The City continues to provide community testing with limited availability by Curative every Tuesday at the Mitchell Park Library parking lot and every Wednesday at City Hall. County testing continues at the Art Center Auditorium on February 11 and February 24.

For testing locations, go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/testing

Free COVID-19 Test Kit Options:

- The White House and U.S. Postal Service have coordinated for every residential address in the U.S. is eligible to receive four (4) free COVID-19 test kits. Tests can be ordered online, and will usually be shipped within 7-12 days of ordering. No ID, credit card, or health insurance information is required. **For details go to the City's home page and click "News"**
- Santa Clara County recently announced a by-appointment systems to pick up limited free COVID-19 test kits at County locations. North County drive-thru sites are: Vasona County Park, 333 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos; and Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

For details, go to www.sccfreetest.org

PAFD PARTNERS WITH COUNTY TO OFFER FREE IN-HOME VACCINATION PROGRAM



- The Palo Alto Fire Department is participating in the County of Santa Clara free In-Home Vaccination Program for individuals who are unable to leave their place of residence.
- For a patient to be eligible to receive home-based vaccination under the County of Santa Clara’s Program, the patient must be “confined to the home” (homebound) under the definition used by the federal Medicare program.
- *This is a County program and eligibility and the application process is administered by the County, not the City of Palo Alto.*

For more information, click on the home page, under “News”

AERIAL MOSQUITO TREATMENT OF BAY MARSHES



- The Santa Clara County Vector Control District has scheduled aerial treatment of the Bay Marshes on Wednesday, January 26 starting at 7:30 a.m. in the Palo Alto Flood Basin, a non-residential area of the City to reduce the nuisance mosquito population.
- A helicopter will be used to apply the treatment to the marsh area and may make low-altitude passes over the area including local trails.
- The public is advised to avoid the area and Baylands Nature Preserve trails will not be open to the public during this time.
- The District encourages the public to report mosquito activity and to take preventive measures, such as dumping standing water around the home, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and applying insect repellent when spending time outdoors.
- **For more information, visit www.sccvector.org**



Virtual Meditation Workshops

Thursdays at Noon
January 27—June 30

- In furthering the City's Community and Economic Recovery efforts by enhancing wellness and well being options, the Palo Alto Art Center recently announced weekly virtual meditations.
- Join the Art Center and stress management consultant Julie Forbes, Ph.D. on Thursdays at noon from January 27-June 30.
- Registration details are on the City's event calendar.

For more information, click on the home page, under "Calendar"

VIRTUAL FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ART CENTER



- The Art Center's new exhibit, *Creative Attention*, is opening this Friday, January 28, 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.
- The opening celebration for *Creative Attention* will be held online and promises to retain all the fun and community in a virtual context.
- Join us for this free special celebration of the exhibition, featuring a virtual exhibition walkthrough, a meditation with artist Angela Hennessy, a reading by artist Paz de la Calzada of her invocation for El Palo Alto, hands-on art activities, and more!

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COUNTY HOMELESS CENSUS/SURVEY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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- The County is hosting the annual countywide Homeless Census/Survey on February 23 and 24 and local volunteers are needed to count all sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness.
- Count data are the primary data used for federal funding allocations and national estimates of homelessness.
- Join the County Office of Human Services at an upcoming meeting on Tuesday, February 1 at 2 p.m. to learn more about volunteering.
- Visit the County's website for more at osh.sccgov.org/2022-PIT



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**2022 SANTA CLARA
COUNTY HOMELESS
POINT-IN-TIME COUNT**

Wednesday, February 23rd
and/or
Thursday, February 24th
5:00am - 10:00am

• Vaccination required
• Volunteers are encouraged
to sign up as a pod.

TO SIGN UP, VISIT:
<https://bit.ly/SantaClaraPIT2022>

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
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JOIN THE PALO ALTO FIBER COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



The City is in the process of scheduling a series of discussions on the Palo Alto Fiber effort and is encouraging the community to save the date on upcoming discussions taking place:

- *February 2, 5 p.m.: Utilities Advisory Commission (UAC) meeting update (virtual)*
- *February 24, 5:30–6:30 p.m.: Palo Alto Fiber Community Information Session (virtual)*
- *February 28 — March 4: Fiber Neighbor Meetup Week*
- *April: Tentative UAC meeting update*
- *May: Tentative City Council Study Session*

For all ways to stay engaged on this effort, go to the City’s home page under “News” or www.cityofpaloalto.org/paloaltofiber

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NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



January 31

- Community Gymnasium Project
- Consider Sale of unused Individual Supply Guarantee (ISD) to BAWSCA Member(s)

Saturday, February 5

- City Council Retreat

February 7 and Beyond

- FY 2022 Mid-Year Budget Review
- Cal Ave. and Ramona St. Street Closures
- Cubberley Update
- Pets In Need
- Civil Grand Jury Response on Housing
- Housing Element Update

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