



**CITY MANAGER  
COMMENTS**

February 14, 2021

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## Get Vaccinated & Boosted

- Everyone 5 years and older is strongly recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit [sccfreevax.org](https://sccfreevax.org) to schedule an appointment or [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov).

## County Mask Mandate Continues

- The County's mask mandate will continue until certain metrics are met.
  - ✓ 80% vaccination rate for the local population
  - Low hospitalizations
  - 7-day average of new cases per day is at or below 550 for at least a week
- Once all three metrics are met, indoor masking will no longer be required for those who are fully vaccinated.

## FDA Postpones Discussion of Vaccine Authorization for 6 month to 5 year-olds

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is delaying review of the vaccine for kids 6 months to 5 years old because it was notified that Pfizer received new data about the vaccine.

## Library Reopening to Pre-Omicron Service Hours

- Starting this Wednesday, February 16, Downtown, College Terrace, and Children's branches will reopen to pre-omicron service levels.
- Rinconada will return to its previous hours
- Study rooms at Mitchell Park, Rinconada, and Downtown will reopen.

Stay up to date at [library.cityofpaloalto.org/current-library-services](https://library.cityofpaloalto.org/current-library-services)

## Free Community COVID-19 Testing continues: [www.cityofpaloalto.org/testing](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/testing)

- Curative every Tuesday at Mitchell Park Library parking lot and every Wednesday at City Hall.
- County testing continues at the Art Center Auditorium on Feb. 25 (booking opens a week prior to the event)

# UPCOMING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Tomorrow, **Feb. 15 at 9 a.m.** join Neighbors Abroad and Sibling Cities for a kickoff celebration event as Palo Alto and Bloomington, Indiana launch the first U.S. sibling city.
- The next Housing Element Update Ad Hoc committee meeting is set for Thursday, **Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.**
- Join the Palo Alto Fiber conversation at an upcoming Community Information Session on Thursday, **Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m.**
- The next Objective Standards Community Meeting is set on Tuesday, **March 22 at 6 p.m.**
- Join the Fiscal Sustainability conversation by attending an upcoming Community Listening Session on **March 29 at 6 p.m.**

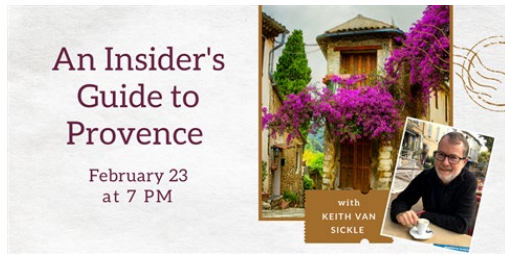
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# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



- The next weekly virtual meditation session hosted by the Palo Alto Art Center is on **February 17 at 12 p.m.**



- Hosted by the Palo Alto Library, learn about Provençal traditions, insight into local culture, daily living tips and more with the author of “An Insider's Guide to Provence” on **Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.**



- Hosted by the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, join Naturalist, Corinne DeBra, for a relaxing and fun family walk through the trails of our beautiful Baylands Open Space Preserve on **Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m.**

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# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

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- Join the Office of Emergency Services on **Sat. Feb. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.** for an introduction to the Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC) Program and Neighborhood Watch training. The BPC Program is relevant not only in a disaster but also for everyday activities, building social networks in your neighborhood, deterring crime, and more.
- The next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training begins on **Monday, March 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** and continues for six sessions. Over the course of three weeks, receive training in disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, first aid/CPR, light search-and-rescue, and team organization and management. CERT training culminates with a disaster simulation and comprehensive course review.

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# NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS

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## February 28

- Public Hearing on Weed Abatement
- Civil Grand Jury Response on Housing
- Cal Ave. and Ramona St. Temporary and Permanent Closures

## March 7

- Council/Utilities Advisory Commission Study Session on Sustainability Climate Action Plan
- PRC recommendation on a new Community Gymnasium Project (from 1/31 CC meeting)
- Foothills Fire Mitigation and Safety Improvement Strategies (from 1/24 CC meeting)

## March 14

- Semi-Annual Council Discussion with the Independent Police Auditor
- Roth Building Lease
- City Council Committee Work Plans/ Council Policies & Protocols Update (retreat carryover)

## March 21

- 2023-31 Housing Element Update
- Follow-up on actions related to SB9

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