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COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE



Coronavirus Cases Increase Nearly 30% in California.

- There has been a 136% case increase from the average count two weeks ago in Santa Clara County, though hospitalizations are down 20%.

FDA Expected to Review Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Under 6 Tentatively in June

- Moderna is submitting a vaccine application for emergency use authorization for children under 6, along with their vaccine for 6- to 11-year-olds and 12- to 17-year-olds.

Palo Alto Library Expands Service Days & Hours

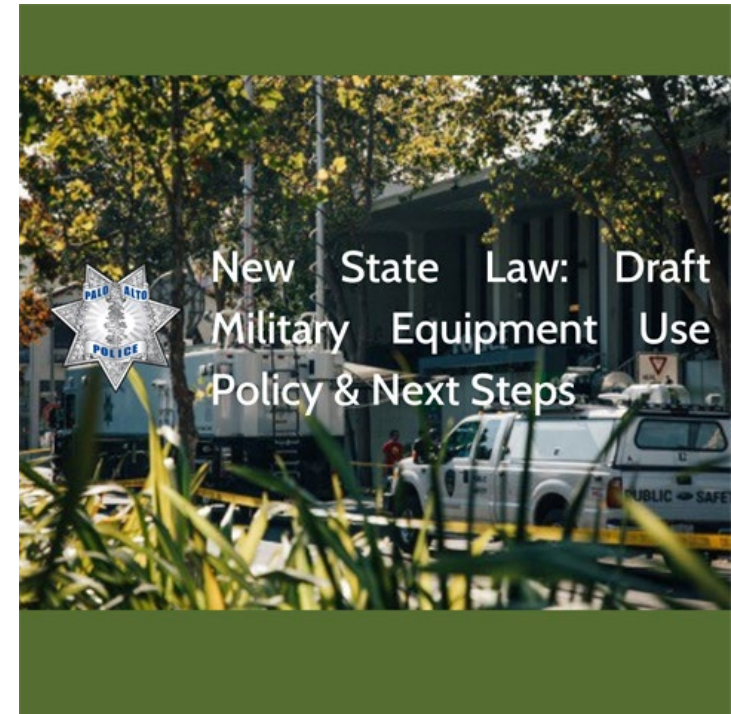
- As recovery continues to evolve, staff recently announced the expansion of library service days and hours starting May 10, with all five Library branches adding service days and hours. For details, go to the home page and click on News.

Free Community COVID-19 Testing Continues with new dates available for May & June

- New dates and COVID-19 testing details available at www.cityofpaloalto.org/testing

New State Law: Draft Military Equipment Use Policy & Next Steps

- A new law, Assembly Bill 481, went into effect on January 1, 2022, and is designed to increase community awareness surrounding a police agency's possession and use of certain types of equipment. State law requires the City Council to provide both authorization and oversight of its use.
- The Palo Alto Police Department's proposed policy is posted online and public input can be shared through a dedicated input form.
- The City Council will be considering the proposed policy no later than November 1 of this year.



CIVIC CENTER PLAZA WATERPROOFING PROJECT



- The Civic Center Plaza's waterproofing repair project is scheduled to start this week on May 4 and is expected to last two months.
- This project involves the demolition and replacement of the existing waterproofing system that runs the length of the plaza deck at City Hall.
- During the project, access to the front door of City Hall will be maintained and at times may be limited to one door.
- There may be loud noise during the initial stage of construction between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



MITCHELL PARK DOG PARK COMMUNITY MEETING



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- Join a community meeting on **Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.** to review and discuss proposed renovations to the Mitchell Park Dog Park.
- The meeting will be held virtually, and additional details are available on the City's website calendar.

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

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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.**
- Watch or participate in this year's parade, attend the festival, enjoy a May Fete Scavenger Hunt and more!

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

www.cityofpaloalto.org/MayFete

PARTY IN THE PARK: COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & OFFICIAL GRAND OPENINGS OF THE PALO ALTO JMZ & RINCONADA PARK

- Join us to celebrate the official grand opening of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo and Rinconada Park on **Saturday, May 14.**
- Family entertainment will be in abundance, tour the newly renovated JMZ for free, check out the renovated Rinconada Park, experience the new Voyage Solar System exhibit, enjoy free ice cream, music and more!
- Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/PartyInThePark for details



NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



May 9

- Parklet program next steps
- Report on Palo Alto's response to hate crimes and hate incidents
- Potential public/private partnership with First Tee Silicon Valley

May 16

- Objective Standards
- Interim Closures of Ramona and California Avenues

May 23

- Castilleja Project Review

June 1 and beyond

- Draft Business License Tax and/or Utility Tax Ballot Measure and Polling Results
- Tree Ordinance Update
- University Ave Parking In-Lieu Moratorium
- Project Homekey Next Steps
- City Budget adoption
- Utilities Rate Schedules

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