



**CITY MANAGER  
COMMENTS**

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# COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

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## Novavax Available County-wide

- Santa Clara County received the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine last Tuesday and distributed to all County Health System vaccination sites
- Visit [sccfreevax.org](https://sccfreevax.org) for more information and to schedule an appointment

## Prepare for a Healthy Return to School

- CA Safe Schools for All hub provides online resources for community safety as we return back to school. Learn more at: <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>
- Anticipate CDC to release new guidance soon as it relates to isolation, social distancing and more.

## Palo Alto COVID-19 Testing Options Continue

- The County continues to provide testing opportunities at the Palo Alto Art Center on Aug. 12, 26
- A testing Kiosk is available at Mitchell Park, Mondays – Thursdays and Sundays

## Monkeypox Declared State of Emergency State and Nationally

- Focus continues to provide vaccinations to those who are at higher risk.

# BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER

- This week marks the beginning of back to school for Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD); August 10 for grades 6-12 and August 11 for grades K-5.
- The community will see more bikes and cars on the road and as a result, be aware and drive safe through our neighborhoods and school zones.
- In addition, there are great resources online for families looking to start the year biking to school.



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# ARTLIFT MICROGRANT ACTIVITIES

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- The ArtLift Microgrant Program is an ongoing program to provide funding for temporary projects by local artists and creatives with the goal of helping the community find connection and joy through the arts
- Upcoming events include:
  - Artist Amber Smith is working on her sculpture “Cuppa Joe” in Hoover Park each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through August. Bring your used K-Cup pods and contribute to the art!
  - Harriet Stern and photographer Federica Armstrong are hosting a series of photo sessions across outdoor spaces in Palo Alto to photograph families and their pets.



Learn more at [cityofpaloalto.org/artlift2022](https://cityofpaloalto.org/artlift2022)

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# COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

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- The City continues to further the City Council's priorities for the year including community health and safety.
- To that end, City of Palo Alto and Palo Alto YMCA are hosting a Community Health Fair on Sunday, August 21 from 1 to 4 p.m., located at Mitchell Park Community Center.
- The event features non-profit information booths, health talks and presentations, healthy food samples, Stanford Teen Health Mobile, and more.
- This event is free for the whole community.



**For more, go to the homepage under “Calendar”**

# CLIMATE ACTION BLOG: ELECTRIFY YOUR HOME

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- To help achieve the City’s sustainability and climate action goals, the City is focused on encouraging residents to switch any natural gas appliances to electric appliances.
- This switch has many advantages, from increased safety and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to utilizing Palo Alto’s carbon neutral electricity.
- Read a new blog to learn how to electrify your home and utilize available rebates and programs.



**Read the blog by clicking on the homepage under “News”**

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# NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS

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## August 15

- Pre-Screening Study Session: 800-808/814 San Antonio Rd. 5-story Condominium Project
- Pre-Screening Study Session: 66 Ramona Two-story Office Project
- Project Homekey Site Approval at 1237 San Antonio Road

## August 22

- Housing Element Goals, Policies, and Programs

## September 12 and Beyond

- Study Session: Valley Water's Purified Water Project
- Palo Alto Police Department Military Equipment Policy
- Pre-Screening Study Session: Planned Housing Zone 3398, 3400 & 3490 El Camino Real to 382 residential rental units in two buildings
- Palo Alto Fiber Joint Study Session with the City Council and Utilities Advisory Commission
- S/CAP Update Goals and Key Actions and Advanced Heat Pump Water Heater Program

**September 5 Meeting**  
Cancelled in observance  
of Labor Day

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