



**CITY MANAGER  
COMMENTS**

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# COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

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## **CDC Updated COVID-19 Guidance Released:**

- CDC reinforced the importance of being up to date with vaccinations
- If you've had close contact to someone who has COVID-19, instead of quarantining if exposed, wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5
- Regardless of vaccination status, isolate from others when you have COVID-19 and if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not have test results
- If you test positive, stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home
  - Santa Clara County Public Health also recommends to test on day 5

## **Palo Alto COVID-19 Testing Options Continue**

- The County continues COVID-19 testing opportunities at the Palo Alto Art Center, next testing date is August 26
- A testing Kiosk is available at Mitchell Park, Mondays – Thursdays and Sundays

**For the new CDC guidance and current Santa Clara County Public Health Guidance go to [www.cityofpaloalto.org/coronavirus](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/coronavirus)**

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# PROPOSED GREEN BUILDING CODE UPDATE



- The City is proposing electric requirements rather than gas for home remodels:
  - Prohibiting new gas outdoor equipment infrastructure for pools, spas, and BBQ grills
  - Requiring electric heat pump water heaters when an existing water heater is replaced through a remodel
- Other all-electric requirements extend to new detached Accessory Dwelling Units, and to all new, non-residential construction
- Learn more and participate in a Q & A session this week:
  - Tuesday, August 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.
  - Thursday, August 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.



**Register at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/2022ReachCodes](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/2022ReachCodes)**

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# PALO ALTO FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



- The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 39th Festival of the Arts in Downtown
- Enjoy over 300 fine arts and contemporary craft items will be on display, plus Italian Street Painters, Kids' Art Studio, stage & street entertainment, gourmet food, fine wines and micro-brews, and more
- Connect with the community at this free event on August 27 and 28 on University Ave. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



For more information go to [www.paloaltochamber.com/festival-of-the-arts](http://www.paloaltochamber.com/festival-of-the-arts)

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# VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY

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- Keep Santa Clara Valley Beautiful a countywide, multi-agency initiative to clean and prevent littering on the highways in Santa Clara County, is hosting a volunteer clean-up day at the US 101 / University Ave Southbound On-Ramp
- The event, supported by VTA, Caltrans and several other regional agencies is coming up on Saturday, August 27 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Cleaning equipment, safety vests, and snacks will be provided
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and wear long pants and closed-toed shoes



**For more information and to sign up, visit [www.kscvb.com/palo-alto](http://www.kscvb.com/palo-alto)**

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# NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS

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## August 22

- Housing Element Goals, Policies, and Programs

## September 12

- Study Session: Valley Water's Purified Water Project
- Pre-Screening Study Session: 70 Encina residential project
- Pre-Screening Study Session: 4345 El Camino Real residential project
- Palo Alto Police Department Military Equipment Policy

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

## September 19 and Beyond

- Pre-Screening Study Session: 3398, 3400 & 3490 El Camino Real residential project
- 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

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