



**CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS**

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE



Santa Clara County Offers Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Vaccine

- Available at all County mass vaccinations sites and local clinics, the booster, which targets the original strain and the currently dominant Omicron BA.5, is recommended for all eligible; Pfizer –12 years and older and Moderna –18 years and older
- Talk with your doctor or visit sccfreevax.org to schedule an appointment.

White House Officials Expect COVID-19 Vaccination Cadence to be Annual

- Though some vulnerable populations may need more frequent vaccinations, experts predict that an annual vaccine should provide a high level of protection against serious illness.

CDC Isolation and Exposure Calculator

- If you test positive, isolate and stay away from others for 5 days, and wear a mask until day 10
- A new Isolation and Exposure Calculator is available from the CDC to help determine what you should do if you test positive. **Go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html**

RECENT UTILITY OUTAGES



- Last week, there were four power outages impacting customers with a variety of causes, with the most recent occurring yesterday morning, initially impacting over 3,000 customers. This outage was due to a car striking an electrical pole. Crews worked most of the day to repair the pole and restore power to customers.
- Overall, there have been 19 unplanned outages this calendar year, eight of which Utilities would consider major due to size of customers impacted. Further information will be released soon on follow-up actions that the Utilities Department is taking to address gaps in communication and public notifications, and other items.
- For future outage details, Utilities is increasing their public notifications on Twitter and real-time updates will continue at www.cityofpaloalto.org/outageinfo. Follow Palo Alto Utilities on Twitter @PAUtilities and for initial notification of an outage, sign-up for Nixle Alerts at local.nixle.com/palo-alto-police-department/

THE FUTURE OF THE 340 PORTAGE AVE SITE

- On August 1, the City Council held a public study session and prescreening to report on a development framework for 340 Portage Avenue, the site of the former Fry's Electronics.
- A new blog recently published shares details on the experience of developing this framework from the perspectives of the Council Ad Hoc members, a summary of the proposal, and details on what's next.
- **To read the blog, go to: bit.ly/PortageBlog**

The Future of the Former Fry's Electronics Site at 340 Portage



For more information, go to the home page and click “News”

ARTLIFT WORKSHOP– SMALL GESTURES



- Artlift, a collaboration connected to the City’s Uplift Local effort, connects the community together through art.
- Join artist Victoria Heilweil for a pop-up art workshop on **September 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Cal Ave Farmers Market and engage in conversation about value and beauty through postcard writing.
- The artist created limited edition cards featuring photography with scenes around Palo Alto taken by the artist and Palo Alto Camera Club.
- Postcards include a question on the back that prompts participants to reflect on value, beauty, and community.



Visit:

www.cityofpaloalto.org/ArtLift2022

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SUPER FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE JMZ

- Join the community for a free event when the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo is open exclusively to families with children who have disabilities, sign up for an upcoming Super Family Sunday today!
- Children with all disabilities are welcome as well as parents, siblings, and grandparents.
- To maintain a non-crowded environment, tickets are limited and reservations are required.
- The next Super Family Sunday is set for **Sunday, September 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**



Visit bit.ly/SuperFamSundays to sign up to be notified about ticket release announcements.

NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



September 19

- Pre-Screening Study Session: 3398, 3400 & 3490 El Camino Real residential project (***Deferred to October 17***)
- Palo Alto Fiber Joint Study Session with the City Council and Utilities Advisory Commission

September 26

- S/CAP Update Goals and Key Actions and Advanced Heat Pump Water Heater Program
- Council Position on Ballot Measures

October 3 and beyond

- Building Code Update and Proposed Local Energy Code Amendments
- S/CAP Update Goals and Key Actions and Advanced Heat Pump Water Heater Program
- NVCAP Refined Preferred Alternative
- Permanent Parklet Standards and Policies

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