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COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE



California Shifts Masking Recommendations to Use CDC Community Levels Beginning 9/23/22

- California shifted its masking recommendations to a framework intended to provide information and recommendations based on the unique circumstances happening within specific communities and counties.
- Moving forward, CDC Community Levels will inform state masking recommendations in all indoor settings at all times.
- County Public Health continues to strongly recommend wearing face coverings indoors in public settings.

Getting a Flu Vaccine & COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster at the Same Time is Safe

- According to the CDC, you can get a COVID-19 vaccine and a flu vaccine at the same time if you are eligible, and the timing coincides.
- September and October are generally good times to be vaccinated against flu.
- Schedule an appointment for the new bivalent booster through your health provider or go to sccfreevax.org

GREAT GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH RETURNS

- Northern California's celebrated and beloved Great Glass Pumpkin Patch returns for another spectacular year on October 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- This is a free outdoor event that attracts more than 5,000 people annually to the Palo Alto Art Center.
- The weekend exhibit features unique and one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins, gourds, and autumnal keepsakes—in countless arrays of colors and sizes—all available for purchase.
- Glass demonstrations, food trucks, and more will be available for the entire family to enjoy.



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

2022 PALO ALTO COMMUNITY SURVEY



- The 2022 Palo Alto Community Survey process is starting soon and is a critical community engagement tool that helps the City Council and City staff understand community needs and community priorities.
- The survey is initially sent out via mail to a sample of registered voters that are a statistically valid population of Palo Alto. It will then be expanded to the whole community online later in October.
- Survey results are reviewed by the City Council and City staff and community input helps shape the City's decision-making processes and more.
- Learn about this survey, including past results, and find other ways to engage at www.cityofpaloalto.org/engage.

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

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CONNECT & TAKE LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION



The City recently launched a new interactive digital tool connecting the community as it explores ways have a global impact by addressing climate change locally. The new Sustainability Hub offers ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle, connect with neighbors, and details on the City's progress towards climate action plan goals. **Go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/sustainabilityhub to learn more.**



Switching to an all-electric home is better for your health, for your wallet, and for the environment. To streamline and assist the community, the City launched a new online portal to help make better choices at home through switching out gas appliances for electric appliances. **Get started today at www.cityofpaloalto.org/GoElectric.**

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NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



October 3

- S/CAP Update (Part 2)
- Council Positions on November 2022 Ballot Measures

The October 10 City Council meeting is cancelled in observance of Indigenous Peoples'/Italian Heritage Day

October 17

- Prescreening of 3400 El Camino Real Proposal (Creekside Inn)
- 2022 Green Building and Energy Reach Code Updates

October 24 and beyond

- North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP) Refined Preferred Alternative
- Permanent Parklet Standards and Policies
- Economic Development Study Session

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