



**CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS**

November 7, 2022

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ELECTIONS RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE



- Tomorrow, November 8 is Election Day. You can still register to vote on Election Day at an official Vote Center.
- Return completed ballots by mail at any time, as long as it is postmarked by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2022, and received within the following seven (7) days.
- Secure Ballot Drop Boxes are located throughout Palo Alto, including here at City Hall and available until 8:00 p.m. Election Day.

PALO ALTO
Election Resources

KEY ELECTION DATES COMING UP

Secure Ballot Drop Off Locations Open	Register to Vote by	Vote on or before Election Day
OCTOBER 10	OCTOBER 24	NOVEMBER 8

For more election information, please contact the Palo Alto City Clerk at (650) 329-2571 or visit:

www.cityofpaloalto.org/elections

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Find Election resources, including City Council candidate information and details on Palo Alto Measures K and L, go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/elections

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RECENT RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



- Police are investigating a residential burglary trend with 11 cases in Palo Alto since October 9, where the burglars are stealing jewelry and other valuables from unoccupied homes during the dinnertime hours of 7 and 9 p.m., often on Friday and Saturday nights, and usually with entry being made via smashing glass doors in rear yards.
- Officers have increased patrols, in residential areas and ask that residents report suspicious activity immediately by calling our 24-hour dispatch center at (650) 329-2413.

Public safety recommendations:

- If you have a side yard gate, put a lock on it to prevent easy unauthorized access to property.
- Secure all windows and doors overnight; arm your alarm system whenever you are not home.
- As an alternative to hiding a key outside your residence, consider leaving a spare house key with a trusted neighbor.

SWITCH FROM GAS TO ELECTRIC IN YOUR HOME



- Impacting the negative effects of climate change is important for all of us.
- Acting locally to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is key to making progress on this important global issue and why the City is asking residents to go electric at home.
- A community update offers new tools available to upgrade gas appliances to electric and make other home adjustments to reduce gas emissions.



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

www.cityofpaloalto.org/GoElectric

CUBBERLEY ARTIST STUDIO/OPEN HOUSE



- The 22 artists in residence with the Cubberley Artist Studio Program are excited to welcome the public to their studios
- On **Saturday, November 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** come meet the artists, tour their working studios, see their art and participate in some hands-on art activities
- See the incredible diversity in style from these artists who will be in the E, F and U wings of the Cubberley Campus, located at 4000 Middlefield Road



For more, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/CASP

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CLIMATE COLLABORATION SUMMIT



- Join the City and local and regional partners for a Climate Summit on **Saturday, November 12 from 12:30–4 p.m.** at Gunn High School’s Gym.
- Climate leaders from all levels of government will share solutions, drive collective action, and create together the next sustainable step forward.
- The event will showcase how recent, major climate initiatives and funding at the federal, state, and local levels support each other.



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

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE & TREE LIGHTING



- **Holiday Toy Drive:** Get in the holiday spirit, the Holiday Toy Drive kicks off **November 14!** Donate gifts for local youth in need through December 14 at Lucie Stern or Mitchell Park Community Centers, and other Palo Alto locations.
- **Tree Lighting:** Gather your friends and family to enjoy live music and entertainment for the City of Palo Alto's Tree Lighting at Lytton Plaza on Friday, **December 2 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Uplift Local Holiday Promotions:** Businesses are encouraged to send their holiday promotions to Steve Guagliardo in the City Manager's Office at Steven.Guagliardo@CityofPaloAlto.org by November 21. Holiday promotions will be featured on UpliftLocal.org, and through print collateral, and digital marketing and advertising.



For more, go to UpliftLocal.org/Events

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FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED HOUSING ELEMENT



- A Housing Element is the City’s strategic plan for housing the City’s present and future residents.
- The draft 2023-2031 Housing Element was released today and includes a 30-day public comment period closing on **December 7 at 5 p.m.**
- To provide feedback on the draft Housing Element:
 - Join a community workshop on **Wednesday, November 16 from 6 – 8 p.m. via zoom.**
 - A joint City Council/Planning & Transportation Commission study session is tentatively scheduled for **November 28.**



For more, go to the home page and click “Calendar” or www.PaloAltoHousingElement.com

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NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



November 14

- Discussion with Independent Police Auditor
- Gas Powered Leaf Blowers and Potential Initiatives to Increase Enforcement

November 28

- Joint City Council and Planning and Transportation Committee Housing Element Discussion

December 5 and beyond

- Sustainability and Climate Action Plan Three-Year Work Plan
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Fiber to the Premises

Reminder: No Council meeting on November 21, Happy Thanksgiving!

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CityofPaloAlto.org/CityManagerBlogSeries



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