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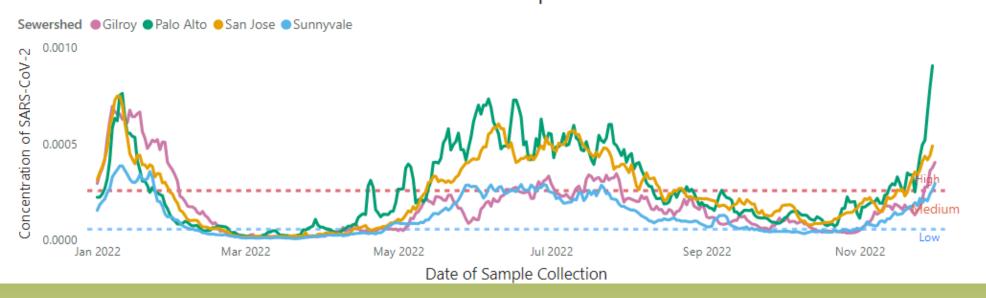
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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



COVID-19 Wastewater Data Collection Levels High For Palo Alto

- Wastewater data collection levels are high for Palo Alto and the rest of the County.
- Help keep those you care about and the community safe by following County Public
 Health recommendations to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and get the updated bivalent
 booster shot.
- Stay home and test if you feel sick and wear a mask.
- Visit sccfreevax.org to find a vaccine appointment or talk with your doctor.
 Concentration of SARS-CoV-2 in Wastewater Samples



HOLIDAY SHOPPING & SAFETY

- PALO ALTO
- Palo Alto remains a very safe community and the City encourages everyone to shop and eat local this holiday season. We've made it easy with over 40 holiday promotions at www.upliftlocal.org
- Whether you are shopping and eating in downtown or California Avenue or visiting our shopping districts like Stanford Shopping Center and Town & Country, know that Palo Alto Police Department has increased their presence to support community confidence.
- The Palo Alto Police Department recommends shopping safety tips including:
 - Do not leave purchases unattended in your car.
 - Carry your handbag close to your body and keep a firm grip on it.
 - If you suspect you are being followed by someone on foot, go into a nearby store to call the police.



HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

 According to the U.S. Fire Administration, house fires in the winter account for 30% of all fire deaths and 23% of all fire injuries. Many of these deaths and injuries relate to cooking and candlerelated fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.



- Palo Alto Fire Department recommends holiday (and everyday) safety tips for preventing house fires, including:
 - Ensuring safety while cooking,
 - Learning how to put out a small fire, and using a fire extinguisher
 - Replacing smoke alarms regularly
 - Using battery-operated candles, and more.

Direct link to a recent community update can be found at bit.ly/PAFDholidayfiresafety

For more, go to the home page and click "News"

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS



- The Nutcracker by the Children's Theatre: This enchanting winter adventure will appeal to audiences of all ages! Performances are held **December 1 18**.
- Holiday Decorating Contest: Decorate the exterior of your home, a front door/window, or your business in holiday-themed décor! Sign up by December 14 and judging will take place from December 14 – 20.
- Toy & Gift Drive: Drop off toys, games, gifts and more for local youth in need at various Palo Alto locations through December 14.



For more, go to the home page and click "Calendar"

CALTRAIN WORK PLANNED

- Caltrain will be doing nightly repairs on the Oregon Expressway Caltrain Railroad Bridge at Alma Street and Oregon Expressway from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. December 5 through 9. A detour will be in place for vehicles travelling on Oregon Expressway.
- Caltrain will also be completing signal work at Palo Alto Avenue and Alma Avenue train crossings for several dates in December as part of their Electrification Project. We expect traffic delays. Test trains may operate as frequently as every 30 minutes with wait times of up to 5 minutes as trains approach and cross.
- The Palo Alto Police Department issued a traffic advisory for the upcoming Caltrain work and more details are available on the City's homepage.





Should issues occur, contact Caltrain:

- Email: calmod@caltrain.com
- Call: 650-399-9659

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COMMUNITY UPDATE ON PALO ALTO FIBER



- The City is assessing the feasibility of providing locally owned and controlled fiber internet services to all residents and businesses.
- A new community update was issued today sharing some of the history of Palo Alto Fiber and a recap of the recent Joint City Council/Utilities Advisory Commission Study Session.
- The update also provides details on the upcoming December 19 Council discussion including potential next steps and ways to share input.



bit.ly/PaloAltoFiberDecemberUpdate

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NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



December 12

- Municipal Code Amendments Related to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior ADUs
- Response to Grand Jury Report regarding Ballot Measures
- Colleagues Memo- Short Term Rentals

December 19

- Fiber to the Premises Next Steps
- Council Procedures and Protocols Handbook

January

- January 9: Council Reorganization Meeting
- January 23: Long Range Financial Forecast
- January 28: City Council Retreat

No Council meeting on January 2 and January 16 in observance of holidays

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