

February 2023 Utilities and Community Announcements

Get involved - Join a Board or Commission! The Spring 2023 Boards & Commissions recruitment is now open. Positions are available on the Historic Resources Board, Human Relations Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning and Transportation Commission, and the Utilities Advisory Commission. Learn more and apply at cityofpaloalto.org/departments/city-clerk/boards-and-commissions.

The prices that the City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU) and other utilities in the region pay for natural gas and electricity delivered to customers have risen significantly this year. Most residents will see the effects of these prices on their February bills. The City is offering several ways to help residents. Visit cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips for ways to save immediately and other steps you can take to reduce energy bill costs. Take advantage of free home assessments at cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencygenie, and visit cityofpaloalto.org/financialassistance to find alternative payment arrangements and other options for help with your utility bill.

Net Energy Metering (NEM) is a means for utility customers to be compensated for renewable electricity they export to the grid. You may have heard about the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) new policy known as NEM 3.0. This new NEM tariff will **only** apply to the utilities regulated by the CPUC, like PG&E, and will not have any effect on the City of Palo Alto Utility NEM tariff. CPAU currently has no plans to change its existing NEM 2 policy. Learn more at cityofpaloalto.org/NEM.

Talk to your vet about using oral medications to control fleas and ticks on your pets instead of collars or topical meds. Topical treatments get on hands and furniture and into the San Francisco Bay when washing your pet and bedding. Visit baywise.org for more info.

Street Sweeping service changes from weekly to every other week. To learn more about street sweeping, service change dates, and to determine your street sweeping day, visit cityofpaloalto.org/streetsweeping or call (650) 496-6974.