

December 2023 Utilities and Community Announcements

Prepare for winter storms! Visit cityofpaloalto.org/storms to monitor storm and creek activity, report storm problems, find free sand bag locations and other helpful resources. Visit cityofpaloalto.org/creekmonitor to monitor real-time Palo Alto creek level information and sign up at sfcjpa.org/floodwarning for automatic flood and storm notifications.

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Gas-powered leaf blowers are prohibited in residential neighborhoods. Use an electric or battery-powered blower or grab a rake or broom. More enforcement including possible fines planned to begin in 2024. Visit cityofpaloalto.org/leafblowers for more info.

Support our local businesses by shopping and dining in Palo Alto restaurants and retail. Visit upliftlocal.org to find promotions that help you support our business community.

The City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU) is rolling out Advanced Metering Infrastructure! Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) is a relatively new technology for utilities metering processes that allows a utility to digitally read energy and water usage at a home or business. It will allow us to provide you as our customer with more real-time consumption data and enhance our billing efficiency. The City has partnered with Utility Partners of America (UPA) to exchange your electric meter with a new advanced electric meter and retrofit existing gas and water meters with AMI radios. Learn more about this project at cityofpaloalto.org/AMI.