**Shop and Dine at Open Streets Los Altos**

Open Streets Los Altos is continuing through September 28th! Join your favorite downtown restaurants and retailers this Thursday through Sunday for our fourth Open Streets Los Altos. The City will be closing State and Main Streets for businesses to use additional space for outdoor seating and displays. Whether you're walking, biking, or driving your way in, businesses are ready to serve you. If you're ride-sharing and unsure of where to dropped-off let your Uber/Lyft know the official drop-off zones are located at the pins shown on the graphic. Retailers will be open until 8PM so make sure to come out for all your retail needs.

Want to learn more? [Visit us here](https://www.losaltosca.gov/openstreetslosaltos)! Socially-distant dining, shopping, and strolling, starts at Open Streets Los Altos, and *don't forgot your face covering!*

**City Council Applications are now open!**

Now is your opportunity to run for City Council and make a difference within the Los Altos community. Potential candidates must complete and file the required paperwork before this Friday, August 7 at 5PM.

Learn more by visiting [losaltosca.gov/elections](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Flosaltosca.gov%2Felections%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2fd6P_HlSxAgtkro94GiaMbBKIHvFI4VcIDfzX07d-L2C28CypKfPamZI&h=AT0PbLWQU7-kTsMW7t4wHMjAd4Id2fPtmnGuXwycQvnWh-BlsK2_-Otw96NSXpTzeNx-45dPMJYJ8CQlLfK3p1yURfLdS3l6f91zN5qhOB5FOWQh6WH0UtVvgenOy0UMh9rlXnGPO24EP_ElXg&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT05ZqaM46thz153EvznSR0mtCYkfU8Mvrb96a12PzGN9iI0fUCwl01b0hEFWowXWJCC3oR-d1oO0vI5yFi88T6TBL_PGswawov-Ic0puiZh4QgjN4ST2s6XpTPOuWsHZ8MJtttgUzrVPf2Su0wu5A-nSA80EvHPcIbMIkixXKLKDAR1aurWCxdPRy2L)

**Do you want to better serve your community?**

 Join a commission! This is one of our largest commission recruitments; there are six commissions that are recruiting. These commissions serve as an advisory body for our City Council and allow for more resident input on crucial policy decisions. The following commissions are recruiting:

* Complete Streets Commission
* Design Review Commission
* Parks and Recreation Commission
* Historical Commission
* Planning Commission
* Library Commission

Submit applications to the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall or online at <https://bit.ly/3fRKOkd>.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Los Altos to be considered for an appointment. The deadline to submit application is August 19 and interviews will be scheduled for September 1. For more information, visit [www.losaltosca.gov](http://www.losaltosca.gov) or call 650-947-2720.

Community Development

**Plan Bay Area Draft 2050 Draft Blueprint**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are inviting the Bay Area public to provide input on the newly released [Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint](https://www.planbayarea.org/2050-plan/plan-bay-area-2050-blueprint), a 30-year regional vision that seeks to create a more affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant Bay Area for all. The Draft Blueprint is being released today for a public comment period that will run through August 10, 2020.

The link below provides more information as well as links to virtual workshops and telephone town hall meetings: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/regional-agencies-seek-input-future-bay-area>

**Preventing Litter**

Nearly 80 percent of the litter found in our creeks and the Bay is washed, blown or dumped there from land! One piece of litter can end up miles from where it is thrown on a suburban street, polluting our creeks and causing a threat to wildlife.

Tips to prevent litter:

* Always bring a bag for trash when picnicking, hiking, or camping.
* Clean leaves and trash out of your rain and street gutters.
* Dispose of pet waste in the garbage.
* Keep a trash bag in the car. Collect all trash and dispose of it properly.
* When hauling materials by truck, enclose your loads or cover with a tarp to prevent anything from falling or blowing off the back.
* Contact the [Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program](http://www.hhw.org/) to learn about the proper disposal of common household products
* Volunteer for a creek or coastal cleanup ([Coastal Cleanup Day](http://www.cleanacreek.org/) is next month!)

Visit the [Watershed Watch website](http://www.mywatershedwatch.org/residents/prevent-litter/) for more ideas on how you can make a difference for wildlife and water quality in local creeks, the Bay, and the Ocean.

Coming Together

**History Museum Celebrates Women’s Suffrage with Outdoor Exhibit**

One hundred years ago, women fought for, and won, the right to vote. [Los Altos History Museum](https://www.losaltoshistory.org/) celebrates this milestone with an outdoor exhibit entitled “[Rise Up! The Fight for Women’s Suffrage](https://www.losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/rise-up/),” on display beginning August 20. Originally slated as a larger exhibition in the main gallery of the Museum, a mini-version of “[Rise Up!](https://www.losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/rise-up/)” will be mounted on the wraparound porch of the [J. Gilbert Smith House](https://www.losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/j-gilbert-smith-house/). Set up as a self-guided tour, visitors may safely browse the large panels of historic photographs and text at any time, while practicing social distancing with others. When Santa Clara County allows the Museum to reopen, the outdoor exhibit will be consolidated with the main exhibition. To learn about upcoming programs and online events, visit the website at [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org/) and [sign up](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001V75RH3uQHBgesFAu2ykT_c7wHJGnnq9evSuCC4UT_rIGq07PBd9RQNdp5wPF0pQQgTM7TjZFOYkxDm7jiZYzgp2fXcydJgki) to be on the Museum’s mailing list.

**5 x 5 x 5 for Hope Fundraiser**

5 x 5 x 5 for Hope is a low-key, non-competitive **5K** where participants can do any event (e.g., walk, run, hike, bike, swim, skate, kayak, or whatever) wherever and whenever they want (by August 5) for just **$5**. To help boost interest and raise funds. Participants are encouraged to recruit **5 friends** to join and spread the word. This event is an excuse to get some exercise and enjoy the weather while supporting Hope’s Corner’s operations and meals program. Click this link to get more info and join this event: <http://tinyurl.com/5x5x5forHope>

**Online Coffee Social - Change**

We have a special offer for the FIRST 15 Los Altos Senior Residents living in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills who call us at (650) 947-2797. Thanks to the Los Altos Legacies, we are offering coffee (or tea!) and a pastry to these first 15 seniors, delivered to your door for our Online Coffee Social. The event is on August 19 at 10am so come join us even if you weren’t the first 15 seniors. Thank you to the Los Altos Legacies for their continued support of the Adult 50+ Program!

**Fun at Home**

The City of Los Altos Recreation Department and Community Services Fun@Home Summer 2020 programming starts this week! Stay connected and have fun with friends. Youth Program highlights include our Recreation Leader led Virtual Clubhouse, sports camps, and music lessons. Adult offerings include virtual Qigong, Buff Bones, Yoga-Pilates, and Line Dancing...in the safety of your own home! Check out our website by clicking here for #losaltosFunatHome

**The Summer Clubhouse**

Enjoy fun, themed activities in small groups with other kids your age every Monday through Thursday from July 6 to August 13.

Reaching for The Stars

The moon . . . the stars . . . the planets . . . they are out of this world! We will have fun exploring the universe through games, songs, science activities, crafts, and lots of sharing. So, strap yourself in and have a BLAST at our “Reaching for the Stars” summer clubhouse.

World Explorers

Are you a trailblazer? Are you itching to travel? Join us as we roam the globe and discover new faces and new places! The “World Explorers” summer clubhouse is your passport to adventure.

Spotlight U

We are each a one-of-a-kind individual! Let us share (and show off) what makes us special, what we like to do, and what we dare to dream. Summer is a terrific time to make new friends and by getting to know each other, we will do just that. What makes you, YOU? Find out at our “Spotlight U” summer clubhouse.

Camp Sessions:

* 3 & 4 years old; 10 to 10:30am; R $51/NR $59
* 5 & 6 years old; 1:30 to 2:30 pm; R $58/NR $66
* 7 & 8 years old; 10:30 to 11:30 am; R $58/NR $66
* 9, 10 & 11 years old; 2:30 to 3:30 pm; R $58/NR $66

Adult 50+ Program

**Tai Chi for Health**

A new online class now available through the Adult 50+ Program! Starting August 5, 2020 this popular class, taught by Kathleen McCarty, is brought to increase mobility and stability. These classes will run from August 5 to August 26.

Two classes are offered:

* Mondays, 10:30am – 11:30 am, $41 members/$49 Non-members
* Wednesdays, 10:30am – 11:30am, $55 members/$65 Non-members

**Senior Connection Hotline**

Recreation and Community Services staff are ready to assist seniors (50+) of the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities with COVID-19 updates as well as referrals, resources, and information about what services are available while being safe at home.

Staff is available Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Call (650) 947-2797 to get connected.

Registration Link for all classes: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/recreation/page/view-all-classes-0>

**Community Connection Hotline**

Recreation and Community Services staff are ready to assist members of the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities with Covid-19 updates as well as referrals, resources, and information about what services are available while being safe at home. Staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00AM – 5:00PM. Call (650) 947-2790 to get connected.

Virtual Recreation Center: [www.losaltosca.gov/virtualrec](http://www.losaltosca.gov/virtualrec)

Emergency Preparedness

**By-Appointment Covid-19 Test Sites**

The County of Santa Clara will offer COVID-19 testing sites on August 7th and August 13th:

Friday, August 7th in Los Altos Hills: inside the Los Altos Hills Town Hall Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills

Thursday, August 13th in Los Altos: Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

To make an appointment please visit <https://scl.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment>. You’ll answer several questions, provide your email, and then will be sent a link at which you can book your test appointment.

*Appointments will open for scheduling 3 days before the testing date.* Once all appointments are filled, the location will no longer appear for scheduling on the website. If your insurance is not listed or they cannot verify you, please try again. Note: This testing site is not designed to test individuals with symptoms of COVID-19. Individuals with symptoms should contact their healthcare provider for evaluation and testing. Please to visit [sccfreetest.org](http://sccfreetest.org/) for additional testing locations.

**City Seeks Volunteers to Support COVID-19 Test Site August 13 & September 10**

The City of Los Altos will host a County “pop-up” COVID-19 testing site at the Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, on both Thursday August 13 and September 10th. Would you be able to help with line management and other administrative tasks to support the testing staff? Please visit <https://bit.ly/LAYCtesting> to volunteer for a shift—or more! Volunteers are needed from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on both test date to greet people as they arrive for their appointments, and to help manage the line to get people through as efficiently as possible.

Note: Please do not contact the City seeking a testing appointment. When ready, the County will announce how the public may schedule their appointment online and the City will share that information in the *City Manager Weekly Update.* Visit <https://www.losaltosca.gov/subscribe> to sign up for that newsletter and other information from the City.