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March 20, 2023

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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS 2023



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MARCH

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6:00 PM

- Join the Mayor for this year's State of the City address this **Wednesday, March 22 at 6 p.m.** at the Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium
- A light reception will follow the Mayor's State of the City address
- You can also watch live via the City's YouTube Channel or the recording once the event is concluded

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\$24M LITIGATION PAYMENT PROPOSED TO REDUCE CUSTOMER ELECTRIC RATES



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- After several years of litigation with the federal government, the City announced the anticipation of receiving approximately \$24 million as part of Northern California Power Agency litigation
- The Finance Committee will consider recommendations at their meeting tomorrow to use these funds to:
 - reduce electric rates to customers by 5% starting July 1, 2023
 - improve utilities reserves depleted during the drought and rate increases that were deferred through the pandemic

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HOMEKEY PALO ALTO UPDATE ISSUED



- The City and nonprofit partner LifeMoves have been working to redefine the Homekey Palo Alto project scope and construction timeline due to cost and supply chain issues
- A progress update has been issued:
 - Construction timeline beginning in summer 2023 and completing Q1 of 2025
 - Working to close capital funding gap of about \$6 million
 - Ways the community can contribute to the project
 - Council will consider several actions in the coming months to make progress
- Comprehensive report on unhoused services also released

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CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH IN PALO ALTO



- A community update shares events and tools available to residents looking to take climate action this April in celebration of Earth Day and Earth Month.
- Save the date for events that the City is hosting or sponsoring:
 - Re-Making the Future: Youth Sustainability Fair at Mitchell Park Community Center, April 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 - March & Rally for Climate Justice at Palo Alto City Hall King Plaza, April 21, 2 – 6:30 p.m.
 - On Earth Day: April 22
 - Love our Earth Festival at Menlo Atherton High School, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Earth Day at Rinconada Library, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

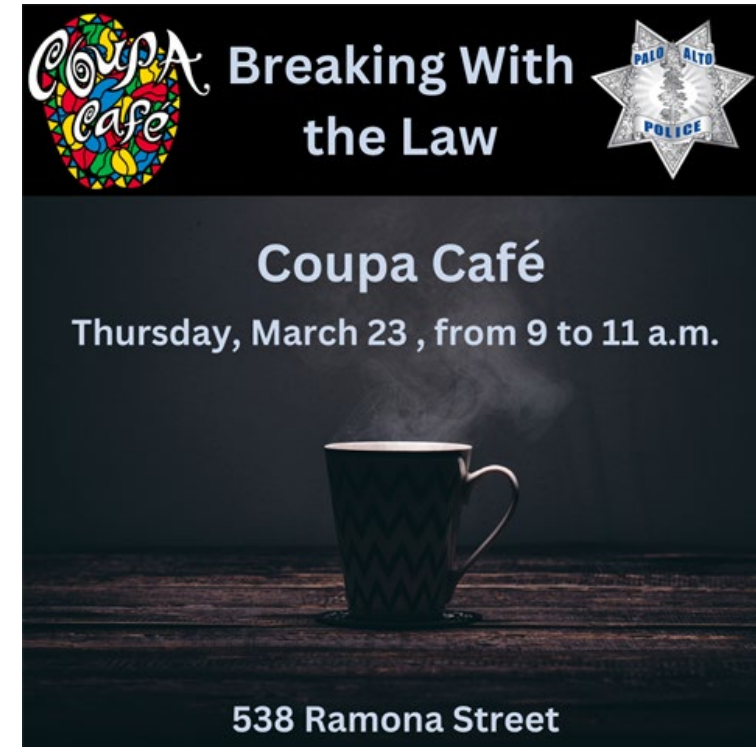


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BREAKING WITH THE LAW

- The City's version of 'Coffee with the Cops' returns after a long hiatus throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- "Take a break" and have casual conversations with Police Department personnel on **Thursday, March 23 between 9 - 11 a.m.** at Coupa Café in Downtown on Ramona Street.
- Swing by at any point, ask questions, raise concerns, and connect with staff.



Find more details on the homepage, under "Calendar"

NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



March 21 – Finance Committee

- Utilities Financial Plan

March 27

- Pets in Need Study Session
- Parklet Regulations Continued
- Residential Gas Utility Rebates

April 3

- Automated License Plate Recognition Technology
- Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to dedicate 10-acre Measure E parkland site
- State and Federal Legislation

April 10

- Community Engagement Study Session
- ADU Ordinance Changes

April 13

- S/CAP Update/Earth Day Report

May and Beyond

- FY 2024 Proposed Budget Adoption
- Safe Routes to School Annual Report
- FY23-24 CDBG Draft Annual Action Plan
- Housing Element Adoption

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