



CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

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HIGH UTILITY BILLS & RESOURCES TO HELP



- The prices that the City and other utilities in the region pay for natural gas and electricity are four times higher in January 2023 compared to June 2022; most residents will see the effects of these prices on their January and February bills.
- The City is offering several ways to help residents:
 - Free assessments from our home energy advisor
 - Payment arrangements for those who need extra time paying their winter gas bills
 - Online energy efficiency steps to take now
 - Opened libraries as warming centers for residents who would like a place to warm up, recharge devices, and connect with neighbors.

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&
Resources to Help

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TRACKING STORM RELATED COMMUNITY IMPACTS



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- We are continuing to track weather related information and will share details as they become available.
- Thank you to all the community members who attended or watched our Storm Community Check-In meeting on January 17.
- A recent update answered community questions on storm related items.



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NEW LIBRARY HOURS AT RINCONADA & MITCHELL PARK



New library hours began this past weekend at select locations and more changes are coming soon.

- **Mitchell Park Library** are now open on Fridays & Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- **Rinconada Library** is now open on Sundays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

As more staff are hired, the Library will continue to add additional hours at all locations.



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LUNAR NEW YEAR COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



- Successful event on Saturday at Mitchell Park Community Center coordinated by WizChinese/PACPC.
- The City continues to focus on fostering inclusiveness, equity and a sense of belonging and there are several events scheduled this coming week and weekend to celebrate diversity and enjoy community connection:
 - **Lunar New Year Family Storytime at Children's Library:** Tuesday, January 24, 11-11:30 a.m.
 - **Lunar New Year Celebration at the Art Center:** Saturday, January 28, 2023, 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
 - **Adult Craft Night-Peach Blossom Ornament at Mitchell Park Library:** Thursday, February 2: 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.



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FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ART CENTER



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- Join the Art Center for a special celebration of the “Under Water” exhibition on January 27 at 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- This event will feature hands-on art activities, a chance to meet the exhibiting artists, and music by The Friendly Island.
- “*Under Water*” is the second exhibit in a year-long series called *Climate Connections*.
- The exhibit runs from January 21 to April 8.

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NOTABLE TENTATIVE UPCOMING COUNCIL ITEMS



January

- January 28: City Council Retreat
- January 30: City Council Procedures & Protocols

February 6

- Study Session on upcoming shuttle service
- Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Enforcement
- Firearms in sensitive places

February 13

- Study Sessions: Economic Development, Buena Vista Mobile Home Park
- Mid-Year Budget Review

February & Beyond

- Parklets Update
- Automated License Plate Reader Technology

The February 20 Council meeting will be cancelled in observance of Presidents Day and an additional meeting will occur on February 27.

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