

Save-the-Date for our high energy, fun fall fundraiser, Sept. 30 7-830PM.

Join GreenTown for our Fall fundraiser "A Fresh Start for the Planet" on September 30, 2021, online. This year's theme highlights the opportunity that the Covid pandemic has provided individuals and companies in rethinking their relationship with the planet. Want to be notified when tickets are available? <u>Email us here</u>.

## Calling All All-Electric Households And Those With All-Electric Aspirations: We Need YOU~

Thinking of an all-electric home?

We're spreading the word through our newly launched Electric Home Ambassador program about the environmental benefits of going all electric in your home.

Whether you are just getting started converting your gas appliances to electric and need some guidance, or if you are well along in the process and willing to share your experience with those getting started, there is a place for you in the program <u>which you can read about here</u>.



A Drought. Again. Valley Water Is Making It Easier To Cope

We're deeply into a drought and Valley Water wants to help their Los Altos customers conserve water (Los Altos Hills uses Purissima Water). FREEBIES are offered at their store. Order aerators, hose nozzles, leak detection tablets, shower timers, and more at the Valley Water store. Bonus: shipping is also free so it's a tempting offer that we hope you'll nab. And if you'd like to know about your water use, <u>Cal Water also offers water audits</u>.

Help With The Drought, CAAP Needs Your Help, Letter From Our Prez.

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500 Trees, Round Two! We're Still Growing

Memorial weekend brought the second year of our 500 Trees campaign to a close. We planted five more trees, bringing our total for this planting season to 57. That is quite a drop from the 162 we planted in round one, but the pandemic slowed us down. <u>Read more about it here</u>.



Goodbye Gas: Hello EVs! Wed. June 9, 2021 | 7 - 8:30PM <u>RSVP here</u>

Gas cars are so 2020. Electric vehicles are simply more fun to drive and better for the planet. Join us for a presentation covering all the basics of EV ownership, the benefits of EVs, rebates (up to \$9,000), current makes/models, and what's in store for the future. Your questions will be answered in real-time by local EV experts via the chat. Breakout rooms will allow you to learn more about specific models.

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**Our Natural Environment A Conversation June 24th** 

We are excited to be co-hosting a panel discussion with the <u>Los Altos History Museum</u>, Thursday, June 24, at 5:00PM.

## Panelists

**Matthew Dodder** | Executive Director of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and is passionate about the importance of habitat, green space, and biodiversity. He has loved birds since he was 14 years old, and has taught a popular birding class at the Palo Alto Adult School since 1999.

**Coty Sifuentes-Winter** | Senior Resource Management Specialist at Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. He is in charge of their Wildland Fire Resiliency program and an expert with their amazing Natural Resources group.

**Dr. Stu Weiss** | Chief Scientist of Creekside Science, which provides scientific and conservation expertise to diverse organizations as they cope with the rapidly changing 21st Century environment. He studies many species, looks at population dynamics, designs and executes restoration projects, and is deeply involved in developing the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan.

The event is **free**, but you must <u>register here</u> to receive the Zoom link. Sign up now to receive a reminder shortly before the event.

CAAP Survey For You To Fill Out This 10 Minute Survey Will Impact The Future

The City of Los Altos is going to update the Climate Action Plan (CAAP) adopted in 2013. There will be surveys, workshops and multiple presentations as part of the process of gathering information and coming up with a good plan. The first survey ends Sunday, June 6. If you haven't taken it, please do so by following <u>this link</u>.

The survey will not take much time, maybe 10 minutes, although you do have to create an account with Open Town Hall to fill it out. This survey aims to try to understand the awareness and level of interest in our climate change challenges.

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President's Message Gary Hedden's Personal Take

Like the rest of the world, GreenTown has struggled with the pandemic. Our activities have been curtailed but we've kept rather busy. We continued to plant trees, we launched the *Lunch with GreenTown* series of talks and posted them on our YouTube channel, and starting June 14 we will work with a new batch of summer interns to build exciting new programs. <u>Read more here.</u>

Burning question? Great idea? Want to help? Contact us at <u>info@greentownlosaltos.org</u>. Or use social media to tell us what you think matters most.

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