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## Hungry? For Lunch and Learning? Eat with GreenTown!

Instead of eating lunch alone, why not join fellow GreenTown Los Altos members for a series of stimulating talks?

The Zoom-based free series, called Lunch With GreenTown, will be held Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon starting Feb. 23 for five weeks. Sponsored by Los Altos Parks & Recreation Dept., hosted by environmental enthusiast Gary Hedden.

Register now [at the Parks and Recreation website](#) for Lunch with GreenTown. Create an account, find the class in the list of available adult classes (hint, search for activity number 360010), and click to add the class to the shopping cart. If for any reason you have difficulty registering, please [email us](#) and we will get you registered.

### Lunch with GreenTown Los Altos Schedule and descriptions

- **Feb 23. Electrify Your Home** - Connie Miller & Steve Schmidt, *"Understand the importance of eliminating the use of natural gas in your home. Learn simple, yet impactful steps you can take to create a healthier environment for your family and a climate-friendly home."*
- **Feb 25. Good Urban Planning** - Alison Hicks, Mountain View City Council, *"Let's explore why urban design is more important now than ever before. We will see how design of our public places can help address some of the biggest problems we face today."*
- **Mar 2. Why People Drive, Let's Bike** - Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, *"The transportation sector is the biggest offender when it comes to greenhouse gases, so how do we get more people riding bikes, the BEST and cleanest form of transportation? SVBC has some promising ideas."*
- **Mar 4. The Latest on Waste and Recycling** - Louie Pellegrini, Mission Trail Waste Systems, *"Louie Pellegrini, President of Mission Trail, will bring us up to speed with the latest news on waste and recycling."*

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- **Mar 11. Environmental Initiatives** - Laura Teksler, Los Altos Environmental Commission and Diya Gupta, Los Altos High School Green Team. *"Discover the latest developments taking place with the City of Los Altos and what it will mean for you."*
- **Mar 16. Plant-Based Eating** - Isabelle Cnudde & Davy Davidson, *"The future of food is plant-based. Let's explore the reasons behind this change, and how you can effortlessly be part of it."*
- **Mar 18. Can Art Change our Environmental Consciousness?** - Linda Gass, *"How do we respond to the effects of climate change, pollution and contamination of our water resources? What will inspire us to change our behavior? Take a behind-the-scenes look at Linda's unique artwork and you will leave with a new appreciation and awareness for our water resources and how art can play an important role in educating the public."*
- **Mar 23. The Circular Economy** - Julie Noblitt, CSIRO US, *"If you are concerned about water security in a warming climate, you are not alone. Hear about local and national initiatives that are applying the principles of Circular Economy to reduce waste and enhance the security of our water supply."*
- **Mar 25. Backyard Cover Cropping** - Lisa & Kathleen Putnam, UC Master Gardeners, *"We will explain cover crops, why and how they benefit your garden, and when to plant them. Some benefits are the reduction or elimination of fertilizers, improvement of soil structure, reduction of pesticide use, and the increase of soil nutrient retention and water infiltration."*



## "I Left My Gas Stove For A \$69 Induction Hot Plate!"

### Don't Say You Hate Induction Cooktops Before You Read This!

#### Why I Parted Ways With My Gas Stove For A \$69 Induction Hot Plate.

I thought I'd found my forever stove technology when I moved up from the coiled electric range of my apartment days and got a home with a gas stove. Life with gas was so rewarding as we explored steaming, searing, sauteing, poaching, stir-frying and so much

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### Looking To Recycle The Seemingly Impossible? Have We Got A Solution For YOU.

So many things we buy can't be recycled. Or can they? Recently on Nextdoor many folks expressed interest in neighborhood collection boxes for hard-to-recycle items like personal care product containers (think toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, deodorants, etc.). [Terracycle](#) offers such boxes and pays for mailing in for recycling. The GreenTown Zero Waste Team is interested in joining this effort in two ways: helping to organize the collection process, AND more importantly, sharing ways we can use zero waste versions of these items, avoiding the need to collect in the first place!

Want to know more? [Email Donna Staton](#) or leave a voice mail at **650-468-0903**.



### The Young Will Inherit... What We Do So We Asked For Their Opinion

GreenTown Los Altos, and assuredly our members, are all about leaving a better environment for future generations. Because of that we thought having the perspective of those who'll inherit the results of all we do - or don't do - is paramount to getting a grip on the scope of the problem as THEY SEE IT. And what WE CAN ALL DO to deliver on the goal to improve the environment. For them.

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The ration, but gives us just the kind of positive insight we all need to hear to choose to live sustainably. Starting NOW. Read her first piece [here](#).

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## Interested in Buying a Mattress That Adheres to Sustainability Practices? Los Altos Has An Answer

So you don't want to be "soft" on sustainability choices? And you're a "hard" liner about shopping local? If you're interested in buying a mattress that adheres to sustainability practices and is local, you're in luck. Naturepedic Organic Mattress Gallery on Main Street is open for business. Read about its sustainability benefits [here](#).

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## Other February Events

### Feb. 11 | 330 Distel Circle Workshop.

To maintain the unique character of Los Altos, the City and the County of Santa Clara are looking for community input on the design of the 330 DistelCircle affordable housing project. The envisioned project will offer 90 affordable housing units within a five-story building that includes on-site parking. The site is approximately 38,057 square feet and is located in the City's CT Zone District (Commercial Thoroughfare), originally housing the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District offices.

The second workshop will be held on Thursday, February 11, at 5PM. To learn more or to share your thoughts or concerns, join us. RingCentral Meeting Information: \*Workshop 2, February 11 at 5PM—

Meeting link for that day is; <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1482953140?pwd=VjRFRWc1S1UyaE1xTIFiSW54SS9rQT09>>\*, feel free to copy it and put it on your calendar.

### Feb. 22 | Understanding RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation).

A panel discussion, "Understanding RHNA" will be held Monday, Feb. 22, at 7PM for 90 minutes. Information on the discussion from HCD (California Dept. of Housing and Community Development) says "we will have two panelists, Colin Cross and Annelise Osterberg. From the City of Los Altos we will have Jon Biggs (Community Development Director) and Guido Persicone (Planning Services Manager)". The link to attend will be [on the City Website](#) and the Affordable Housing website [here](#).

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## Burning question? Great idea? Want to help?

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