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## Want to Zoom - Eat - Learn?

Lunch with GreenTown, a virtual series held at noon for five weeks

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**Feb 23. Electrify Your Home** - Connie Miller & Steve Schmidt, "Learn simple, yet impactful steps you can take."

**Feb 25. Good Urban Planning** - Alison Hicks, Mountain View City Council, "Why urban design is so important."

**Mar 2. Why People Drive, Let's Bike** - Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, "Promising Ideas."

**Mar 4. The Latest on Waste and Recycling** - Louie Pellegrini, Mission Trail Waste Systems, "Learn the latest."

**Mar 9. Regenerative Agriculture** - Jason McKenney, Hidden Villa, "Best practices at Hidden Villa."

**Mar 11. Environmental Initiatives** - Laura Teksler, Environmental Commission, and Diya Gupta, LAHS Green Team, "New ideas for 2021."

**Mar 16. Plant-Based Eating** - Isabelle Crudde & Davy Davidson, "The future of food."

**Mar 18. Can Art Change our Environmental Consciousness?** - Linda Gass, "Get inspired."

**Mar 23. The Circular Economy** - Julie Noblitt, CSIRO US, "The future of water."

**Mar 25. Backyard Cover Cropping** - Lisa & Kathleen Putnam, UC Master Gardeners, "Good for your garden."

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## Did You Miss Our First Two Lunch With GreenTown Events? Join Us Next Time!

### Lunch with GreenTown

Our 5-week series of lunch hour talks started at the end of February. They have been excellent and we have had great participation. You can still sign up by going to [the GreenTown website](http://theGreenTownwebsite) for more information and to register. If you can't make it, the talks have been recorded and links will be provided. Thanks to [Sereno Realty](http://SerenoRealty) for their sponsorship.

### Schedule and descriptions

- **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."
- **Mar 9. Regenerative Agriculture** - Jason McKenney, Hidden Villa, "Learn about the best practices at Hidden Villa as we help create a sustainable, healthy, and just future for all."
- **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."

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- ...lessly 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."*
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### **Fast Fashion Or The Environment? Can You Do Both?**

Los Altos High School sophomore Anika Sikka gives us food for thought when it comes to buying new clothes. [Read about it here.](#)

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### **Fuel Cell EVs. Ever Heard Of Them? Well Now You Will Have**

Los Altos resident and environmental enthusiast Joel Bartlett gives his point of view about whether Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (EVs) are a good alternative for those who don't have space for charging and an EV. [Read about it here.](#)

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### 500 Trees Plantings. We're Baaaack!

#### Planting Again Signals We're One Step Closer To Normalcy

Thanks to Ethan Wolff and Carter Sayles, Los Altos got a new breath of fresh air!



### Scenes Like These Catch Your Eye? Raise Your Blood Pressure? Yes? You're Not Alone.

Wasteful packaging, especially single-use plastic packaging is wreaking havoc with our recycling system. What can we do in our community (and beyond) to reduce waste and make sure that what put in that blue bin is actually recycled?

For starters, join our Zoom discussion with Louie Pellegrini of [Mission Trail Waste System](#) this THURSDAY, MARCH 4!

And if you want a quick cheat sheet of background facts and solid waste lingo ahead of time, [check THIS before the session](#). Looking forward to seeing you this Thursday!

### If You Bike, Have Your Say! A Bike Survey From Caltrans

Caltrans Bay Area is considering creating bike highways, which would allow you to safely bicycle long distances between major destinations throughout the nine-county Bay Area region. This exciting concept would provide greater connectivity for bikers of all levels,

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- Allow for long-distance bicycle travel
- Enable uninterrupted bicycle travel (e.g. few stoplights or intersection crossings)
- Reduce physical barriers to destinations that people want to travel to and from

They have developed a survey to gather input on which features will make bike highways feel safe, easy and fun for people to use. We hope that you will take the survey, which is available [here](#) now through March 5. Thanks in advance!

**In our last episode of please care about the environmental mess from GAS leaf blowers....**

You may remember Los Altos Hardware had a special discount with electric leaf blowers bought in December and January. Turns out the incentive worked. During the special promotion, in partnership with GreenTown, they sold four times as many electric leaf blowers to residents and gardeners as they usually do in just two months. We are impressed and thank those who switched from gas to electric while supporting a local business to boot. Now that's sustainability in action!

## March Events

### Mar. 3 | Joe Simitian's Town Hall | 6:30-8:30PM

Joe Simitians' 6th annual town hall meeting about operations at **Lehigh Southwest Cement/Permanente Quarry** will be held March 3 on Zoom. Register in advance using [this link](#) and submit questions when registering. This meeting is intended to provide a forum to review and discuss the status of various local, state, and federal agency oversight efforts and permits/other approvals necessary for cement plant and quarry operations.

### Mar. 4 | Acterra's Go EV in 2021 | 12:00-1:30PM

Investment, production, and adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) will soar to new heights in 2021 as the new administration makes clean energy a top priority for rebuilding our economy and defeating the climate crisis. **Join Acterra for a presentation covering all the basics of EV ownership. Topics to be covered:** The benefits of EVs, Government rebates (up to \$11,000) for "going EV", Battery range and charging basics, Leasing versus buying, Current makes/models, and what's in store for the future, Local EV experts will provide real-time answers to your questions (via chat) during the presentation. Afterwards, you can join interactive breakout rooms in which current owners will answer questions about specific models. [Register here:](#)

### Mar. 31 | Acterra's Meet The Cardinal EVengers! A Virtual Event | 7PM

The San Francisco Bay Area has a new team of superheroes - The Cardinal EVengers - led by Professor Mark Jacobsen, Director of Atmosphere/Energy Programs at Stanford University. Learn how these adventurous drivers gained electrifying superpowers by "going EV", and gain insider knowledge of EV rebates, charging options, solar + EVs + battery storage and how the EV market is primed for exponential growth in the coming year. Highlighted vehicles will include the Tesla S, Tesla 3, Chevy Bolt, Nissan Leaf and Kia Niro EV. [RSVP to join here.](#)

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