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## Upcoming Events

### Sustainable Home Tour, Sunday, September 18, 4pm-6pm



Sustainable home features solar panels and a living roof

Please join GreenTown Los Altos on Sunday, September 18 from 4pm – 6pm for wine and cheese at a private, sustainably designed, energy- and water-efficient home in Los Altos Hills.

The home is “carbon negative,” with rooftop photovoltaics that produce more energy than the home requires — enough even for a few additional electric cars. Good passive solar design, which orients the home and windows to receive the sun’s heat in the winter, but not in the summer, and straw bale construction, enable the home to be heated and cooled very efficiently. A “green roof,” provides habitat for wildlife, manages stormwater runoff, and provides added insulation, and an eco-lawn requires no watering.

Event fee is \$10. To purchase tickets, visit <http://greentownlosaltoshometour918.eventbrite.com/>



**(GreenTown Los Altos) Moving**

## Planet Sustainability Tour, Saturday, September 24, 1pm-3pm

This is a biking (4 stops) and walking (3 stops) tour of sustainable sites near downtown Los Altos. We'll start at Hillview, head to the Packard Foundation building, then to Almond School's Living Classroom Garden, the Los Altos High School's solar panels, and to the Riveropolis at the Los Altos History Museum, part of the upcoming exhibit *Shaped by Water: Past, Present & Future*.

At each stop we'll hear from experts about sustainable projects in our community. Visit [moving-planet.org](http://moving-planet.org) for the latest details and to register. Download the [tentative schedule](#).



## Los Altos Fall Festival, Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 1-2, 10am-5pm

The [Los Altos Chamber of Commerce annual Fall Festival](#) features live entertainment, games, craft booths, vintage cars, wine/beer and delicious food. GreenTown Los Altos will offer a free bike valet service both days. So ride your bike on down to the North Parking Plaza between State St. and Edith and we'll watch over it while you enjoy the festival.

## “First Saturday” Bike Ride – October 1, 4pm-6pm

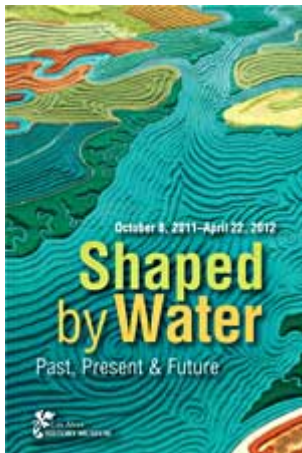


Riders gather for the July 2nd ride,

decorated for 4th of July

Join bicyclists of all ages for a casual group bike ride around Los Altos on Saturday, October 1st. We meet at the corner of Main and Second Streets at 4pm and return to downtown by 6:00pm. The ride will feature hidden passageways to several shopping districts and pass by several parks on a safe and fun route for families, kids and adults. For more information, please email [bike@greentownlosaltos.org](mailto:bike@greentownlosaltos.org). Sponsored by by GreenTown Los Altos and the [Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition](#).

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## **Shaped by Water: Past, Present and Future, Oct. 6, 2011-Apr. 15, 2012**

The Los Altos History Museum will be featuring an exhibit about the history of water in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills opening October 2011 and running through the end of April 2012. The exhibit will examine four phases in our history:

1. the native people, the Ohlone tribes, and their relationship to the water in our area
2. the arrival of the European immigrants and the proliferation of agriculture and pumping of groundwater
3. the present day with the development of large scale infrastructure such as the State and Federal water projects and waste water treatment plants and,
4. a look towards the future and new ways to conserve and re-use the limited resource of water.

The exhibit will have an emphasis on fun and learning with hands-on interactive exhibits and programs such as films, engaging lectures and tours of watersheds and the waste water treatment plant.

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