

MIDTOWN NEWS – February 10, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

FEBRUARY 23: NEXT **Block Preparedness Coordinator Class** at 6 PM at Cubberley H1. RSVP to epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org. Learn how your block can be plugged in to the city for emergencies (crime) & disasters.

Register now for Spring **Ice Skating Classes** at Winter Lodge! The spring session of classes will run from February 13-April 15. The nine week session includes 1/2 hour group class once a week, free practice time on the day of the lesson, 2 extra free practice passes and rental skates. Please visit website for more information www.winterlodge.com and call to register 493-4566

ZERO WASTE TIP: Electronics are recyclable! Place them in your blue recycle cart. If it has a chip or a cord, place it in your blue recycle cart (if it fits). Exception: televisions and computer monitors are NOT accepted. Electronics are items such as: Appliances (e.g., iron, mixer, blender), Calculators, Computers, Computer peripherals (e.g., mouse, printer, cables), Home entertainment items (e.g., game system, DVR, VCR, stereo, radio), Laptops, Tablets

STORM Tidbits:

Storm center watch at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/StormMap>

Creek monitor with links: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pwd/creek_monitor/creek_monitor_only.asp

California Nevada River Forecast Center <http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/index.php?type=ol&product=rivFcst>

Mercury News article - in anticipation of El Nino - about the new system in the upper watershed area: <http://www.mercurynews.com/2016/01/30/predicting-el-nios-flood-risk-how-new-warning-systems-save-lives-property/>

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

CITY COUNCIL

February 13: Pre- Screening Study Session 4146 El Camino. Regular Meeting 6 PM Topics: Interim Retail Urgency Ordinance & Downtown RPP amendments.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55811>

FEBRUARY 13: **Appeal** of zoning violation (absence of a grocery store) at Edgewood Plaza at 9 AM in Council Chambers.

FEBRUARY 14: **PAUSD Study session** on 2017/8 budget from 8-10 AM. Then 6:30 PM **PAUSD board meeting**. Topics include elementary math curriculum pilot, commitment to provide opportunity for public comment; resolution agreement with the federal Office for Civil Rights, repeal of 2014 resolution challenging the Office for Civil Rights, bid to renovate PALY's library, plans for a science addition project at Paly and bids to renovate JLS Middle School's swimming pool. Both at district office, 25 Churchill.

FEBRUARY 14: **Policy & Services Committee** at 6 PM in first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: audit of the fee schedule in Community Services Dept & City Auditor's quarterly report. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55823>

FEBRUARY 15: **Directors' Hearing** at 3:30 PM Council Chambers on 829 La Para

FEBRUARY 16: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM council chambers. Projects: 855 El Camino (freestanding tenant sign for "Gott's Roadside" at Town & Country), 2600 El Camino, and Bicycle Boulevard Projects. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55905>

FEBRUARY 16: **Public Art Commission** at 7 PM, first floor meeting room, City Hall. Topics: Approving Mary Lucking as the artist for Highway 101 overpass; public art planned for the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital; and hear about the 8 "urban interventions" selected for the Code:ART festival.

3) LOCAL EVENTS/NEWS

See all **Avenidas Activities** at <http://www.avenidas.org/>. Don't forget to PRE Register at www.avenidas.org or by calling 289-5400. Selected events and news below. See full schedule at <http://tinyurl.com/mfhqpuv>.

- Feb 10: Garden Club: "Cold Weather Plant Care" by Santa Clara Master Gardeners, 1:30-3 PM. FREE
- Feb 13 at 1:45PM Meet Dr Atul Gawande on the topic "Being Mortal" and celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Village Movement. FREE
- Feb 13: UNA Film Festival "On a Tightrope." 2-3:30 PM. FREE
- Feb 15: Reiki appts available. FEE: \$30/\$35
- Feb 15: Mindfulness Meditation every Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 PM. FREE
- Feb 16: Musical Jam Session from 2-4 PM. Bring your uke, harmonica, voice, or any acoustic instrument. FEE: \$3
- Feb 21: "Medication Management Tips: What Helps and Why" from 2:30-4 PM. FREE
- Feb 23: Feb 23 Book Club: "Marriage of Opposites," 2-3:30 PM. FREE
- Feb 27: Senior Adult Legal Assistance, appts available for Santa Clara County residents age 60+. FREE

Deborah's Palm Events: See all events at www.deborahspalm.org. Call: 473-0664. Ongoing Free Classes & Activities.

- Feb 10: Poetry Lovers Group from 1-3 PM
- Feb 18: Goal Setting Workshop from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM
- Feb 22: LinkedIn Workshop from 5:30- 7:00PM
- Feb 25: Assertiveness Workshop from 9AM -12:30PM

Talking with Henrietta - "**Civility in the Age of Trump**"- The inauguration of Pres. Donald J. Trump has ushered in a whole new era. On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, Congresswoman Jackie Speier and other show guests discuss some of the characteristics of this new era and some of the divisions it has spawned. See this thought-provoking show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 on Sundays@5 pm, Tuesdays@8 pm, Wednesdays@2 am & 11 am, Thursdays@8 pm & Fridays@3:30 am & 12 pm and Saturdays at 10 am. Get more information about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#newera>

Stanford Live: 2/7 Black Arm Band; 3/19 Black Grace

Stanford 4 You. See all **Stanford Events** in February at <http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=a8e6569da943904e9ac369cde&id=1bbc56a26b&e=1164130f95>

FEBRUARY 2/17-18: **Lucile Packard Rummage sale** at 807 E Bayshore, East Palo Alto (between University & Willow) from 10 AM - 1PM

FEBRUARY 9-11: **FABMO Selection Event** (Thu 4p-8p, Fri 8:30a-6p, Sat 9a-12), Schedule your appt at <http://schedule.fabmo.org/schedule/FabMo/Appointments?view=week>. Other events include: February 14 there is SewMo from 10-1. Bring your machine and projects and join the fun! February 18, join the Paper Crafting meetup at FabMo. Saturday, February 25, another fabulous sale!

FEBRUARY 11: **CANOPY tree walk** at Johnson Park to Gamble Garden. Start at 10AM.

FEBRUARY 11: **Sea Scout open house**. Preview what they do at Elks Lodge from 10-2.

FEBRUARY 11; At the **Bing Concert - Mendelssohn, Hayden, Mozart** at 7:30PM. FEE: at door \$25, Senior \$20, Student \$15 (\$5 cheaper in advance). Buy tickets at www.tickets.stanford.edu

FEBRUARY 11/12: It looks like dry weather this weekend, so treat yourself to some reading material at the **Friends of The Library Book Sale!** Cubberley Community Center. FOPAL's sale offers over 70,000 books, CD's, DVD's, games, puzzles, framed art, and collectibles, all sorted and very reasonably priced; many foreign language materials. Saturday hours: Main Sale Room 11 am-4 pm, Bargain Room 9:30-4 & Children's Room 10 - 4. Sunday hours: All rooms 11 - 4. On Sunday in the Bargain Room all items are 50% off or \$5/bag. All net sale proceeds benefit Palo Alto's public libraries. For more, visit www.fopal.org.

FEBRUARY 12: Celebrate the **Year of the Rooster** at Mitchell Park community Center from 2-5PM. Live performances, dance, music and homemade Chinese food.

FEBRUARY 12: **Parents Nursery School**, 2328 Louis Road, near Oregon, is having an **Open House** from 2-4 PM. No need to register and kids of all ages are welcome. Nut-free snacks will be provided.

FEBRUARY 12: **Forthnightly music club** at the Art Center at 7PM. www.forthnightlymusicclub.org

FEBRUARY 13: **Nancy Cassidy show** with a gourmet (TASTY) Vegetarian Dinner, First Baptist Church, 305 N CA Ave. It'll be an hour of love songs in honor of Valentine's Day. FEE: \$18. For reservations 599-3320.

FEBRUARY 14-15: **Teen Spirit Concert & Benefit** at Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center at 7PM. Tickets at <http://palychoirs.com/buy-tickets/> at the door \$10; \$5 seniors & kids.

FEBRUARY 16: **Safe and Confident Winter Bicycling** from 5:30-7:30 PM. FEE: \$35 at Stanford. Registration is required at <http://events.stanford.edu/events/652/65203/>.

FEBRUARY 16: The **End of Sex & The Future of Reproduction** with Hank Greeley at 7PM at Cubberley Auditorium, Stanford. FREE. See www.society.stanford.edu

FEBRUARY 16: Japan Society of Northern California presents: Film Screening of '**Paper Lanterns**' 6-9PM at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, 650 Page Mill Road, Courtyard 2B. FEE: \$5-20. Register at <http://www.usajapan.org/event/screening-of-paper-lanterns/>. This powerful documentary is about the little-known story of Shigeaki Mori and his life-long quest to make known the identities and to honor the memory of the 12 American prisoners of war killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

FEBRUARY 16: San Francisco Stories: **A History of Jewish SF**. FREE at 7:30PM Hewlitt Teaching Center, Rm 201, Stanford. Details at www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu

FEBRUARY 18: **PALY Flea Market** from 9 AM - 3PM corner of El Camino and Embarcadero for more palyflea@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 18: **Come Get Heart Smart** during American Heart Month, 8:30 AM - noon at the Crowne Plaza, 4290 El Camino. FREE. Stanford Health Care encourages you to take charge of your health and learn more about leading a heart-healthy lifestyle. Experts will discuss the latest in preventing heart disease, common risk factors and options for treatment.

FEBRUARY 18: **Baylands Scavenger hunt** sponsored by Environmental Volunteers 10:30-12:30. Find clues to reveal surprising facts about nature & lead to special locations along the trails in the Baylands Nature Preserve. Visit www.EVols.org.

FEBRUARY 21: At the JCC: The **Brazilian Soul: Music for Guitar and Cello & lunch** at noon. FEE: \$20 or two punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card

FEBRUARY 23: Cafe Scientifique Lecture: **Harnessing the Immune System to treat Cancer** at 7PM at the Stanford Blood Bank 3373 Hillview Avenue. Free with refreshments.

FEBRUARY 24 At the JCC: **Jazz Giants: Roy Ayers** in Concert at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$42, member \$40, Premium \$65

FEBRUARY 25: Summerwinds Nursery class **Learn n Grow Citrus** at 11AM. FREE

FEBRUARY 25: At the JCC: **Morning with Children's Author and Illustrator** from 10AM - 1PM. FEE: \$8, \$5 kids. Free for under 3 yo. A fun-filled morning with Todd Parr, bestselling author and illustrator of over 40 children's books, including "It's Okay to be Different," "The Family Book" and "The I Love You Book." Todd will talk about being an author/illustrator, his dogs and how he makes a book. Additionally, he will read from a few of his books, play games and conduct a Q & A session with the kids. For kids of all ages and their parents; recommended for grades K-3.

FEBRUARY 26 At the JCC: **Jazz Giants: Kim Nalley** at 6PM. Fee: \$35, Member \$30, Premium \$50

MARCH 2: **Protecting California's Water: The Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan**, 7:30-8:30 PM at Microsoft, 1065 La Avenida, Mountain View. FEE: \$10, Free to Acterra Members with Promo Code "member"

MARCH 11: Summerwinds Nursery class **Vegetable Garden Preparation & Planning**, at 11 AM. FREE

MARCH 11: **Arbor Day Festival** at Mitchell Park Multi-Use Bowl from 10 AM-2PM. FREE. Live Music, Rope up for tree climbing. Peruse fine art for sale and be inspired by teen artwork and crafts; Discover the world of trees through hands-on exploration stations and workshop series, Stay fueled for fun with delicious eats. Sponsored by the City & Canopy. <http://canopy.org/our-work/events-and-workshops/special-events/arbor-day-festival/>

MARCH 21: At the JCC: **Celtic Sands** & lunch at noon. FEE: \$20 or two punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card

MARCH 23: Summerwinds Nursery **Greywater Laundry to Landscape** at 6:30PM. Free with SCVW District presentation

MARCH 25: Canopy **Tree Planting** at Cubberley Community Day from 9 AM to noon.,

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FEBRUARY 10: At the Art Center: TAKEOVER: Teen Creativity Party! from 6-9 PM with art activities, music, snack and candy bar, and more! Join the Teen Arts Council for an Open Mic at 7 p.m. FREE with school ID.

FEBRUARY 11; Stanford Saturday University from 8:45 AM - 4 PM. Register and Details at continuingstudies.stanford.edu/SSU2017.

FEBRUARY 11: At the JCC: "Rhythmic Circus: Feet Don't Fail Me Now" at 7:30PM. Master Class FEE: \$70 Premium | \$60 Public | \$55 Mem & J-Pass

FEBRUARY 12: Gamble Garden: JAPANESE MAPLE PRUNING from 9:30- noon. Fee: Mem \$25; Non-mem \$35

FEBRUARY 12: At the JCC: "Cast Out: Taboo, Tyranny and Tolerance from Spinoza to Modern Times", 4:00-7:30 PM. FEE: \$15

FEBRUARY 14: "This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism" from 10-11:30 AM at the Institute for the Future, 201 Hamilton Ave. FREE. Register at www.iffi.org.

FEBRUARY 14: At the JCC: Demo of the evolution of period instruments from the Baroque era to the present from 1-2:30 PM. FEE \$15

FEBRUARY 16: Master Gardeners workshop on growing vegetables and flowers from seed at 7 PM Rinconada Library

FEBRUARY 16: Stanford Creative Writing Program - visiting writer Stuart Dybek reading at 8PM at Bechtel Conference Center, Encina Hall, Stanford. FREE. <http://Creativewriting.Stanford.Edu>

FEBRUARY 18: Yoga for a Healthy Back from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM. FEE: \$30. Sponsored by Common Ground. For more info and to register online: <http://bit.ly/2gKaemg>

FEBRUARY 18: Gamble Garden tea from 3-5 PM with a special program! Gamble Board member will lead a discussion of the "The Invention of Nature" by Andrea Wulf. FEE; Advance Registration \$15. At the door \$20.

FEBRUARY 22: Stanford Continuing Education free lecture, 7:30PM, Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education. "Living Better Together: Trust, Truth, and Technology: How Media Are Shaping the Way We Trust One Another."

FEBRUARY 22: "What Matters to Me & Why", Marc Tessier-Lavigne, Stanford's eleventh president at noon at Memorial Church

FEBRUARY 23: USGS Monthly Lecture at 7:00 PM, USGS HDQ, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park. "Geology Up-Close - Big answers from small scale observations"

FEBRUARY 25: At Gamble Garden: "Replace Your Front Lawn with an Eye-Catching Garden" from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. FEE: \$25 mem, \$35 non-mem. Register at www.gamblegardens.org

FEBRUARY 25: Summerwinds Nursery FREE class "Citrus Know-How" 11-noon. Learn how to plant and care for citrus. Seating is limited. Go to www.summerwindsnursery.com

FEBRUARY 26: Repair Café at Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave

FEBRUARY 26: "Planting Camellias" at Gamble Garden from 1:30 - 4:30 PM. FEE \$40 mem; \$50 non-mem. See www.gamblegarden.org

FEBRUARY 28: At the JCC: Lecture "Hidden problem of abuse in affluent communities" from 1-2:30 PM, Room E-104. FEE \$15.

MARCH 4: Mother's Symposium at Stanford with keynote by Anne Lamont at Dinkelspiel Auditorium on the Stanford Campus. The event is from 9:30AM -12:30PM

MARCH 10: Avenidas Presents "Doing Good and Doing it Right: Making Tax Smart Gifts during your Lifetime" from 11-12:30PM. FREE. RSVP to 289-5400

MARCH 19: iPhone Garden Photography at Gamble Garden from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. FEE \$40 mem; \$50 non-mem. See www.gamblegarden.org

MARCH 25: At Common Ground (687 Arastradero Road.) "Permaculture: Guilds for a healthy garden" from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2iltHOb>

MARCH 26: 4th Annual Racing Hearts 5k walk/run and 10k run to raise much needed funds for community AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) at 9 AM, Koret Plaza, Stanford University. Registration: <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10369/racing-hearts-5k10k-201>. Website: www.racinghearts.org

MARCH 26: Spring Family Day at the Art Center from 1-4:30PM Enjoy an afternoon of art activities and performances to welcome spring!

APRIL 15: Homesteading 101: "Cultivate Edible Mushrooms in your own Garden" 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Register at <http://bit.ly/2jpzaAm>. Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. See www.commongroundgarden.org

APRIL 20: Acterra "Party for the Planet" honoring Walt and Kay Hays at 6 PM at the JCC. Fee: \$150 AND UP on sale in March. www.ACTERRA.org/Party

CANOPY tree walks include: March 11- Mitchell Park (part of Arbor Day Festival); Apr 8 - Midtown Neighborhood; May 13- Southgate Neighborhood; Jun 10 - Rinconada Library and Art Center; Jul 8 - Junior Museum and Zoo;