

MIDTOWN NEWS – February 17, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

After a disaster your best resource is the person standing next to you. Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends and co-workers to help you and/or whom you can help. Discuss your needs and know your friends' needs and make sure everyone on your network knows how to operate any necessary equipment. If appropriate, discuss your needs with your employer. Plan to be self-reliant with food, water, spare batteries for your equipment, etc. for at least a week after a disaster as roads might be impacted, means of transportation compromised and personnel might not be immediately available. If you live in Palo Alto, find out (epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org) if your block has a block preparedness coordinator (BPC). BPCs are neighbors who have volunteered to check on others on their block after a disaster. Let him/her know what kind of extra help, e.g. transportation, an interpreter, etc., you might need in a disaster. If your block/apartment building/multiplex/etc. does not have a block preparedness coordinator, you can volunteer and/or invite others to volunteer. Attend the following class!

FEBRUARY 23, Thursday: **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.

STORMY WEATHER?: From the WEEKLY: If you are concerned about potential flooding of your property, you can pick up sandbags at: Rinconada Park, Mitchell Park, Chaucer Street at Palo Alto Avenue and the Palo Alto Airport. Please note, all pre-filled bags have been used up. Bring a shovel to fill sandbags for your personal use. To report blocked storm drains, slides and fallen trees, call Public Works after hours line at 329-2413. Power outages can be reported at: -496-6914. The city encourages residents to stay aware of local conditions and to access updated information on creek levels, weather forecasts and more at: www.cityofpaloalto.org/storm, and more at:

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>

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

CALTRAIN Electrification Note from Adina Levin, Friends of CalTrain: Keep taking action to save electrification. As you likely know, Caltrain electrification is at risk in DC. <http://tinyurl.com/zfutjtb>. This eagerly awaited, long-planned project will lead to faster, more frequent service, reduced train crowding, and alleviating highway congestion. If you haven't done so already, learn more at <http://tinyurl.com/z5bl7dc>. Please send a personalized letter to Transportation Secretary Chao urging her to approve funding for Caltrain electrification without delay. Sample at <http://tinyurl.com/jgndmpy>

CITY COUNCIL

Feb 20: No Council

Feb 27. Start at 6PM. Study Session at approximately 6:45PM on Stanford GUP. Action items include Auto dealerships and downtown RPP. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55953>

FEBRUARY 22: **Finance Committee:** Cancelled

FEBRUARY 23: **City/School Liaison Committee** at 8AM at PAUSD, 25 Churchill. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55956>

FEBRUARY 23: **PAUSD Policy Review Committee** at 8:30 AM. Topics: residency requirements, earthquake emergency procedure system, policy maintenance issues & future agendas.

FEBRUARY 23: **Historic Resources Board** retreat at 8:30AM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55980>

FEBRUARY 23: **Library Advisory Commission** at 7 PM in City hall first floor meeting room. Topics. Presentation from the Pacific Library Foundation/Silicon Valley Library System; Library marketing program; Strategic Plan Subcommittee report; & LAC Expense budget.

MARCH 1: **Rail Committee** at 8 AM City Hall first floor meeting Room. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55958>

MARCH 2: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics: 1545 Alma, 3223 Hanover.

Sharing news of meeting in Sacramento: Major Announcement for **California Universal Health Care** on February 22, 11:00 AM @ Secretary of State Auditorium – 1500 11th. St. Sacramento. Health Care for All – California is pleased and excited to tell you about next week's event. It will mark a historic step forward to guarantee healthcare as a human right for every Californian. See <http://healthcareforall.org/>

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 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 Classes & Activities.

- 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 - "**How To Have Social Impact**" - One of the largest foundations in the world is located in California and it's celebrating its tenth anniversary. On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, the show's guests discuss how the foundation manages its \$8 billion in assets and whom it serves. You can see this informative show over the Internet and on Comcast Channel 30 on Sundays@5 pm, Tuesdays@8 pm, Wednesdays@6 p.m., Thursdays@8 pm and Fridays@3:00 am & 12 pm. Get more information about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#tenthanniversary>

At the Art Center: **Art Cart** Makes its Debut: — an activity cart filled with art supplies and activities for use in and outside our galleries! Created after more than a year of research and planning, the Cart is intended to provide families with engaging creative activities they can do together. See more at <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55853>

Stanford Live: 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 18: At Mitchell Park Library from 11 AM to 1 PM. A **celebration for the Lunar New Year**. This event for all ages will feature lion dancing, crafts and more!

FEBRUARY 18: **Palo Alto Philharmonic** at Cubberely Theatre, 4000 Middlefield, at 8 PM. FEE: \$22/\$18/\$10. Details at www.paphil.org

FEBRUARY 19: The **New Esterhazy Quartet** at 4 PM at All Saints Episcopal, 555 Waverley. See <http://www.newesterhazy.org/>. Tix and fees at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2801371> ?

FEBRUARY 19: Documentary screening at Mitchell Park Community Center at 1:30 PM. Join us for a screening of "**Conscience and the Constitution**", a documentary that tells the story of the resistance to internment by Japanese-Americans.

FEBRUARY 23: Tom Zaniello discusses and signs his new book, "**California's Lamson Murder Mystery: The Depression-Era Case That Divided Santa Clara County**" at Books Inc., 74 Town & Country Village, at 7 PM. FREE

MARCH 2: At the JCC: "**David Broza with Ali Paris**" from 8 - 10 PM. FEE: \$65, \$60 Mem & J-Pass. Israeli superstar David Broza is a dynamic and vibrant performer. His guitar playing ranges from flamenco-flavored rhythmic and percussive techniques, to whirlwind finger-picking, to a signature rock'n'roll sound. Ali Paris captivates audiences with a unique fusion of Middle Eastern and Western music styles. He accompanies his singing with his instrument, the Qanun, a rare 76-string zither that dates back to the 14th century and is played by only a handful of people across the globe.

MARCH 4: **Avenidas Open House** from 10 AM to 1 PM. See what Avenidas has to offer!! Class demos, meet instructors, free treats, raffle prizes, early registration.

MARCH 5: Congress Woman Anna Eshoo sponsors "**Here's What You Can Do**" to shape 2018 elections. Crowne Plaza, 4290 El Camino. RSVP to <http://tinyurl.com/CallToAction> or call 328-3700. Doors open at 2PM. Program at 3PM. For questions helen@annaeshoo4congress.com

MARCH 5: "**Soli Deo Gloria**" double delight - music with double choir at 5:30PM at Grace Lutheran, 3149 Waverley MIDTOWN. FEE: \$25, students/senior \$21. In advance \$3 cheaper. K-9 free. See www.sdgloria.org

MARCH 6: Jean & Bill Lane Lecture Series "**Juan Felipe Herrera**" at 8 PM at Cubberely Auditorium, 485 Lausen Mall at Stanford Stanford Creative Writing Program. <http://creativewriting.stanford.edu>. FREE

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

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 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:

FEBRUARY 18: Baylands Scavenger hunt sponsored by Environmental Volunteers 10:30-12:30. See 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 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 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.

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 to register.

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

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 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 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 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. See details at <http://canopy.org/our-work/events-and-workshops/special-events/arbor-day-festival/>

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 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.

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 funds for community at 9 AM, Koret Plaza, Stanford University. Registration: <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10369/racing-hearts-5k10k-201>.

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: 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.