

## MIDTOWN NEWS – February 23, 2017

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

EPrep news: MARCH 10 **Movie Night** at Mitchell Park Community Center at 7PM. Special Showing of PBS Documentary "The Unthinkable" by Amanda Ripley, how the brain works under extreme duress. The Unthinkable bring slight into civilization's darkest moments. She reveals how human fear circuits and crowd dynamics work, why our instincts sometimes misfire in modern calamities, and how we can do much, much better. Popcorn, movie treats. FREE

Shop Talk with Daryl Savage: **Mike's Cafe**: After nearly 22 years, Midtown Palo Alto's oldest neighborhood restaurant is expanding. Mike's Cafe, 2680 Middlefield Road, is taking over the adjacent site of the former Peninsula Hardware,

**MY GYM NEW CLASSES!** Starting March 1 at 2655 Middlefield Road. For more: (650) 330-1760 -- [paloalto@mygym.com](mailto:paloalto@mygym.com)

- Gymsters/Tots: For children ages 23 months to 3 1/4 years old. Tuesdays from 3:30-4:20 pm
- Mighty Mites: For children ages 3 1/4 to 4 1/2 years old. Thursdays from 9:00-10:00 am
- Mites/Whiz: For children ages 3 1/4 to 6 years old. Thursdays from 12:10-1:10 pm

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

**BECOME A MEDIATOR!!** Palo Alto Mediation Program. The City of Palo Alto is seeking applicants to serve as volunteer mediators for the Palo Alto Mediation Program. Selected applicants will serve a two-year renewable term following training. There is a small fee for the training program. Applicants must live or work in Palo Alto or Stanford. Applications due by March 20. For more information or to request an application, please contact: [PAMediation@housing.org](mailto:PAMediation@housing.org) or 856-4062

### CITY COUNCIL

- Feb 27. Start at 6PM. Study Session at approx 6:45 PM on Stanford GUP. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55953>. Action items include Auto dealerships. D'town RPP continued to March 6.
- March 6: Study session at 5PM on Stanford Research Park TDM. Regular meeting at 6PM. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56124>. Action items: D'town RPP (Residential Parking Program) Stanford's General Use Permit.
- March 7: Meeting start 6PM . Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56123>. Action items: Dewatering (report at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56097>), Accessory Dwelling Units.
- March 13: No Council

Feb 28: **PAUSD** at 6:30PM at 25 Churchill: Topics: new social-emotional learning curricula, 2nd 2016-17 interim financial report; resolution agreement with the Office for Civil Rights, resolution criticizing the Office for Civil Rights, accept a donation from Stanford University to add a modular building at Escondido Elementary School for a child care program.

Feb 28: **Park & Recreation Commission** at 7PM in council chambers. Topics: Selection of officers, Orientation of new commissioners, and overview of Master Plan. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56131>

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

Mar 1: **Utilities Advisory Commission** at 7 PM in council chambers. Topics: city's updated 10-year gas efficiency goals; Fiscal Year 2018 financial plans & rate adjustments for water & wastewater utilities; Utilities Strategic Plan update. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56135>

Mar 2: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics: 1545 Alma, 3223 Hanover. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56133>.

Mar 2 & 9: **Speed Survey Community Meetings**. City staff will gather community input on whether the posted speed limit should be raised to facilitate radar speed enforcement, and alternatives to increasing the posted speed limit will be discussed. On 3/2, meeting at the Art Center, 1313 Newell Road from 6-8 p.m. and will focus on North Palo Alto streets. On March 9, meeting at Cubberley, Room H1, from 6-8 PM and will focus on South Palo Alto. For more information, see <http://tinyurl.com/jlcoqwh> or email: [transportation@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:transportation@cityofpaloalto.org)

Mar 8: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 7pm in council chambers. Agenda not available.

Mar 14: **Policy & Services**: No Meeting.

### Volunteer at the Art Center:

- 1) Looking for a Teen Leadership Opportunity this Summer? Are you looking for a leadership opportunity this summer? Consider applying for the **Lead Counselor-in-Training** (LCIT) program this year. The LCIT program builds on your experience as a CIT and provides opportunities for you to participate in CIT training, enjoy mentorship from college interns, manage camper recreation, and take responsibility as the LCIT for one week of camps. All placements are made strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. The application has details about all available shifts, volunteer requirements, and info about the program. Download Application at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56060>
- 2) **Summer Camp Counselors-in-Training**. Volunteers (12-17 years old) who assist professional artist instructors in the day-to-day operation of the Art Center summer camps. This is a great way to earn service hours, develop or strengthen leadership skills, and have fun in a creative environment. All placements are made strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56059>

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### 3) LOCAL EVENTS/NEWS

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

- 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](http://www.deborahspalm.org). Call: 473-0664. Ongoing Classes & Activities.

- Feb 25: Assertiveness Workshop from 9AM -12:30PM
- Mar 10: Poetry Lovers Group from 1-3 PM. Come and join with others, as you celebrate and bask in the beauty of the written word.
- Mar 15: Women 50+ in Transition: New Group from 1:30-3:30 PM. Ease the feeling of "overwhelm," confusion and frustration, by taking part in this wonderfully supportive group. Register today at [donna@yourtimetoblossom.com](mailto:donna@yourtimetoblossom.com) or call: 683-0771.
- Mar 24/25: The Connection Practice - Part 1 (Fri: 6-9 PM; Sat: 9-6 PM). Discover a way to consistently connect to yourself and others at 2-day workshop To register or for more info, contact Ellen: 301/646-8281 or email: [EMAbutterflies@gmail.com](mailto:EMAbutterflies@gmail.com)
- First & Third Fridays: "Life Lessons". Explore the topic of forgiveness. Upcoming dates: 3-Mar, 17-Mar, 7-Apr, 21-Apr, 5-May, 19-May, 2-Jun, and 16-Jun. The time is always noon-1:30 PM.

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 25: FREE **TAX ASSISTANCE** at Mitchell Park Library from 10 AM - 3PM. IRS-certified volunteers will provide free tax return preparation to qualified individuals who earned \$54,000 or less. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/h8cgmeu>

FEBRUARY 25: **FABMO Special Sale** will be a bolt fabric bonanza for you! Thanks to a couple of spectacular donations, we'll have more yardage than you would ever dream of, all at LOW FabMo prices. From .9a-3p, at FabMo, 970 Terra Bella Ave., Suite 8, Mt View.

FEBRUARY 26: **KLEZMER WORKSHOP and JAM SESSION** from 6:45 - 9:45 PM. KlezCalifornia will be hosting a Klezmer Workshop and Jam session at Congregation Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma Street. For musicians of any level with any instrument (Klezmer experience is not required). First, 60 minute workshop with sheet music and some by ear; followed by 45 minutes playing through songs with sheet music; and then 45 minutes regular jam session, led by accordionist Dmitri Gaskin. Registration \$25 sliding scale for participants. Refreshments included. Listeners are welcome as well. Reservations: please email [jams@klezcalifornia.org](mailto:jams@klezcalifornia.org) to let us know what instrument you play. For more 415.789.7679, [klezcalifornia.org/jams](http://klezcalifornia.org/jams). OR join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/738283259674575/>.

MARCH 1: **REMODELING WORKSHOP** with Palo Alto-based Harrell Remodeling will host a workshop from 6 - 8 PM. on "Your Forever Home: Universal Design," at 944 Industrial Ave. in Palo Alto. See: [www.harrellremodeling.com/homeownereducation/workshops](http://www.harrellremodeling.com/homeownereducation/workshops) to register.

MARCH 4: **Summer Camp Fair** at Mitchell Park Community Center. With so many wonderful camps, it's hard to decide which one to pick! Attend the City of Palo Alto Summer Camp Survivor Fair & learn about the different camps we have to offer from 11-1:30 PM.

MARCH 7: Acterra sponsored: **Greening the Air: Sustainability at SFO** with Erin Cooke from 7:30-8:30 PM. Location TBD.

MARCH 7: **Home Energy Efficiency Workshop** offered Acterra from 6-8 PM at the East Palo Alto YMCA, 550 Bell St., East Palo Alto (map). This program is open to the public and participants should sign up ahead of time so that we know how many to plan for. There will be hands-on instruction of how to install some basic energy-saving devices, and participants will go home with items to install in their own homes. To sign up, please contact [violet.saena@acterra.org](mailto:violet.saena@acterra.org).

MARCH 11: **CANOPY tree walk**: Mitchell Park at 10AM

MARCH 25: **Cubberley Day 2017**. Community members are invited to attend a variety of performances, art exhibits, music, food, and tree planting activities from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/zboqylz>

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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: At The JCC: "David Broza with Ali Paris" from 8 - 10 PM. FEE: \$65, \$60 Mem & J-Pass Israeli superstar

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 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](http://www.sdgloria.org)

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

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](http://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 class 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 AEDs 9 AM, Koret Plaza, Stanford. Register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10369/racing-hearts-5k10k-2017>

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](http://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](http://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.