

MIDTOWN NEWS – March 17, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

EPREP Tip: We've all heard about the recent flooding in San Jose and how people had to evacuate. A fire, extreme flooding, an earthquake, etc. are all situations in which we might have to evacuate. **Planning ahead of time** what to do if we had to evacuate would make a bad situation less stressful. Here are some tips to getting started: Source: www.Ready.gov

- Choose several destinations in different directions and know the evacuation routes to get there.
- Plan places where your family will meet within and outside of your immediate neighborhood. Create a Family Emergency Communication Plan to decide these locations before a disaster happens and give a copy to each family member.
- If you don't have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to evacuate. Make arrangements with family, friends, or your local government;
- Take your emergency supply kit with you.
- Practice getting out of the house quickly, and drive your planned evacuation route. The more you practice, the more confident you will be if you really have to evacuate.

Santa Clara County is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 **Grand Jury**. For information, go to <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/scc/residents/Pages/civil-grand-jury.aspx>

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

Boards and commission Openings: Applications due April 4 at 4:30PM in city clerk's office. Applications at <http://bit.ly/bcapplications>. 2 seats-Human Relations Commission, 4 seats - Public Art; 3 seats - Library Advisory Commission; 2 seats - Utilities Commission.
See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/clk/testimonials/default.asp>

The Palo Alto Police Department is now accepting applications for the **Citizens Police Academy**, April 19 to June 7 on Wednesdays nights from 6 -9 PM at various City of Palo Alto facilities. Kick-off event on Monday, April 17, 6 -9 PM. FREE. Applications are due no later than Wednesday, March 22.
See https://local.nixle.com/alert/5869696/?sub_id=1444824

SAM TRANS online survey on service, payment, communications, amenities at www.samtrans.com/haveyoursay by March 19

CITY COUNCIL

- March 20: Start approx 7PM after closed session. Items include Conduit financing for Channing House project and Comp Plan Update. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56460>
- March 27: Start approx 5:15 PM after closed session. Items include: 670 Los Trancos, update on ordinance re BMR housing, and 900 N California Ave. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56536>

MARCH 21: **Finance Committee** at 6 PM in first floor meeting room city hall re rate increase for utilities. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56451>

MARCH 22: **Special Rail Committee Meeting** at 8AM in first floor meeting room city hall. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56542>

MARCH 23: **Historic Resources Board**: at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics include: moving of historic resources and discuss the city's ordinance on accessory dwelling units.

MARCH 25: **"Java with Jerry"** at Coupa Cafe, 538 Ramona Street, from 8:30 - 9:30 AM. Join State Senator Jerry Hill. Bring your ideas, questions, and concerns about legislative issues affecting the community.

MARCH 28: **Policy & Services**: at 6PM in first floor meeting room city hall.

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56539>

MARCH 29: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 6 PM in council chambers. Topics include: EIR for Comprehensive Plan and possible annual limits to office R&D.

APRIL 11: **High Speed Rail Community meetings** SF to San Jose segment. Success Center, 875 W Maude, Mt View from 5-8PM. Other sessions in SF on April 1, and San Mateo on April 13. See

<http://tinyurl.com/lwz4bh8>

3) LOCAL EVENTS

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>.

- Mar 21: Presentation: "The Intelligent Internet" at 2:30PM
- Mar 27: Classical Chinese Mah Jong every Monday at 1PM
- Mar 29: Workshop: "Traveling Alone and Loving it!" at 9 AM
- Mar 30 Ukulele Workshops at 2PM

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

- 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
- First & Third Fridays: "Life Lessons". Explore the topic of forgiveness. Upcoming dates: 7-Apr, 21-Apr, 5-May, 19-May, 2-Jun, and 16-Jun. The time is always noon-1:30 PM.
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- April 13- June 1: The Daring Way - 8 Week Workshop from 7- 9:30PM. For more information: 415/794-3554 or moni@ottossons.org. Topics such as vulnerability, courage, shame & worthiness.
- April 19- May 31: Job Search Strategy Group from 7 - 8:30 PM. Registration is required for all workshops. www.careergenerations.com or email: info@careergenerations.com

Stanford Live: 3/19 Black Grace

Palo Alto Weekly Short Story contest. Stories must be 2500 words or less. Deadline April 13, 2017.

Open space district launches **annual photo contest**. Contestants can submit up to three photos in four categories: wildlife, plant life, landscapes, and people in nature. Photos must be taken in a MidPeninsula Open Space Preserve that is open to the public. Photos due by May 31. <http://www.openspace.org/photo-contest>

Palo Adult School Enrollment now open for spring. See www.PAAdultschool.org or call 329-3752

MARCH 17: **RECEPTION at the Art Center**: The latest in the **Creative Ecology series** (which bring together art, science and an appreciation for the natural world), sculptor Mari Andrews' exhibition will open with a reception at the art center (1313 Newell Road) from 7-8 PM. The installation features natural objects, such as pine cones,

twigs and leaves, many of which were collected and donated by community members. Go to www.tinyurl.com/zu6g2jk.

MARCH 17/18: Lucile Packard Children's Hospital **Rummage Sale** from 10 AM - 1PM at 8074C East Bayshore Road, East Palo Alto.

MARCH 18: **Robotics workshop**. Enjoy this Saturday and learn to build and program robots using Mindstorm EV3 kits at Mitchell Park Library from 3:00 -5:30 PM.

MARCH 18: **Festival of color**. Meet author Kate Schatz as she talks about her two books: Rad American Women A-Z Rad Women Worldwide at the Mitchell Park Library from 11 am - noon.

MARCH 18: Movie: Mental Paint Productions will premiere the film "**Tug of War**" which is about the overall struggle between parents and teens. The premiere will include a panel discussion and a reception where guests can continue the dialogue and enjoy refreshments tomorrow, March 18, 6-8 PM. at Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road.

MARCH 19: Each year, the Parents Club of Palo Alto and Menlo Park (PAMP) hosts a **Rummage Sale** to help buyers and sellers connect and find new homes for gently used children's clothes, toys and household items. This event is FREE and open to the public. Doors open at 8:30 AM for PAMP members only, and open for general admission to the public at 9:30 AM.

MARCH 19: An **introductory workshop** from the Art of Living Foundation on **mindfulness tools** and techniques that: Increase: energy, cardiovascular health, boost immunity; Reduce: stress, blood pressure, worry, anxiety; Improve: decision making, emotional intelligence, mood, awareness, creativity from 3-5 PM at Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield.

MARCH 21: At the JCC: **Celtic Sands** Lunch and Concert from 12:00–1:30 PM. FEE: \$20 or two punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card.

MARCH 21: Palo Alto Chamber presents "**Women in Business: Cocktails and Connections**" from 5 - 7PM at Cotelac, Town and Country. RSVP at www.paloaltochamber.com or 324-3135.

MARCH 23: At the JCC: Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn at 8PM. Grammy **Award-winning banjo duo** join together in a stunning multi-genre performance that spans Appalachian murder ballads, gospel, chamber and blues. FEE: Mem \$55, Public \$60, Premium \$70

MARCH 23: "**Spring Survive & Thrive Speaker Series**", Friends of PreSchool Family lecture on "Young Minds Require Creative Discipline" with Sylvia Ford, M.A., 25 year Early Childhood Consultant. The workshop highlights the aspects of early brain development to help us understand why young children can't always do the right thing or control their behavior. Discussion will include information that can help adults be more creative and effective with limit setting, along with strategies and techniques to promote positive self-guided behavior in children from approx 2-5yo. Cubberley Theater from 7:30-9:00 PM. For more information, visit www.fopsf.org/speakers

MARCH 25: "**Voices in Harmony**" Hear your neighbors singing acapella Barbershop harmony in our Spring concert. The headline Quartet "Don't Tell Mom" is the current Far Western District (Western US) champion. Concert at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Adults \$25, Students \$15, Seniors \$20, under 12 Free. At All Saints Episcopal, 555 Waverley.

MARCH 25: **Parents Nursery School**, 2328 Louis Rd, **Open House** from 10 AM - noon. If you're looking for an amazing parent participation preschool, check it out! For more registrar@parentsnurserieschool.org or go to <http://www.parentsnurserieschool.org/>

MARCH 25: 12 annual **Autism Symposium** from 8 AM - 4:30 PM. A one-day conference for parents, educators and care providers of children and adults with autism spectrum disorder. This annual update will focus on new research and services for individuals with autism to optimize their long term functioning. Li Ka

Shing Conference Center (2nd Floor), 291 Campus D, Stanford, 94305. Parking is free. Available in Parking Structure 5. FEE: \$100 includes continental breakfast, lunch and breakout session of your choice.

APRIL 2: At the JCC: **TedxPaloAlto** from 10:00 AM -2:30 PM. FEE: \$99. Register at <http://www.tedxpalto.com/>. Presents a range of voices on the topic of Identity. Speakers are Desmond Richardson, the 1st African American Principal Dancer of American Ballet Theater; Nina Simon, Executive Director, Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History; actor Oak Onadowan; Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad; Dr. Marci Bowers, a pioneer in Genital Reassignment Surgery; Dr. Harry J. Saal, Executive Chair of Retrotope, Inc.; Leila Takayama, human-robot interaction researcher & founder of Hoku Labs; & David Hochschild, chair of the California Energy Commission.

APRIL 2: At the JCC: Community **Passover Celebration** from 4- 6 PM. FREE. Celebrate the Passover journey to freedom with your family and friends. Free activities for children and families will teach you more about the Passover story: Enjoy an interactive Hebrew story time, Dance along to a fun musical performance by Octopretzel, Learn about insects and bugs with Mad Science, Watch a fun Passover show (in English) with Treehouse Learning, Bounce along in our bounce house, Build and learn about pyramids with Legos(R) from Playwell

APRIL 4: Environmental Volunteers annual "**Wake up to Nature**". Free breakfast with presentations by teachers, students and volunteers. Mitchell Park Community Center from 8-9AM. Coffee at 7:30 Am.

April 8: CANOPY **tree walks Midtown Neighborhood**. More information about the tree walk is available at www.canopy.org. From 10-noon. Join Canopy and expert arborist **Herb Fong** for a walk through the Midtown neighborhood. We'll explore a diverse array of tree species such as the Silk Tree, Scarlet Oak, Carob, Australia Tea Tree, and more.

APRIL 8: **Palo Alto Philharmonia** at Cubberley Theatre with pre-concert talk at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$22 public, \$18 senior, \$10 student

APRIL 25: At the JCC: **San Francisco Mandolin Orchestra** Lunch and Concert 12:00–1:30 PM. FEE: \$20 or two punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card

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MARCH 17: At the JCC; New Century Chamber Orchestra presents: Americans in Paris from 8 - 10 PM. FEE: \$29-61. 25th Anniversary Season celebrates the return of Chanticleer, "the world's reigning men's chorus."

MARCH 17: **Salisbury Theatre Choir** at Stanford Memorial Church at 7:30PM. FEE: Tickets at www.Salisbury.stanford.edu

MARCH 18: PALY Flea Market from 9-3PM at Palo Alto High

MARCH 18: Project WeHOPE presents the annual spring Fashion Show and Luncheon fundraiser to benefit the homeless. Free: from 1-3PM. Elks Lodge 4249 El Camino

MARCH 19: At the Art Center: Soft Sculpture workshop: Make your own hand-sewn soft sculptures using supple materials such as cloth, foam, plastic, paper, fiber, and natural materials. For more see: <http://tinyurl.com/j2beevk>

MARCH 19: At the JCC:Israeli Movie Club Presents "In Search Of Israeli Cuisine" from 5:30-7:30 PM. FEE: \$11 Mem & Seniors, \$14. "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" is a portrait of the Israeli people told through food.

MARCH 19: New Zealand Dance Company Black Grace presents "Minoi, Pati Pati, and Crying Men" at Stanford Memorial Auditorium at 2:30PM. FEE: \$15-22

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 22: At Mitchell Park Community Center: Dumpling Making: School Age Gr K-5 start at 3:30 PM

MARCH 22: Screening of the "Palo Alto's 1967 Experiment in Fascism" at 7PM at Cubberley Auditorium, Middlefield. www.PaloAltoHistoryMuseum.org

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

MARCH 24: Albany Consort collaborates with Cologne University Choir at 7:30 PM at the First Presbyterian, 1140 Cowper. FEE: \$30.

MARCH 25: Grace Lutheran Church .3149 Waverley Street. "Bach Cantata Vespers" from 4-5 PM. FREE. Since most of the music was written for liturgical use, it will be presented in the context of a service of Evening Prayer.

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 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>

MARCH 25: Avenidas conference with lunch, "Living Better with Technology." To register, go to www.avenidas.org. FEE: \$45

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!

MARCH 28: At the JCC: "Liberalism vs. Conservatism: American/Israeli Connections" from 7:30-9:30 PM. FEE: \$15 Mem/J-Pass, \$18, \$20 at the Door.

MARCH 30: Monthly USGS Lecture at 7PM at USGS Hdq Bldg 3, Rambo Auditorium at 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. "Brown Bears, Sea Otters, and Seals, Oh My! Unexpected interactions on the Katmai Coast"

APRIL 1/2: Final Treasure Market to benefit Cantor Arts from 10 to 2PM at the Arrillaga Center for Sports & Recreation, 341 Galvez St. FEE: \$5

APRIL 4: Acterra presents George Schultz "A Conservative Case for A Carbon Tax" at the Arts Center at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$10. Tickets at <https://app.etapestry.com/cart/Acterra/default/item.php?ref=931.0.233392167>

APRIL 12: Art Center's 45 Anniversary celebration with David Kelly, Founder and CEO of IDEO, and Previous Mayor Sid Espinosa. For ticket information, visit www.paacf.org

APRIL 15: Homesteading 101: "Cultivate Edible Mushrooms in your own Garden" 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Register at <http://bit.ly/2jzpaAm>. 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

APRIL 28/29: Gamble Garden Spring Tour from 10 AM - 4PM. Tickets now on sale at www.gamblegarden.org. FEE: \$30 mem, \$35 public. Boxed lunches available for an additional \$15.

MAY 9-10: Seniors and the homebound free assistance with household tasks. Silicon Valley Association of Realtors' Realtor Service Volunteer Program (RSVP). Apply by March 22 at 408-200-0100 or see www.silvar.org for an application.

Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp! Session 1: June 13-17; Session 2: July 31-Aug 4. The camp focuses on providing students with an introduction to speech and debate. See <http://pasdc.weebly.com/>. For questions: palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com.

CANOPY tree walks: May 13- Southgate Neighborhood; Jun 10 - Rinconada Library and Art Center; Jul 8 - Junior Museum and Zoo.