

MIDTOWN NEWS – March 24, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

April 8: **CANOPY tree walk** Midtown Neighborhood. More information about the tree walk is available at 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.

See Page 29 of today's Weekly to see **what items to recycle in blue** kit. For more information go to <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pwd/zerowaste/whatgoeswhere>

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

Storm Water Management vote: Ballots must be received by the City of Palo Alto's Office of the City Clerk by April 11 at 5:30 PM (return postage paid envelopes are included). If you have not received your ballot in the mail yet, contact the Office of the City Clerk 329-2571
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3679&TargetID=146>

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>

CITY COUNCIL

- 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>
- April 3: Start approx 7:15 PM after closed session. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56690>. Topic: Parking for Public Safety Building - zoning changes
- April 7: Sp. City Council Retreat Agenda. This packet will be release on 3/30/2017
- April 8: Sp. City Council Retreat Agenda. This packet will be release on 3/30/2017
- April 10: Council cancellation

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, Honoring Susan Rosenberg, Canopy Board Past President, Storm Drain Committee.

MARCH 28: **Policy & Services** at 6 PM in first floor meeting room city hall.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56539>. Topic: Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline

ARCH 28: **Parks & Recreation** ComMmission at 7 PM in council chambers. Topics: proposed bike bridge over U.S. Highway 101; Buckeye Creek hydrology study; and sites for a new dog park. See agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56649>

MARCH 28: **PAUSD** at 6:30 PM at district office 25 Churchill. Topics: reporting high school grade point averages, contract with an independent investigator for Office for Civil Rights cases, contract for Gunn High School's Central Building Project and next year's school calendar

MARCH 29: **Planning & Transportation** Commission at 6 PM in council chambers.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56646>. Topics: EIR for comprehensive plan and possible annual limits to office R&D.

APRIL 4: **Finance Committee** at 7 PM First floor meeting room city hall. See
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56686>

APRIL 5: **Special Rail Committee** Meeting Agenda and Packet. This packet will be release on 3/30/2017

APRIL 6: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM council chambers. Projects 901 High, 400 Channing, 2555 Park Blvd, 3877 El Camino, and 744-748 San Antonio

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>

APRIL 12: **Planning & Transportation** Commission 6:00 PM in council chambers, scoping meeting for Public Safety building to evaluate what environmental effects to include in EIR.

3) LOCAL EVENTS

Cafe Scientifique: **video** recording of our previous Cafe Scientifique talk, "**Harnessing the Immune System to Treat Cancer**", with Edgar G. Engleman, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, Medical Director, Stanford Blood Center. Here is the video's link:
<https://youtu.be/B0AEqDpKzaM>

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 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.
- 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

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

Open space district annual **photo contest**. Contestants can submit up to 3 photos in 4 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>

MARCH 24: Fourth Friday/Films of Vision and Hope: "**Of the Sea**" from 7:30-9:30 PM in the Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E Charleston. The documentary brings a local Santa Cruz angle to the challenges & opportunities of a fishing industry hoping to balance jobs & environmental sustainability. "The industry isn't dying, it's changing," according to filmmaker Mischa Hedges, who will lead a Q&A session after the film.

MARCH 24: **Emerson String Quartet**, Bing Concert Hall Stanford at 7:30 PM

MARCH 25: AVENIDAS **"Living Better with Technology"** at Mitchell Park Community Center from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM onsite registration available day of the event. FEE: \$45, including lunch.

MARCH 25: FREE WORKSHOP: **"Irrigation 101 - Efficient Irrigation Equipment & Systems"** from 9:30 - noon, Rinconada Library - Embarcadero Rm. See http://bawasca.org/classes_2.php?id_evnt=80

MARCH 25: **"How to Stop Dark Money from Corrupting our Politics"** grass roots summit from 9-4 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E Charleston. How to pass AB 14, see www.cadisclose.org

MARCH 25: **"Robotics Workshop"** at Mitchell Park Library from 3-5:30 PM ages Gr K-5, School Age Gr 6-8 Learn to build and program robots in this 3 part course! <http://tinyurl.com/jkphofn>

MARCH 25: Common Ground class Interested in learning more about **Permaculture guilds?** From 2:00 to 4:00 PM. FEE: \$35. A guild is a group of plants, animals, and other organisms which work well together. In Permaculture, a guild can be as simple as a collection of plants in healthy soil in a bed, or as complex as a food forest, fruiting hedge, or intentionally-designed watershed. Recommended reading: Gaia's Garden, by Toby Hemenway, 2nd edition (not required, but will give you a good foundation in what we'll be talking about).

MARCH 25: Special Sale of special items and yardage from 9 AM-3 PM at **Fabmo**, 970 Terra Bella Avenue, Suite 8, Mt View. Short bolts, garment and quilt weight textiles, interesting special wallpapers, lots of gorgeous leather samples, and much more! There is an abundance of vintage and special fabrics, great for costuming and fashion.

MARCH 26: **"Movies and Cupcakes"** at Mitchell Park Library Grades 6-12 only. Register online <http://tinyurl.com/l85g3k6>

MARCH 26: At the Art Center: **Spring Family Day** Blossoms from 1:30-4:30 PM. This popular event features hands-on art making projects, storytelling, and a dance performance. Listen to dramatic and humorous South Asian folktales with storytellers from Kitaab World; make rainbow kaleidoscopes, mandalas, and secret shadowboxes; and enjoy a dance performance and workshop with Rhythm G's Entertainment.

MARCH 26: Transition Palo Alto: **Spring Share Faire** at Cubberley Community Center, Rooms A6 & A7 from 1 - 3 PM. Good Share - bring your gently used goods to share with your neighbors (books, clothes, kitchen, games and toy). Garden Share - bring the produce of your garden, or the excess production tools of your garden. Craftivism - we will create some new signage in the form of A-frames for use in future Share Faires. Please bring scrap wood, tools, screws and nails, if you have them.

APRIL 3: **"What does it mean to be Muslim? The basics."** A discussion of Islam as a religion and an identity in modern America and abroad. Moderator: Supervisor Joe Simitian from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room. Please RSVP at www.commonwealthclub.org/sv or call 408-299-5050.

APRIL 4: At the JCC: **"Jewish Plays Project"** from 7:30-9:00 PM. FEE: \$15, \$12 Mem & J-pass, \$8 Students. Bold, progressive Jewish conversations on world stages. The innovative and competitive development vehicle invests emerging artists in their Jewish identity; engages Jewish communities in the vetting, selecting and championing of new voices; and secures mainstream production opportunities for the best new plays.

APRIL 18: **Chelsa Clinton** at Kepler's at 7PM to sign her new book, "It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired and Get Going." FEE: \$15 in advance includes entrance for family of 4 and book.

APRIL 22: **Earth Day & Great race for Saving Water** from 9 AM -3 PM at the Baylands Athletic Center. The Earth Day Festival is FREE, with small fee to participate in the 5K fun run and walk. Activities & games, arts & crafts, EV test drives, bike tours, bird walks, zoo animals, live music, prizes, food. https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTYxNzE

MAY 9: **"Fear of a Faith: Sharia. Surveillance. Terrorism.** The Muslim Ban. What's real, and what's not?" A discussion of the policies, politics, and current events that affect U.S. understandings of Islam and Muslims.

Moderator: Supervisor Joe Simitian from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room. Please RSVP at www.commonwealthclub.org/sv or call 408-299-5050.

MAY 16: **Tall Tree Awards:** Professional - Jim Shelby; Citizen - Winter Dellenbach; Business - Presidio Bank; NonProfit - Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford at the Crowne Plaza from 5:30 PM (reception) 7 -9 PM dinner & awards. Register Online at www.PaloAltoChamber.com

MAY 22: "**Women and Islam**" A discussion of what it means to be a Muslim woman, and how Islam intersects with gender in today's world. Moderator: Supervisor Joe Simitian from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room. Please RSVP at www.commonwealthclub.org/sv or call 408-299-5050.

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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, 3149 Waverley Street. "Bach Cantata Vespers" from 4-5 PM. FREE. Presented in the context of a service of Evening Prayer.

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: "Voices in Harmony" Acapella Barbershop harmony Concert at 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM Adults \$25, Students \$15, Seniors \$20, under 12 Free. All Saints Episcopal, 555 Waverley.

MARCH 25: Parents Nursery School, 2328 Louis Rd. Open House from 10 AM - noon. For more registrar@parentsnurserieschool.org or go to <http://www.parentsnurserieschool.org/>.

MARCH 25: 12th Annual Autism Symposium from 8 AM - 4:30 PM. Li Ka Shing Conference Center (2nd Floor), 291 Campus D, Stanford. Free Parking - Parking Structure 5. FEE: \$100 includes continental breakfast, lunch and breakout session of your choice.

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. 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 2: At the JCC: TedxPaloAlto from 10:00 AM -2:30 PM. FEE: \$99 register at <http://www.tedxpalto.com/>

APRIL 2: At the JCC: Community Passover Celebration from 4- 6 PM. FREE. Celebrate the Passover journey with your family and friends. Free activities for children and families will teach you more about the Passover story.

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

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/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

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

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. 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.