

MIDTOWN NEWS – March 31, 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.

APRIL **PREPAREDNESS 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:

- Choose several destinations in different directions and know the evacuation routes to get there.
- Plan places where your family will meet within & outside of your immediate neighborhood. Use the Family Emergency Communication Plan to select 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.

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>

CITY COUNCIL

- 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 released on 3/30/2017
- April 8: Sp. City Council Retreat Agenda. This packet will be released on 3/30/2017
- April 10: Council cancellation
- April 11: Start approx 6:30PM after closed session. Topics: Zoning changes for parking garage downtown & Downtown parking study update. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56807>

APRIL 4: **Finance Committee** at 7 PM First floor meeting room city hall. Topics: city's refuse & water rates. 2018 Wastewater Collection Financial Plan. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56686>

APRIL 5: Sp. **Rail Committee** Meeting, 8 AM, first floor meeting room city hall.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56804>

APRIL 5: **Utilities Advisory** Committee, at 7 PM in council chambers. Topics: financial plans & proposed rate adjustments for electric and gas; and implementation of the Sustainability/Climate Action Plan. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56799>

APRIL 6: **Architectural Review Board**, 8:30 AM Council chambers. Projects: 901 High, 400 Channing, 2555 Park Blvd, 3877 El Camino, 744-748 San Antonio. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56467>

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.

MAY 23: Development Services Department hosts training "Zero Net Energy for Design Professionals" at Mitchell Park Library from 9-noon. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/l95aspd>

3) LOCAL EVENTS

Celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 23-29!

Stanford for you: Too many events to list. See all at <http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=a8e6569da943904e9ac369cde&id=d2c5e38c0a&e=1164130f95>

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>.

See Avenidas site for Reflexology, Reiki, Massage, Acupuncture, Rosen method body work, meditation, walking, cycling, borrowing durable medical equipment, foot & nail care, and much more.

- Fridays through April 14: AARP Tax Assistance and Electronic Filing FREE by appointment
- April 7: Wine Appreciation at 3PM FEE: \$12/15
- Wednesdays start April 10: "Musical Moments" FEE: \$60 member
- April 14: "Goal Setting for Seniors" at 9:30 AM FEE: \$20
- April 17: "Medication Management Tips: What Helps and Why" at 2PM FREE
- Tuesdays start April 25: "Myself Out Loud: Writing Your Oral Memoir" at 3:30 PM. FEE: \$100 member

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

- Thursday evenings: Women's Support Group at 6:30 PM. Contact Annette Glass at annetteglassmfti@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
- Quilting for a Cause: Looking for more sewers for pillows for cancer patients! Contact Dorothy for more info or if you have a machine or material to contribute at tutorjust4you@gmail.com.

APRIL 1: "**Graywater Reuse: Laundry to Landscape**" at 9:30 AM at Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room. FREE. Register at http://bawsca.org/classes_2.php?id_evnt=83

APRIL 2: "**Steam lab Sunday**" at the Mitchell Park Library - make balloon-powered cars and compete to see whose car goes the fastest from 2:30 -3:30 PM. School Age Gr K-5.

APRIL 2: PAHA (Palo Alto Historical Association) presents "**Tales of Crime in Palo Alto**" with Scott Herhold and others at 2PM at the Art Center. FREE with refreshments

APRIL 3: "**What does it mean to be Muslim?** The basics." NOTE NEW LOCATION. Supervisor Joe Simitian from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Lucie Stern Theater. Please RSVP at www.commonwealthclub.org/sv or call 408-299-5050.

APRIL 4: Avenidas presents SRI International's **Studio on Aging** with Edgar Kalns, Ph.D at 2:30PM. FREE

APRIL 9: "**Youth job expo**". ThinkFund and the PA Youth Council are looking for organizations and participants to attend the Youth Job Expo. If interested please contact Jose.PerezSanchez@cityofpaloalto.org. Held at Mitchell Park Community Center from 2 - 4:30 PM. FREE. Register for workshops at www.tinyurl.com/PAYCjobexpo

APRIL 9: Gamble Garden "**Easter Egg Hunt**." Go to www.gamblegarden.org. Three times: 9:30 AM, 11 AM or 12:30 PM. Register at www.gamblegarden.org/evebt/annual-easteregg-hunt/

APRIL 9: At the JCC: David Goldberg: "**A Family History Art Exhibition & Reception**", 5:30 - 7PM. FREE. In the early 20th century, a vast number of Jews fled the repression of the Russian pale to come to America. David uses historical family documents and his own photographic images to reflect on the immigration of his family, a community and their assimilation into American life. As much poetry as documentary, and using techniques such as double exposures in the camera and painting on the image, Goldberg examines history through the prism of contemporary art.

APRIL 18: At the JCC: Movie 'Screenagers', 6:30-9: PM. FEE: \$10, Free- kids under 18. "**SCREENAGERS**" probes the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and Internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world, as well as help families minimize harmful effects and find balance. The film will be followed by a discussion panel composed of both adults and students.

APRIL 23: **TEDX Stanford**: <https://tedx.stanford.edu/>. Watch/attend

APRIL 29: "**Maintaining Native Gardens**" at 9:30 AM at Mitchell Park Community Center. FREE. Register at http://bawsca.org/classes_2.php?id_evnt=90

MAY 6: **Annual May Fete** at Heritage Park. The fair will include children's activities, great food, and picnicking for families. The Museum of American Heritage will be hosting their Annual Vintage Vehicle and Family Festival.

MAY 6: **Mitchell Park Run** at 8 AM. Proceeds to Freedom House, an organization that helps victims of human trafficking in the Bay Area. FEE: \$35. After April 22 \$45. Register www.tinyurl.com/zd6qrqj

JUNE 3: **Bay Choral Guild** at All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley at 8 PM. See <http://baychoralguild.org/>

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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.tedxpaltoalto.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: At the JCC: "Jewish Plays Project" from 7:30-9:00 PM. FEE: \$15, \$12 Mem & J-pass, \$8 Students.

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 22; Earth Day & Great Race for Saving Water, 9 AM -3 PM at the Baylands Athletic Center. The Earth Day Festival is FREE, with fee for 5K fun run and walk. https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTYxNzE

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: "Fear of a Faith: Sharia. Surveillance. Terrorism. the Muslim Ban. What's real, and what's not?" Moderator: Supervisor Joe Simitian from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Rinconada Library. RSVP at www.commonwealthclub.org/sv or call 408-299-5050.

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.

MAY 16: Tall Tree Awards: from 5:30 PM (reception) 7 -9 PM dinner & awards. Register Online at www.PaloAltoChamber.com

MAY 22: "Women and Islam." 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.

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.