

MIDTOWN NEWS – April 21, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

LAST CALL - APRIL 29: Become a **Block Preparedness Coordinator** and help your block be resilient in the face of a disaster. Training Sat, April 29 from 1-3:45PM at Mitchell Park Community Center, Matadero Room.

- Is one of your 2017 Resolutions to engage in a "Random Act of Kindness"?
- Are you a "social" person and enjoy being neighborly?
- Do you want to help create a sense of community in Palo Alto?

If you answered yes to any of these then this program is for you! Sign up by sending email to epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org

AAA has a cute quiz on **getting ready**. To play and increase your awareness, click on <http://tinyurl.com/mgvkwy5>

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

New Construction **Dewatering** Regulations to Take Effect May 4, 2017.

See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57259>.

Worksheet: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/51366>.

Forms & Permits at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pwd/forms_and_permits.asp

CITY COUNCIL

April 27: Special Meeting at 6PM to interview candidates for Boards & Commissions in first floor meeting room, city hall. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57024>

May 1: Start 5PM. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57281>. Topics: Pre-screening 3200 El Camino. Discussion of Comp Plan Transportation & Land Use Elements.

APRIL 25: **Policy & Services** at 7 PM in first floor meeting room, city hall. Agenda: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57017>. Topics: recent audits from Office of the City Auditor a on monitoring of payments & green purchasing practices.

APRIL 25: **Human Relations Commission** at 7PM in Downtown Library. See: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57256>. Topics: Funding for fiscal years for Human Services Resource Allocation and a proposed new multi-faith community event

APRIL 25: **Parks & Rec** Commission at 7 PM in the council chambers. Topics: Solar panel project at the Golf Course parking lot; city's field use and tennis court policy; plan for its May 22 joint meeting with the council. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57301>

APRIL 26: Special City **Council Rail Meeting** at 8am in first floor meeting room, city hall. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57276>

APRIL 26: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 6 PM in council chambers. Topic: new Residential Preferential Parking program in the Southgate. See: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57295>

APRIL 27: **Historic Resources Board** at 8:30 AM Council Chambers. Topic: Mills Act Policy state's policy for encouraging restoration of historic structures. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57283>

APRIL 27: **Library Advisory Commission** at 7 PM in the first floor meeting room, city hall. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57296>. Topics. presentations on the library collection & loan periods and election of vice chair.

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

3) LOCAL EVENTS

NEW publication: **Climate Action News**...to let residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties know that there's a whole lot more climate-related good things happening...personally, locally, regionally, statewide and nationally...and to describe actions that readers can take now. Read SV Climate Action News: <http://www.350siliconvalley.org/newsletters>

NEW newsletter launched! "**Palo Alto Matters**" edited by Jennifer Chang Hetterly - "Created by Palo Alto residents, for Palo Alto residents". Subscribe to receive future issues and notification of our upcoming website launch by sending an email to editor-at-paloaltomatters-dot-org. Palo Alto Matters is founded on the belief that communities thrive when neighbors are at the table in public decision making. We live here, we play here. We walk, bike, shop, drive and work here. We build our families and retire here. What happens in the City of Palo Alto happens to us.

Call for Nominations: **Kiwanis Angel Award** for those individuals who have had a significant and positive impact on children and youth in Palo Alto and the Mid-Peninsula. The Kiwanis Angel Award information sheet and nomination form at <http://tinyurl.com/kdn2rj7>. Submissions due by June 2, 2017.

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>.

- 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
- 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.

Talking with Henrietta - "**A Place for Art and Artists**" - Currently, many well-paying jobs go to those who have degrees or advanced knowledge in science, technology, engineering and math. But where is the place for art? On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, the show's two guests discuss why art is just as important in our modern world today as technology. See this show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 on Sundays@5 pm, Tuesdays@8 pm, Wednesdays@6 p.m., Thursdays@8 pm and Fridays@3:00 am & 12 pm and Saturdays at 10 am. Get more information about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#thearts>

THIS WEEKEND at the **Earth Day festival** "Great Race for Saving Water": EVs will be available for test driving: BMW i3, Chevy Bolt, Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf, Kia Soul, Tesla, and Fiat 500e. In conjunction with the City of Palo Alto's Earth Day Festival and Great Race for Saving Water. It's at Geng Road and Embarcadero, 10 - 1.

APRIL 21-23; "**Music Man**" at Gunn High School. Tickets at www.gunntheatre.org, or at the door (until they sell out!). FEE: April 20-22 @7:30, \$10.00 Students/\$15.00 General. Matinees: April 22 & 23 @2 pm all tix \$5 (Perfect for families!)

APRIL 23: Swing by Mitchell Park between 2-4 PM for the **Spring Arts Festival**: sponsored by the City. Festivities include: live DJ, henna tattoos, scavenger hunt & artwork from community members.

APRIL 26: Stanford Live at the Bing: **Alisa Weilerstein & Inon Barnatan** at 7:30PM. www.live.stanford.edu or call 724.2464

APRIL 28: Fourth Friday/Films of Vision and Hope "**Seed: The Untold Story**" film and discussion. From 7:30 - 9:30PM, Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E Charleston. Few things on Earth are as miraculous and vital as seeds. Worshiped and treasured since the dawn of humankind. SEED: The Untold Story follows passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000 year-old food legacy. In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds.

MAY 4: At the JCC: An **Evening with Wendy Sachs**: Author of "Fearless and Free" from 7:30-9:00 PM. FEE: \$25 Ticket/book: \$15 ticket only, \$12 Mem/J-Pass. In "Fearless and Free: How Smart Women Pivot - and Relaunch Their Careers," Wendy Sachs empowers women to lean into their strengths, grow their confidence, create opportunities, take risks, learn from failure, present themselves boldly and, yes, pivot.

MAY 6: Annual **May Day Parade** from 10 AM along University Ave. Details at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete>

MAY 7: At the JCC: "**Silicon Valley Italian Festival**" from 10 Am - 7:30 PM. FREE except cooking class. Dive into Italian fashion and food with cooking classes, speakers, storytelling for kids and more. Stroll through the Italian market and get the feeling of browsing the small shops of an Italian town. Peruse handicrafts, including handmade jewelry, the latest Italian fashions, the trendiest accessories and more. Discover or rediscover the authentic flavors of Italian cuisine and enjoy the flavors and scents of Italy at the following cooking classes: Homemade Cheese and Sweets (for ages 6-12); The Secrets of Sardinia; Sicilia in Tavola; and Handmade Pasta. A fashion show and Italian appetizers will end the day.

JUNE 3: **City Wide Yard Sale**: Help the environment by cleaning out your closets (and garage, etc.), and making a little cash. Reusing – whether you donate, buy, or sell – is one of the best ways to reduce waste and keep usable stuff out of the landfill. Sign up to hold a yard sale and join the fun. Register online at www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale or call 496-5910. Registration deadline is May 5, 2017. Your address and sale merchandise will be included in a full-page map listing all participating sales. The map will be printed in the June 2, 2017 edition of the Palo Alto Weekly, Sale from 8AM to 2PM

JUNE 3: 3rd Annual **Self-guided Home Tour** from 10 AM - 4 PM. See homes that feature cutting-edge designs and imaginative uses of materials and are sensitive to surrounding neighbors. For more: www.aiascv.org/hometours.

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APRIL 21/22: Menlo Park Sidewalk Fine Art Festival (Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5) Santa Cruz Ave, 90 Artists.

APRIL 21/22: Avenidas: Baubles & Beads Benefit: Apr 21, 4:30-7:30, you'll enjoy cocktails and live music! Sat, Apr 22, from 10:30 to 4, you can indulge in pastries and other treats as you shop.

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 22: "Company of Authors" at Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa from 1-5PM. For details see www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu

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

APRIL 23: At the JCC: "Spring Into Summer J-Camp Open House" from 11:00-3:00. FREE. Fun-filled day where they will get a glimpse into the exciting activities they can experience at J-Camp at the OFJCC!

APRIL 24: Jean and Bill Lane Lecture series with Jennifer Eagan at 8PM at Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education, 485 Lasuen Mall. Stanford. See <http://creativewriting.stanford.edu>

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 27: USGS Monthly lecture "Potential Corrosivity of Untreated Groundwater in the United States" at 7PM at USGS Hdq, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park

APRIL 27: YCS "Cultivating Courage and Resistance" with Steve Young at the JCC from 11AM - 1PM. FEE: \$100 start. See <https://YCSluncheon2017.eventbrite>

APRIL 28: At the JCC: "Multicultural Shabbat Dinner" from 6-8:30 PM. FEE: \$10, Kids \$5, free 2yo and under.

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.

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

APRIL 29: "Growing Great Tomatoes" from 2-4 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2nArqNW> at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. FEE: Early \$25, at door \$35

APRIL 29: Opportunity Center 10th Anniversary from 11 AM - 2 PM 33 Encina Way. See <https://communityworkinggroup.org/>

MAY 2: At the JCC: "Community Celebration for Israel's Independence Day" from 3:30 - 7:00 PM. FREE. Experience a taste of Israel right here in Palo Alto

MAY 3: At the JCC: "An Evening with Author Yaa Gyasi" from 7-9 PM. FEE: \$15, \$12 mem & J-Pass.

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/zd6grqj

MAY 6/7 and again May 13/14: Rochelle Ford, metal sculptor, open studio and sale from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - 1155 Waverley St.

MAY 9: "Fear of a Faith: Sharia. Surveillance. Terrorism. the Muslim Ban. What's real, and what's not?" With 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 13: Canopy Tree walk in Southgate Neighborhood. More information about the tree walk is available at canopy.org from 10-noon. Meet near Palo Alto High School Parking Lot at Churchill & Castilleja.

MAY 13: "Homesteading 101: Adding Edibles to Your Garden." 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Register online at: <http://bit.ly/2mBf0n7/> at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. FEE: Early \$25, at door \$35

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.

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

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.

JULY 10- AUG 4: Stanford Course on Biomedical Research for High School students from 9-12 daily. For more, go to www.explore.stanford.edu

SEPTEMBER 3: Canary Challenge bike race for early detection of cancer. Register at www.canarychallenge.org

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