

## MIDTOWN NEWS – April 28, 2017

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

FINAL 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](mailto:epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org)

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

Didn't make it to meeting on **Eichler Neighborhoods Design Guidelines**? Now watch the video via Midpen Media Center website at [www.tinyurl.com/movzpgn](http://www.tinyurl.com/movzpgn).

#### CITY COUNCIL

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.

May 8: Start approximately 6PM after closed session. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57453>. Topics: ADU second reading, Pre-screening 689-693 Arasterdero, Local business tax, increased programming for youth

MAY 2: **Finance Committee** at 6 PM in Council Chambers. Topics: city manager's proposed budget, proposed budgets for the offices of the four council-approved officers, the Human Resources Department and the Administrative Services Department. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57238>

MAY 3: Community Meeting on **Baylands Boardwalk**, 6:30 - 8 PM, Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center, 2775 Embarcadero Road.

MAY 3: **PAUSD** at 7 PM at district office - 25 Churchill. Study Session on potential cuts for the 2017-18 budget.

MAY 3: **Utilities Advisory Commission** at noon in council chambers. Topics: Operating & capital budgets for the Utilities Department, a recommendation not to adopt an energy storage system target; Smart Grid Assessment, development of Utility Technology Road Map and Implementation Plan; the 2017 Utilities Strategic Plan; and upcoming joint meeting with City Council.  
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57460>

MAY 4: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics: pedestrian and bike bridge over Highway 101. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57471>

MAY 4: **PAUSD Review Committee** 8:30 AM in district office, 25 Churchill. Room A.

MAY 4: **Finance Committee** at 7 PM in council chambers. Topics: Proposed budgets for the Information Technology, Library, Development Services and Public Works departments.  
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57461>

MAY 9: **Policy & Services**: Canceled

MAY 9: Finance Committee at 6PM Continuation of May 4 hearing on budgets.  
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57461>

MAY 10: **Planning & Transportation Commission**. Topic: Capital Improvement Plan & Comprehensive Plan Compliance

MAY 16: **Finance Committee**: Canceled

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>

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### 3) LOCAL EVENTS

Palo Alto Weekly **Vote on Your Favorite** by May 29th at  
[https://www.paloaltoonline.com/best\\_of/voting/form.php](https://www.paloaltoonline.com/best_of/voting/form.php)

**VOLUNTEER drivers needed** for Avenidas to help keep older adults mobile, healthy and engaged. Volunteers are needed to take people to medical appointments, for social engagements, to go shopping, and on other short trips within 12 miles of Palo Alto. Please contact Jyllian Halliburton at 289-5412 or [jhalliburton@avenidas.org](mailto:jhalliburton@avenidas.org) if you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver! Volunteers use their own cars, can receive mileage reimbursement.

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](mailto: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/>. 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>.

- Once-a-week options for an early morning fitness classes. 2-day per week option available at \$7/\$9 per classes in the series. Register early online on our [fitness class page](#) , or call 289-5400, or in person at the front desk.
- May 5: Wine Appreciation at 3PM. Bring your own glass. FEE: \$12/\$15
- May 9: What You Need to Know About Long Term Care Planning - Options, Costs, Asset Protection, Medi-Cal at 2:30 PM. FREE
- May 11: POLES for Hiking and Outdoor Exercise from 9 AM -1 PM. FEE: \$39
- May 15: Medicare Fraud: Protect Your Benefits and Identity at 2PM. FREE
- May 17: Hoarding and Collecting: "The Stuff" beneath the Stuff at 3PM. FEE: \$10
- May 25: iPhone Basics Workshop at 2:30 PM. FREE
- June 9: "Making the Most of Your Long Term Care Insurance Policy." FREE at 11AM. Pre-reg is required.
- By appt: One-to-One Technology Tutoring FEE: \$5/\$10
- Thurs Movies at 1:30PM. FEE: 0/\$2. May 4: Jackie, 5/11 People Like us, 5/18 Denial, 5/25 Masterminds

**Deborah's Palm Events**: See all events at [www.deborahspalm.org](http://www.deborahspalm.org). Call: 473-0664.

- Thursday evenings: Women's Support Group at 6:30 PM. Contact Annette Glass at [annetteglassmfti@gmail.com](mailto:annetteglassmfti@gmail.com)
- May 3: Phone Screen Interview Prep Workshop from 10-2.
- May 12: Poetry Lover's Group from 1-3 PM and Second Friday of Each Month.
- May 20, 9-12:30 PM The Assertive Woman I.
- June 10, 9-12:30 PM The Assertive Woman II.
- Fridays: Knitting Group at 10 AM; Walking Group at 10 AM
- First & Third Fridays Monthly at Noon: Life Lessons, covering the topic of forgiveness.

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>

APRIL 28-October 8: **Eichler Exhibit** at Los Altos History Museum, 51 S San Antonio Rd. Opening reception May 5 with music 5-7:30 PM. On May 17, 7 PM, Steven Eichler will moderate the program, "I Love Eichlers! A Conversation with Eichler Devotees," at the Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Rd.

APRIL 29: **Spring Chickens**, primer on keeping and raising healthy chickens in your own backyard, 2 PM.at Mitchell Park Community Center. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/km54dq5>

APRIL 29: Friday night movie at Mitchell Park Library - **Moana** from 4- 6 PM.

APRIL 29: **FABMO special sale** 9 AM - 3PM, 970 Terra Bella Ave., Suite 8. Bolt fabric bonanza as well as a great source for carpet samples.

MAY 4: Stanford Continuing Studies: **Law, Order & Algorithms: Criminal Justice in the Age of Big Data**, at 7:30 PM. To see location visit [www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu//IRiSS](http://www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu//IRiSS)

MAY 5-7 **Smuin** at Mt View Ctr for Performing Arts. Fri 8 PM, Sat 2 PM & 8 PM, Sun 2 PM.

MAY 6-7: **MT View A La Carte and Art** from 10 AM to 6 PM on Castro Street

MAY 7: At the Art Center: Orchard Valley **Ceramic Arts Guild Clay Carnival** from 8:30 AM -4:30 PM. Register & More at <http://www.ovcag.org/cgi-bin/DJcalendar.cgi?T=workshop-detail.html&EVENTNO=00148>

MAY 7: **Blossom Birth & Family Fair** from 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Mitchell Park Community Center. FREE. Keynote speaker, Dr. Amy Saltzman, 10:30 AM. "Mindfulness, Birth, and Parenting: Finding Grace Amidst the Chaos".

MAY 10: At the JCC: **Advances in Autism Research and Treatment** from 7:30–9:00 PM. Experts discuss the latest science and approaches in autism treatment. FREE. RSVP by May 4 to Hadas Weissberg | [hweissberg@paloaltojcc.org](mailto:hweissberg@paloaltojcc.org)

MAY 21: **Avenidas Lifetime of Achievement Award** from 3- 5PM. Call Avenidas 289-5445 for tickets and location. Honoring: Ruth & George Chippendale, Dexter Dawes, Marion Mandell, Judy Sleeth, Carol & Terry Winograd.

MAY 24: Passive House California Presents a **HPWH Workshop/Training for Professionals**. More and to register, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heat-pump-water-heater-workshop-palo-alto-tickets-32521447525>. Event at Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Rm from 3- 6 PM. FEE: \$10.

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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.

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](http://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](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 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

MAY 6: Annual May Fete at Heritage Park. Children's activities, great food, & picnicking. Museum of American Heritage will host their Annual Vintage Vehicle and Family Festival. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete)

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](http://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 7: At the JCC: "Silicon Valley Italian Festival" from 10 Am - 7:30 PM. FREE except cooking class.

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](http://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](http://www.silvar.org) for an application.

MAY 13: Canopy Tree walk in Southgate Neighborhood. More information about the tree walk is available at [www.canopy.org](http://www.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](http://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](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/sv) or call 408-299-5050.

JUNE 3: City Wide Yard Sale 8-2: Register at [www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale) or call 496-5910. Registration deadline is May 5, 2017. Your address and sale merchandise will be included in the June 2 edition of the Weekly.

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](http://www.aiascv.org/hometours).

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](mailto: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](http://www.explore.stanford.edu)

SEPTEMBER 3: Canary Challenge bike race for early detection of cancer. Register at [www.canarychallenge.org](http://www.canarychallenge.org)

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