

MIDTOWN NEWS – May 5, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

May 25: Confused about ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units"? Attend Community meeting on May 25th at Mitchell Park Community Center at 7PM. "[Clearing Up the ADU Confusion](#)." Sponsored by PAN (Palo Alto Neighborhoods) in cooperation with the City of Palo Alto. Learn the jargon, setbacks, floor area bonuses, parking, types of ADUs, process to create an ADU, areas of concern, special district considerations for Eichler neighborhoods and properties in flood plain and more.

May 30: **Town Hall** from 7 - 9 PM at Mitchell Park Community Center. The City Council has adopted an initiative to strengthen city engagement with neighborhoods through a series of neighborhood town hall meetings -a moderated discussion between community members, council members & city staff. Talk about issues of specific concern to Midtown & South Palo Alto Flyer at <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobload.aspx?BlobID=57716>.

"**Know Your Neighbors**" Grant Program now accepting application: Program designed to help neighbors better connect with each other while strengthening community and improving the quality of life and neighborhoods in Palo Alto. The goals of the program include: Help build a sense of community, Develop or renew neighborhood relationships, Encourage interaction between generations and cultures, Increase governance & organizational leadership of neighborhood associations. More at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/mgr/neighborhoodgrant/default.asp>

MAY 9: RESTORATION STARTS ON **CAL AVE Underpass Mural** May 9 at noon; you're invited to stop by and ask muralist Morgan Bricca questions about her techniques, process and materials as she works to enhance the California Ave bike and pedestrian underpass.

Photo Contest Participate in the City of Palo Alto photo contest. Upload your photos showcasing the great things that Palo Alto has to offer and win prizes! Contest to celebrate the community parks, open space, special events, public art, theaters, and museums. Submit your favorite photo by August 31st. See <https://enjoypaloaltophotocontest.wishpond.com/home/>

Looking for your next **great adventure**? We've got you covered! The new Ultimate POST Lands Adventure Guide is full of action-packed fun <http://tinyurl.com/kvz8peb>

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

MAY 20: Community meeting - **Connecting Palo Alto - Rail Program Workshop on grade crossings** from 10-2 at Mitchell Park CC. See www.cityofpaloalto.org/connectingpaloalto

REROUTE OF VTA Line 35 due to construction: from 8 - 4, May 1 - June 9, 2017.

LINE 35 NORTHBOUND: From Homer, buses will continue on Homer, turn right on Alma, right on to University to regular route.

LINE 35 SOUTHBOUND: From High, buses will turn left on Channing to regular route.

Caltrans will begin the final stage of the **San Francisquito Creek bridge widening projects** on Friday, May 5 starting at 5 AM. This phase includes construction that will completely close West Bayshore Road in both directions between Woodland Avenue and Channing Road until sometime in December 2017. For more, contact: Fernando Abela 573-3853 or see <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects/sanfrancisquito/>

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.

CITY COUNCIL

May 8: Start approx 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 community services

May 15: Start 5PM. Action items: Comp Plan update - Elements Natural Environment, Safety, & Business and Economics. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57738>

MAY 9: **Policy & Services**: Cancellation

MAY 9: **Finance Committee** at 6 PM Continuation of May 4 hearing on 2018 budgets. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57461>

Fiscal Year 2018: [Proposed Operating Budget](#) | [Proposed Capital Budget](#)

MAY 9: **PAUSD** at 6:30 PM at district office 25 Churchill. Topics: New elementary math curriculum, civil-rights complaint, plan to rename 2 middle schools, layoff resolution, transferring of \$2.2 million from the Paly performing arts center project to the school's reserve and long-term weighted grade point average (GPA) reporting practices.

MAY 10: **Planning &Transportation Commission** at 6 PM in council chambers. Topic: Capital Improvement Plan & Comprehensive Plan Compliance. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57708>

MAY 11: **Human Relations Commission** at 7 PM in first floor meeting room city hall. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57753>

MAY 16: **Finance Committee**: Cancellation

MAY 18: **City/PAUSD Liaison** meeting

MAY 18: **Public Art Commission**: 7 PM in first floor meeting room city hall.

MAY 18: **Finance Committee** meeting at 2PM in council chambers continued from May 9th: Budget Hearing. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57739>

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

Weekly **Vote on Your Favorite** https://www.paloaltoonline.com/best_of/voting/form.php by May 29th

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, 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. 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 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, Medical 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. Call: 473-0664.

- Thursday evenings: Women's Support Group at 6:30 PM. Contact Annette Glass at annetteglassmfti@gmail.com
- 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: "**President Trump's Impact on Immigrant Children**" - Pres. Trump is making dramatic changes to some of U.S. government's policies. But what impact are his policies having on the children of immigrants. Henrietta and her guests discuss the impact of his policies on this edition of Talking with Henrietta. See this eye-opening discussion 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. More about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#immigrantchildren>

A video of the **interview with Secretary Shultz** can be viewed on Acterra website at <https://www.acterra.org/lectures> as he discussed his time in office and carbon tax.

MAY 5: Deadline to **list your garage sale** for city wide event in June. Register at www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale or call 496-5910

MAY 6: Don't miss the FREE **comic book day** at the Mitchell Park Library. Drop by 10:00-6:00 and pick up your FREE comic. One per child/teen and limited quantities will be available. First come, first service.

MAY 6/7 and May 13/14: **Silicon Valley Open Studio**. Visit the artists. Detail on artists and locations at www.svos.org

MAY 7: **Maker Sunday: laser** at Mitchell Park Library. Interactive program for teens featuring different maker related projects. The feature is a laser cutter presented by MakeX. From 4:30-5:30 PM

MAY 7: **Klezmer Workshop & Jam Session** from 2 - 5 PM, at a private home in Midtown! Hosted by KlezCalifornia, and led by internationally-renowned klezmer violinist Cookie Segelstein (cookiesegelstein.com).

For musicians all ages, with at least intermediate level on your instrument. All instruments welcome, Klezmer experience is not required. Registration \$25 sliding scale for participants. Refreshments included. Listeners are welcome. To get the address please email jams@klezcalifornia.org and also let us know what instrument you play. More info: 415.789.7679, www.klezcalifornia.org/jams.

MAY 11: **Ethics in Fiction**: Conversation with George Saunders, Cubberley Auditorium Stanford from 7-8:30 PM. Limited free tickets at ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

MAY 11: **SF Stories: Race and Identify in Spanish California** at Stanford in Building 200 (history Corner) Room 002 at 7:30PM. See: www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu. FREE

MAY 11: Acterra Sponsors "**Flying the Climate Friendly Skies**" at 7:30-PM at Microsoft, 1065 La Avenida, Mt View. Register and details at <http://tinyurl.com/l75yjmk>

MAY 11-13: **FABMO Selection Event**, 970 Terra Bella, Mt View. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/mpz22yp>

MAY 12: Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for former **Naval Air Station** (NAS) Moffett Field at 7PM at Mt View Senior Center Social Hall, 266 Escuela Avenue, Mtn View. <http://tinyurl.com/ke8w8vr>

MAY 13: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage **Spring Walking Tours**. FREE all start at 10 AM. May 13th - Homer Avenue (Led by Steve Emslie. Meet at 475 Homer Ave); May 20th - Professorville (Led by Gail Woolley. Meet at 1005 Bryant St); May 21st - Sunday - Professorville (Led by Kris Zavoli. Meet at 1005 Bryant St); May 27th - College Terrace (Led by Carolyn George. Meet at 1181 College Ave)

MAY 16: At the JCC: "**From Old World to Our World**" noon-1:30 PM. FEE: \$20 or 2 punches Community Tuesday Punch Card. The Vinifera Trio presents "From Old World to Our World," a concert of classical, contemporary and jazzy music following the path of historic Hebrew themes and modern Jewish composers. The program will feature music inspired by Jewish folksongs. A hot buffet lunch is included.

MAY 18: **Café Scientifique Silicon Valley**: Ripudaman Malhotra, SRI, will discuss how to replace cubic miles of oil to provide energy for the 21st century. Hana Haus 456 University, 5 PM. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/knnr2n9>

MAY 18: At the JCC: An Evening with Cookie Johnson: '**Believing in Magic**' 7:30-9:00 PM. FEE: \$15, \$8 Students, \$12 Members & J-Pass. In her new memoir, "Believing in Magic: My Story of Love, Overcoming Adversity, and Keeping the Faith," the wife of NBA legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson shares details of her marriage, motherhood, faith and how an HIV diagnosis 25 years ago changed the course of their lives.

MAY 20: Health Matters Day at Stanford 9-2. Hear from Stanford Medicine's world-renowned physicians and health care experts on the latest medical innovations and get tips on healthy living. Topics include: sleep, immunotherapy, vision, heart health, mindfulness, drug addiction, weight control, and more. Register online today at www.healthmatters.stanford.edu. FREE

MAY 20: Midpen Media Center is holding a **public reception and screening** to honor the winners of its 11th annual **Local Hero Awards** from 7-9 PM at the Media Center. RSVPs to Louise at louise@midpenmedia.org or 494-8686 ext 36. Short preview at <http://tinyurl.com/n6rt334>. Honorees include Chris Bischof, Margo McAuliffe, Nora Razon, Margaret Petros, Marlayna Tuiasosopo and Susan Lutter.

MAY 21: **Repair Café**: Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer, from 11-3. Bring your broken stuff and team up with our repair volunteers to get it working again. Don't toss it in our landfill. Don't go shopping. Repair it, re-use it!

MAY 25: USGS Monthly Lecture at 7PM, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. "**Underwater Secrets of the Hayward Fault Zone**: Integrated 3D imaging to understand earthquake hazards"

JUNE 10: **Canopy Tree walk** - Rinconada Library and Art Center at 10 AM

JUNE 17: **Summer Fruit Tree Thinning and Pruning for Quality** from 2 -4 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2jNEG2Z> at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Rd. FEE: 0/\$30. www.commongroundgarden.org

JUNE 24:"**Organic Gardening 101**" from 2-4 PM. Register online at: <http://bit.ly/2jG1o9c>. Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. FEE: 0/\$20. www.commongroundgarden.org

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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

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

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 6-7: Mt View A La Cart 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 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, & what's not?" with Supervisor Simitian from 7:00 – 8:30 P, Rinconada Library. RSVP at www.commonwealthclub.org/sv or 408-299-5050.

MAY 9-10: Seniors & 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 10: At the JCC: Advances in Autism Research/Treatment, 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

MAY 13: Canopy Tree walk in Southgate Neighborhood. More information about the tree walk is available at 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

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 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.

MAY 24: Passive House California "HPWH Workshop/Training." Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heat-pump-water-heater-workshop-palo-alto-tickets-32521447525>. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3- 6 PM. FEE: \$10.

JUNE 3: City Wide Yard Sale 8-2: Register at 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.

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: www.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 Jul 8 - Junior Museum and Zoo;