

MIDTOWN NEWS – May 19, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

There is a **fireworks show** at the conclusion of tonight's Stanford Baseball game (likely between 9 and 10 PM TONIGHT. There's no need to call 9-1-1...dispatch thanks you in advance.

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 plane and more.

CANCELLED May 30: **Town Hall** from 7 - 9 PM at Michell Park Community Center.

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

Caltrain will be taking feedback at train stations from May 23rd to June 14 on **fare increases**, check <http://tinyurl.com/lk57qa6> for the date when they'll be taking feedback at the stations you use. You can take a Caltrain survey about the fare increases at <http://tinyurl.com/n7wzol2>. **Send your feedback in writing to Caltrain at changes@caltrain.com**, and to the board at board@caltrain.com. Proposed fare changes being considered are: Increasing Go-Pass fares by 50 percent; Pricing monthly passes at the equivalent of 15 days per month, rather than 13 per days per month; Eliminating the discounted 8-Ride ticket; Pricing monthly parking fees at the equivalent of 15 days/month, rather than 10 days per month; Increasing the Zone fare by \$0.25; Implementing a pilot program to provide discounts for weekend and evening riders. Staff report at <http://tinyurl.com/lqq7pww>

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

CITY COUNCIL

May 20: See above Rail Program Community Workshop at 10 AM at Mitchell Park Community Center

May 22: Start 5 PM with Study session with Palo Alto Youth Council. Study session Parks & Rec. Action: Parks & Rec Open Space Master Plan. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57795> and Comp Plan Business & Economic Development element. Staff report at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57709>

MAY 23: **Policy and Services Committee** at 6 PM first floor meeting room, city hall. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57895>. Topics: Airplane Noise, Fiber to Premises, Marijuana

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>

MAY 23: **Parks and Recreation** Commission at 7 PM in the Downtown library to review the mitigated negative impact declaration for the Parks, Trails, Natural Open Space and Recreation Master Plan and an amendment with Team Sheeper Aquatics pertaining to management of the city's aquatics program. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57914>

MAY 23: **PAUSD** at 6:30 PM at district headquarters, 25 Churchill. Topics: legal services contracts, renaming Jordan & Terman schools, K-12 computer science committee, district policies on sexual harassment &

discrimination, reorganization of district-level leadership roles and reporting and the high schools' Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Also a recommendation to appoint a new assistant superintendent for strategic initiatives and operations

MAY 24: **Rail Committee Meeting** at 8 AM first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Caltrain electrification; and recap of the community meeting on rail corridor design.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57891>

MAY 25: Sp. **Finance Committee Meeting** CANCELLED

MAY 25: **Historic Resources Board** at 8:30 AM first floor conference room, city hall. Topics: Public Safety Building, 303 Parkside Dr, 640 Waverley. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57909>

JUNE 1: **Architectural Review Board** at 8 AM city council chambers. Projects: 250/350 Sherman, 4115 El Camino, 744/748 San Antonio (hotels), 3265 El Camino, 260 California Ave.

JUNE 6: **CDGB (Community Development Block Grant)** hearing, 7PM, first floor meeting room, city hall.

JUNE 5: Training on Palo Alto's **Current Green Building and Energy Reach Code** Requirements at noon in council chambers.

3) LOCAL EVENTS

Enjoy Catalog **Summer Class Catalogue** to be available this week. See
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/enjoy/default.asp>

ENROLL at **Palo Alto Adult School**: see www.PaloAltoAdultSchool.org or 329-3752.

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/>

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

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 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 20, 9-12:30 PM The Assertive Woman I.
- May 23: Uncover your Calling - 4 weeks at 7PM. For more & to register, contact Marcia: marcia@uncoveryourcalling.com
- 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 - "**The Plight of Refugees Living in Our Communities**" - Many of us are aware of the challenges facing some of the refugees trying to enter the United States? On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, the show's four guests discuss some of the issues facing the refugees who already live in the United States. It's an amazing discussion that you can see 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#plightofrefugees>

MAY 20/21: Los Altos Rotary **Fine Art in the Park** from 10 AM - 5:30 PM at Lincoln Park. Details at www.RotaryArtShow.com

May 20 & June 3: Reading & sale of "**The Little Exile**" authored by local resident Jeanette Arakawa, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road (May 20 - 1 PM; June 3 - 2 PM). The book chronicles the author's World War II her experience as an American girl of Japanese ancestry from a child's perspective. Purchase - Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and even. Described as "An epic story in small, exquisitely remembered vignettes that glow with humor, warmth and wisdom."

MAY 20/21: **Stanford Symphony Orchestra**, Cuba Mexico Tour, at the Bing. Sat -3:30PM; Sun 2:30PM. FEE: \$20, \$15 Seniors/\$10 student. For tickets: 725-2797 or www.tickets.stanford.edu

MAY 21: **BING CHILDREN'S FAIR** from 11 AM - 3 PM. FREE. Family Fun! American and International Foods Games and Activities for Children 2 to 8. Entertainment. Location: Stanford University, 850 Escondido Road

MAY 21: **Palo Alto Philharmonic** at 3 PM at Cubberley. FEE: \$10/\$10/\$5. www.paphil.org

MAY 23: **Cubberley Lecture series** at Stanford with Jacqueline Woodson, children's authoress from 6 - 7:30 PM with reception at 5PM. Location: 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. FREE but tickets required (www.ed.stanford.edu/alumni/cubberley-lecture/2017) or call 725-2787.

MAY 24, May 31, June 3: Featuring **Eichler Homes** at the Los Altos History Museum, 51 So. San Antonio Road from 7 to 8:30. May 24 - Eichler Remodels at 7PM; May 31 -Sustainable Solutions and Materials, June 3 - Eichler Architectural Influences, an iPad workshop.

MAY 25: Lecture on Leadership & Ethics - "**FAR AND AWAY: How Travel Can Change the World**" with Andrew Solomon at 7 PM CEMEX Auditorium, Stanford. Limited free tickets at www.ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

MAY 26: Fourth Friday/Films of Vision and Hope Bio-philic Design: **The Architecture of Life**. Film and discussion from 7:30-9:30 PM, Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston.

MAY 27: Permaculture 102: "**Learning Bird Language to Help Design Your Edible Garden**" at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Rd.from 9- 1 PM. Register at: <http://bit.ly/2pxtt9U>

JUNE 10: Common Ground class "**Brown Gold: Building Better Compost the Bio-intensive Way**" from 2-4 PM. Register online at: <http://bit.ly/2p0i9lk>. Come at 1:30 PM and bring extra produce/plants for our monthly Garden Share, 687 Arastradero Rd.

JUNE 15: **Body, Mind & Spirit** -- Avenidas Living Well Conference at the JCC from 3:30 - 7PM. Hear 3 invigorating presentations & head out to the patio for the chance to mix and mingle over wine and appetizers and enjoy the music of a professional harpist. Tickets are \$30 and are available at <http://tinyurl.com/kh2xgkk> or call 289-5445.

JUNE 17: Common Ground Class: "**Summer Fruit Tree Thinning and Pruning for Quality**" from 2:00- 4:00 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2jNEG2Z>. Location 687 Arastradero Rd

JUNE 17: Annual **Peninsula Modern Home Tour**. Includes: A remodel of a 1954 mid-century classic home by M110 Architecture in Palo Alto; a new modern mansion by Swatt Miers Architects in Los Altos Hills; and homes in San Carlos, Hillsborough and Cupertino. FEE: \$35. Children free under 12. For tickets, <http://bit.ly/modsilicon2017>.

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MAY 20: A Celebration of Premiers and Commissions at First Congregational at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$26, Students Free. www.scholacantorum.org or call 243-1700.

MAY 21: At the Art Center. Make your Own Batik Scarf from 11 AM - 4 PM FEE. See <http://tinyurl.com/k68rt23>

MAY 21: Mozart Requiem at Grace Lutheran, 3149 Waverly, at 3:30 PM. FEE: \$26, \$21 student. See www.sdgloria.org or call 888-sdg-song

MAY 20: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage Spring Walking Tours. FREE all start at 10 AM. Professorville (Led by Gail Woolley. Meet at 1005 Bryant St).

MAY 20: Health Matters Day at Stanford 9-2. Register online today at www.healthmatters.stanford.edu. FREE

MAY 20: Midpen Media Center public reception & screening honoring winners of its annual Local Hero Awards from 7-9 PM at the Media Center. RSVPs to Louise at louise@midpenmedia.org or 494-8686 ext 36 S

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

May 21: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage Spring Walking Tours. FREE all start at 10 AM. Professorville (Led by Kris Zavoli. Meet at 1005 Bryant St);

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: Acterra event Stanford Electric Vehicle Class & Workshop at 4:30 PM, 1070 Arastradero Rd, Rm 202A/B with discussion on leasing & purchasing options. Space is limited, register to reserve a spot!

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.

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"

MAY 25: [Energy & Sustainability Summit](http://tinyurl.com/mvhbj03) : Women in Clean Energy and Sustainability: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities at Oracle Conference Center, Redwood City. Save 25% with event code ESS17A. <http://tinyurl.com/mvhbj03>

MAY 25: At the JCC: [Arts Bravura Benefit Concert](http://tinyurl.com/mvhbj03) featuring Jake Shimabukuro at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$80 Concert, \$180 VI with Dessert Reception.

MAY 27: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage Spring Walking Tours. FREE all start at 10 AM. College Terrace (Led by Carolyn George. Meet at 1181 College Ave)

JUNE 3: City Wide Yard Sale 8-2. Register at www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale or call 496-5910.

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

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

JUNE 14: Innovation & Impact Symposium at Microsoft Mt View. <http://www.innovationandimpact.com/>. FEE: Use code ACTERRA for 10% discount

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 21: At Gamble Gardens: Joan Sanders will teach a class on how to use roses and other foliage to create a fresh arrangement from 9:30-11:30 AM. FEE: \$10 mem, \$35 for nonmem. Register at www.gamblegarden.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

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;