

MIDTOWN NEWS – May 26, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend! Be Safe.

"Clearing Up Confusion About ADUs." If you missed last night's meeting, see www.paneighborhoods.org for links to the presentation, FAQs, and a link to the new ADU guide...and more.

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

High Speed Rail: San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Update: In April 2017, the Authority hosted Community Open House meetings in San Francisco City and County, San Mateo County, and Santa Clara County. Participants learned about the range of alternatives under consideration, received an update on the environmental clearance process and schedule, and provided input on the project alternatives being analyzed in the environmental document. The project alternatives include three main project elements largely within the existing Caltrain right-of-way. Information from the Community Open Houses
http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/sanfran_sanjose.html

Save Palo Alto Ground Water new blog in our website. Palo Alto's new dewatering policy takes effect on May 4, 2017. The stated goal for this new policy is to minimize the discharge of groundwater from construction dewatering; it applies to projects that do not have their building permits as of May 4th. Application forms and information for applicants and contractors are available...view the latest post at
<http://savepaloaltogroundwater.org/palo-altos-new-dewatering-policy-effective-may-4-2017/>

JUNE 9, 13, 15: **Upgrade Downtown:** The plan for Upgrade Downtown is designed to proceed block by block in order to minimize impact on residents, businesses, and transportation. Learn where and when Upgrade Downtown will be in your area. See www.cityofpaloalto.org/upgradedowntown or email upgradedowntown@cityofpaloalto.org. Upgrades include utility pipe line replacements, road repaving, traffic signal enhancements, & a new parking garage. For more and dates of open houses see <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57886>

CITY COUNCIL

June 5: Start at 6 PM. action items: S(CAP) action plan, Sustainability Implementation Plan.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/58011>

MAY 31: **Planning & Transportation** Commission at 6 PM in council chambers. Topics: pedestrian/bicycle overpass at Adobe Creek; downtown garage at 375 Hamilton Ave.; and a conditional use permit to allow the sale of beer, wine and liquor at 260 California Ave.

JUNE 1: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM city council chambers. Projects: 250/350 Sherman, Design for Public Safety Bld, 4115 El Camino, 744/748 San Antonio (hotels), 3265 El Camino, 260 California Ave

JUNE 2: **PAUSD:** At 8 AM at District Offices, 25 Churchill Room 2. Topics: class size, bullying, social media and student use of technology.

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

JUNE 6: **Finance Committee:** Cancelled

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

3) LOCAL EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY **CLOSURE**: Mitchell Park Community Center, Library & Ada's cafe

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.

Stanford Continuing Studies Summer Session: See www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu

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
- June 10, 9-12:30 PM. The Assertive Woman I.
- 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 27: Permaculture 102: "**Using Bird Language to Help Design Your Edible Garden**" at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Rd. From 9 AM - 1 PM. Register at <http://bit.ly/2pxtt0u>

JUNE 1-3 **CODE ART** (it has nothing to do with software) in Downtown Palo Alto. It involves 9 temporary art installations done by Bay Area artists which are all very cool. http://cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/public_art/codeart.asp

JUNE 4: Second annual **Buoyancy Festival**, a free teen art and music festival held at Mitchell Park. The festival will feature live bands, art and wellness tents, an art gallery, tie dye, carnival rides, and food trucks 4:30 - 8:30 PM.

JUNE 7: Palo Alto Historical Association with Councilwoman Karen Holman presents "**A Community Defined**" Dinner and Talk at the El Palo Alto Room Mitchell Park Community Center at 6 PM. Social Hour, 7 PM Gourmet Chinese Buffet, catered by Chef Chu'. A cappella group Vocal Network. FEE: \$60. Mail to PAHA, P.O. 193, Palo Alto, CA 94302 or call 329-2353

JUNE 18: **World Music Day** from 3 - 7:0 PM University Avenue with 50 music groups.

JUNE 21: Public Art Commission **Walking Tour** at 10AM. Fee:\$35. Meet at Rinconada Library

JULY 8: **CANOPY tree walk** at 10 am - Junior Museum and Zoo;

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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>

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: Reading & sale of "The Little Exile" authored by local resident Jeanette Arakawa, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road at 2 PM.

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: 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 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 15: Body, Mind & Spirit -- Avenidas Living Well Conference at the JCC from 3:30 - 7PM. Hear 3 invigorating presentations. 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. FEE: \$35. Children free under 12. For tickets, <http://bit.ly/modsilicon2017>.

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