

## MIDTOWN NEWS – August 4, 2017

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

SAVE THE DATE: **Annual Midtown Ice Cream Social** on October 1 at Hoover Park from 1- 4PM. Volunteer to help? email [Midtownnews@Att.net](mailto:Midtownnews@Att.net)

Do1Thing in August: **Make your community stronger** by getting trained and getting involved. Tasks:

- Connect with an isolated individual in your neighborhood or start a neighborhood organization: Isolated individuals are more vulnerable during and after a disaster. They are less likely to ask for help or follow emergency instructions.
- Promote emergency preparedness in your community.(see next bullet).
- Scout troops, service clubs, residential associations, communities of faith—almost any organization you belong to can become a partner in emergency preparedness.
- Become a volunteer in your community (BPC, CERT, Red Cross etc.). There are many places to volunteer in your community. Many police and fire departments use volunteers to help with special projects, events, or program. The American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other organizations train volunteers to work in disasters.

AUGUST 8: LAST CALL:NOTE: **LOCATION CHANGE. Is your block prepared for the next big disaster?**

Make sure your block is plugged into the city emergency operations center..Become or recruit a Block Preparedness Coordinator. Attend training Tues, August 8 at 6 PM at Lucie Stern. Register at [epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org](mailto:epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org). To read more: [http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public\\_safety/get\\_involved/npc\\_bpc.asp](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public_safety/get_involved/npc_bpc.asp)

AUGUST 15: **Celebrate Eichler heritage** from 6 -9 PM, Embarcadero Room at Rinconada Library. FREE. Are you interested in Palo Alto history and modern architecture? There will be time to share memories and to showcase these unique modern homes. Craft activities for the kids & they can build their own modern home. Page & Turnbull will lead a discussion on Eichlers & provide an update on the Eichler Design Guidelines project Monique Lombardelli will give a short presentation & show her documentary "People in Glass Houses: the Legacy of Joseph Eichler." Refreshments available. Eichler guidelines at [http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/special\\_projects/eichler\\_neighborhood\\_design\\_guidelines\\_.asp](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/special_projects/eichler_neighborhood_design_guidelines_.asp).

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

New bike boulevards coming to Palo Alto. The first phase of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Bicycle Boulevard Project involves adding traffic circles and raised intersections to slow vehicle traffic and removing stop signs to make it easier for cyclists to get around. The project plans to break ground in Sept. The city plans to add 3 bike boulevards and traffic-calming measures to Amarillo Avenue, Bryant Street, East Meadow Drive, Montrose Avenue, Moreno Avenue, Louis Road, Palo Alto Avenue and Ross Road. The project also includes installation of new and updated crosswalks, curb extensions and curb ramps that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For more information, see: <http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/07/13/new-bike-boulevards-coming-to-palo-alto-this-summer/>

The City of **Palo Alto Utilities** (CPAU) invites Palo Alto residents to respond to a **survey** and help us assess interest in local solar electric programs. If you live in Palo Alto, we'd like to hear from you! The survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. To take the survey, go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPAU\\_solar\\_survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPAU_solar_survey)

Provide your feedback to help select the **next Police Chief** for Palo Alto. Take a Survey at: [https://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/5/Issue\\_5257](https://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/5/Issue_5257)

Call for **Athena Awards**: The Athena award is for a woman who has attained and personified the highest level of professional excellence in business and the community. The Athena Emerging Professional Leadership Award is for a woman who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in her business or profession. Applications at [www.paloaltochamber.com](http://www.paloaltochamber.com) or call 324-3121. Due September 5.

**Board/Commission openings**: Architectural Review Board, Historic Resources Board, Planning & Transportation Commission. Deadline to apply September 19 at 4:30PM. Applications at <http://bit.ly/bcapplications> or call the city clerk office at 329-2571.

**CITY COUNCIL:**

August 14: Start approx 6:15 PM after closed session. Action Items: local shuttle enhancements, public hearing on tentative map for Buena Vista. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/58940>

August 16: Closed session on performance evaluation on Council Appointed city manager, city attorney city clerk, auditor

August 16: Rail Committee Meeting: Agenda and Packet will be produced on August 10

**UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS**

AUGUST 8: **PAUSD**: Study Session on district's 2017-18 goals. 6 - 8 PM at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

AUGUST 9: **Planning & Transportation Commission**. Topics: Rail Context Sensitive Solutions, Comp Plan Transportation & Land Use Elements.

AUGUST 17: **Council/PAUSD liaison** meeting. 8 AM - 9:30 AM at PAUSD Conference Room A, 25 Churchill Ave. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/58945>

AUGUST 17: **Public Art Commission** at 7 PM in first floor meeting room, city hall.

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**3) LOCAL EVENTS**

**Old Port Lobster Shack** opened a **pop up** at Stanford Shopping center and will be open through February.

The Ecumenical Hunger Program is in great need of your support for "Back to School" program! EHP provides emergency food, clothing, household goods, support programs and referral services to individuals and families in need in our community. As children prepare to return to school, EHP provides back-to-school shoes with a special program called, "**My New Red Shoes**". Their goal is to provide new shoes for every deserving child who has signed up. They have provided 460 children with new shoes, but unfortunately, there are 150 more children who request help to receive new, back-to-school shoes and EHP has reached their capacity. If you can lend support to these 150 children, EHP is accepting donations of gift cards to local merchants like: Walmart, Target, Kohl's, and Burlington. Gift cards in the amount of \$20.00 or more. A gift card in that amount will allow a child to purchase shoes to start the new school year. For questions, please contact: LaKesha Roberts-Evans who can be reached at: 323-7781, Extension 1200.

California Native **Wildlife Logo Contest**: Sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. For grades preschool -12th. For young artists, (ages 5-18 years old) to participate in our yearly art contest to develop a logo for Wildlife & Harvest Day. [http://www.scvas.org/pdf/Forms/Logo\\_Contest\\_Form\\_2017.pdf](http://www.scvas.org/pdf/Forms/Logo_Contest_Form_2017.pdf). All artwork must feature native California wildlife in their native habitats. The winning logo will be used on Wildlife & Harvest Day T-shirts and promotional materials. The first place winner will also receive an event T-shirt featuring their winning artwork! Deadline for submissions: 4:00PM on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Stanford Live's** 2017-18 season kicks off this September. Unforgettable performances by artists from Darlene Love to the St. Louis Symphony; film screenings with live orchestra; talks by speakers Claudia Rankine and Chuck Klosterman; and so much more. Subscriptions on sale. See [www.live.stanford.edu](http://www.live.stanford.edu)

**STANFORD JAZZ** at the Bing Music Hall at 8PM.

- 8/4 SJW All-Star Jam
- 8/5 Miz Lisa Fisher and Grand Ba

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>.

Note that Avenidas will be closed on August 24/25, as staff will pack up the 450 Bryant Street facility and move to Cubberley. On Sept. 5, Avenidas will begin its fall schedule at Cubberley.

- August 4, Wine Appreciation 3 - 4:30 PM. FEE: \$12/\$15. #5219
- August 7: Movie Screening: "The Linguists" 2 - 3:30PM. FREE. #5388
- August 7: Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA) 10 AM - noon. FREE for adults 60+.to support efforts to live safely, independently, and with dignity.
- August 9: Parkinson's Support Group. Talk on Senior Care Options and Hiring In-Home Aides. 2 - 3:30 PM. FREE.
- August 10: Movie "The Space Between Us" at 1:30 PM. FEE: \$0/\$2.
- August 10: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) from 9 -11 AM. FREE.
- Aug 10 and 17: Blood Pressure Screenings from 10- 11:30 AM. FREE. No appt needed.
- Aug 16: Skin cancer screening. FREE with appt. 10-11 AM

**La Comida**, the hot- lunch program for seniors , is moving its five day-a-week service to Stevenson House, the senior housing complex at 455 E. Charleston Road. This begins Sept. 1 and will continue for 1 year.

**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 [annetteglassmft@gmail.com](mailto:annetteglassmft@gmail.com)
- Uncover Your Calling: Module 1 & Module 2 (August 1 & 8)
- Wednesdays: Aug 9 through Sept 13, "Job Search Strategy", 7-8:30 PM. Come join this wonderfully supportive group and land the job you want much faster and effectively!
- Aug 16: LinkedIn Workshop: 5:30-7 PM. Designed to give you the most vital tips so you can get your LinkedIn profile in top-notch shape FAST! \$25.
- Aug 23: "Phone Screen Interview Prep Workshop", 5:30-7 PM. Come and find out how you can best prepare yourself for this interview process and highlight your strengths!
- Aug 26: True Needs Workshop from 10 AM -Noon. Learn to identify your top emotional and mental needs, understand how they are getting met, come up with a plan to implement change, bring stability, and gain empowerment in this current season. Contact Philippa: 533-5075 or email: [philippa.perkin@gmail.com](mailto:philippa.perkin@gmail.com)
- Sep 20-Nov 8: Shine On Circle: Wednesdays from 10 AM- noon. Designed for moms who are ready to take on something more in their lives. The circles are mostly moms who have spent a chunk of time as primary caretaker and are interested in doing something more. but may not be sure what. For more, contact Kirsten: [kirsten@shineoncollaborative.com](mailto:kirsten@shineoncollaborative.com)
- Sept 23:Gratitude, Happiness & Healing from 9 AM to Noon. Contact Philippa: 533-5075 or email: [philippa.perkin@gmail.com](mailto:philippa.perkin@gmail.com)

Talking with Henrietta: "**Bringing History Alive**". By definition, history is thought of as the study of the past. On this new edition of Talking with Henrietta, one local teacher tells how she is bringing history alive for her students. Watch this heartwarming show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 on Sundays@5 pm, Mondays@2 p.m. Tuesdays@8 pm, Wednesdays@2 a.m., 11 a.m. and 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#history>

Through August 20 at MOAH ([Museum of American Heritage](#)) at 351 Homer. Exhibit "Open for Business: Office Success Before Computers" 11 Am - 4 PM Fridays – Sundays.

AUGUST 5/6: OBON Festival at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road. Featuring Japanese and American food and music, cultural programs and lectures, bonsai, silent auction, games. Sat, Aug 5, 5:00 PM - Sun, Aug 6, 9:30 PM.

AUGUST 6: "[Summer of Photography Family Day at the Art Center](#)" from 2-4:30PM. Featuring art making activities led by teaching artists, including sun-prints, photo collage candle holders, "finish the picture" drawings, and a photo scavenger hunt with prizes. Artist-in-residence Kija Lucas will take your family portrait—with a carnival twist—in our pop-up photo studio. Live performance and Samba & Rhythm workshop with the Brazilian band Trio Terra at 4 PM.

AUGUST 10: Community meeting to review the proposed [plans for the Junior Museum and Zoo Renovation](#). on 7 PM at the Junior Museum and Zoo. Project details at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/jmzproject](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/jmzproject).

AUGUST 10: [Music on the Plaza](#) . Lytton Plaza from 6-8 PM. FREE: 8/10 - Long Train Runnin'; 8/17 - Pride & Joy

AUGUST 10-12: [FABMO selection event](#), 970 Terra Bella Avenue, Suite 8, Mt View. Make your appt, Thu 12p-8p (Drop-in after 6:30); Fri 8:30a-6p (Drop-in after 4:30); Sat 9a-11 (No appointments needed).

AUGUST 13: [KLEZMER Workshop and Jam Session](#), 2 - 5 PM, in Palo Alto at a private home in Midtown! Hosted by KlezCalifornia & led by accordionist Dmitri Gaskin, includes learning tunes with authentic klezmer style and a traditional jam. For musicians all ages, with at least intermediate level on your instrument. All instruments welcome, Klezmer experience not required. Registration \$25 sliding scale for participants. Refreshments included. Listeners are welcome. To get the address, email [jams@klezcalifornia.org](mailto:jams@klezcalifornia.org) & let us know what instrument you play. More info: 415.789.7679, [www.klezcalifornia.org/events/jams](http://www.klezcalifornia.org/events/jams) (includes chart and audio files!). Visit us on Facebook.

AUGUST 13: [Repair Cafe](#), 11- 3, Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave. 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!

AUGUST 30: Café Sci Presents: "[Translating 'Design Thinking' into Health Technologies: IDEO Case Studies](#)" with Dr. Farzad Azimpour, Clinical Director of Health at IDEO & MD specializing in cardiovascular medicine, clinical research, and biodesign. 6 - 7 P at the Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Avenue, Breezeway. FREE with Complimentary Beverages and Cookies.

AUGUST 31: USGS monthly lecture at 7PM, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. Preview at noon. "[Roving on Mars: Curiosity's exploration of Gale Crater](#)" by Lauren Edgar, USGS Research Geologist. Topics: Overview of the Mars Science Laboratory Mission, Highlights from 5 years of exploring sedimentary environments; Preview of next steps in Curiosity's climb up Aeolis Mons.

OCTOBER 5: [50th anniversary of Stevenson House](#). Party and grand opening of the renovated Stephenson House (455 E Charleston) with tours from 4- 7 PM.

OCTOBER 14: Common Ground Class: "[Fall Fruit Tree Pruning for Beauty and Bounty](#)", 2 - 4 PM at 687 Arasterdero Road. FEE \$25 (Early bird) - \$30. Learn basic techniques of pruning and what tools to use.

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AUGUST 5: Share Faire at Common Ground from 1-3 PM. This is an old-style Faire, with lots of goods shared - garden, books, tools, clothes, household items and more. 687 Arasterdero Road. FREE.

AUGUST 8: Silicon Valley Bike Summit: Microsoft, SVC Building 1, 1065 La Avenida Street Mt View, from 9:30 - 5 PM. Register at [www.svbikesummit2017.eventbrite.com](http://www.svbikesummit2017.eventbrite.com). More at <https://bikesiliconvalley.org/summit/>

AUGUST 12: Canopy Tree walk: West Bayshore, 10 AM - noon. Meet at Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Ave. Join Canopy and expert arborist, Jason Shirar.

AUGUST 12: Ecumenical Hunger Program, 2411 Pulgas Ave, East Palo Alto. Annual BlockFest, 1 - 5 PM. Food, live music/entertainment, resource fair, raffle (\$1 @ ticket), children activities. <http://www.ehpcares.org/>

AUGUST 13: At the JCC: BBQ with Bodner noon - 3:00 PM. FREE. Rub elbows with CEO Zack Bodner while your kids are entertained.

AUGUST 16 & 23: "Climate Change: What You Can Do to Live a Low Carbon Life." 6:30 - 8:45 PM at the Stanford Medical Campus, Li Ka Shing Learning Ctr. FEE: \$100 for both classes.

AUGUST 25: Nancy Cassidy plays at the Magical Bridge Playground, Mitchell Park at 6:30 PM. Plus: Show at the Arts and Wine Festival at 11:30 AM

AUGUST 26: John Jeavons: "Food for the Future, Now." Slow Food Speaker Series. Presentation and Book Signing at Los Altos Library, from 6:30-8:30.

AUGUST 26 & 27: Palo Alto Festival of the Arts: 300 artists with decor and art in 2 and 3 dimensions, including sculptures, wearable art and much more. Chalk paintings at the Italian Street Painting Expo with 60 artists.

SEPTEMBER 2-4: King's Mountain Faire from 10 AM - 5 PM.

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

SEPTEMBER 8: St Michael's Trio: Menlo-Atherton Center for the Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. FEE: \$10. Upcoming concert: October 6, Delineating Dvorak, Stanford Dinkelspiel Auditorium. FEE: \$10

SEPTEMBER 9: Common Ground Class: "Learn to Grow & Use Medicinal Herbs" from 2 - 4 PM at 687 Arasterdero Road. FEE: \$0-3. See <http://tinyurl.com/ycm2s2tx>. "Let food be thy medicine" - Hippocrates

SEPTEMBER 9: At Gamble Garden: 5th Annual Tomato Extravaganza

SEPTEMBER 9-10: Mt View Art & Wine Festival

SEPTEMBER 23: Common Ground Class at 687 Arasterdero "Planting for Honey Bees" from 2 - 4 PM. FEE: \$0-30. See <http://tinyurl.com/y8osdpys>

OCTOBER 9: Moonlight Run at Baylands. For more and to register [www.paloaltoonline.com/moonlight\\_run](http://www.paloaltoonline.com/moonlight_run)