

MIDTOWN NEWS – August 11, 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

Friends Nursery School (957 Colorado) is now accepted applications for fall enrollment. See www.pafns.org

Eprep tip: Know where your utility (gas, water and electricity) shut-offs are and how to turn them off. According to Ready.Gov, "natural gas leaks and explosions are responsible for a significant number of fires following disasters." Shutting off your utilities after a disaster can really save your home – and your life. Remember: under normal circumstances if you smell, hear or see a gas leak, leave your home immediately and call 911. During a disaster shut off the gas only if you smell, see or hear a gas leak. Do not try to turn the gas back on yourself. City staff needs to run safety checks before turning the gas back on.

The Palo Alto Police Department is now accepting applications for the next **Basic Citizens Police Academy**, which runs from September to November 2017, eight consecutive Wednesday nights, from 6 – 9 PM. The session begins on September 13 and ends on November 1. A kick-off event will be held on Monday, September 11, from 6 - 9 PM. FREE, but the class is limited to 25 students. Applications for this session are due by Wednesday, August 16. Application at <http://tinyurl.com/ya5ao3bx>. Completed applications should be e-mailed to pd@cityofpaloalto.org, or mailed to the Palo Alto Police Department (attention to Citizens Police Academy), or dropped off at the front desk of the police station during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 - 4).

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: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/special_projects/eichler_neighborhood_design_guidelines_.asp.

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

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

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

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 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: new Transit Vision Plan-local shuttle enhancements, public hearing on tentative map for Buena Vista, janitorial services.
<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: Start 8 AM in first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Connecting Palo Alto - including the problem statement, the objectives, the evaluation criteria and the process for facilitating the community discussion on grade separations.

August 21: Start 6 PM. Action Topics Pets in Need, and Fiber to the Node.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59056>

August 22: Junior Museum and Zoo

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS

AUGUST 15: **Human Relations** Commission retreat at 5 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59095>

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>. Topics: recent council and school board meetings; Safe Routes to School program & city's and the school district's construction updates.

AUGUST 17: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics: proposed 4-story mixed-use project - 3001 El Camino Real; 4256 El Camino Real - new 5-story hotel; and 4190 El Camino Real - 5,340-square-foot addition w/solar canopy. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59088>

AUGUST 17: **Public Art** Commission at 7 PM in first floor meeting room, city hall. Topics: artwork by Mary Lucking for the Highway 101 overpass; evaluation process for de-accession of the "Digital DNA" and "Go Mama" sculptures; and approve 3 temporary artworks for King Plaza by Toby Fraley, Megan Geckler and Konstantin Dimopolus.

AUGUST 24: **Historic Resources** Board at 8:30 AM, council chambers. Projects: 375 Hamilton, 526 Waverley, 2601 E Bayshore.

Palo Alto City **Library** has launched two new **online services**, one for readers of Chinese and Japanese, and one tailored for French-speaking customers or those who are interested in learning French. Kono for Libraries offers articles culled from a selection of periodicals published in Chinese and Japanese, including Asian editions of Elle, National Geographic, and PCM. From France comes Storyplayr, an online library of illustrated books tailored for children between 3 and 10. There are hundreds of books to choose from, including many read by storytellers. Users can even record themselves reading from books and send the recording to anyone, anywhere. Both Kono and Storyplayr allow users to download reading to mobile devices.

Palo Alto **Utilities strategic planning process** is key to ensuring a clear path to navigate emerging market trends and internal challenges while aligning with the needs of our community. As such, we want to invite you once again to join us for the second stakeholder session and a newly scheduled community-wide strategic planning workshop. RSVP and/or any questions UtilitiesStrategicPlan@cityofpaloalto.org.

- Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 8:00- 9:30 AM in first floor meeting room City Hall.
- Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Community Workshop (broad public outreach & engagement) – at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road

3) LOCAL EVENTS

FALL CLASSES: See today's Weekly for complete list.

Palo Alto Adult School classes: See www.PAadultschool.org

Fall **Enjoy! Catalog** is out. Check out the City of Palo Alto's new fall Enjoy! catalogue this month, featuring a wide selection of classes for children and adults.

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://tinyurl.com/y9jfk3a>. Deadline for submissions: 4 PM on Tuesday, September 5th.

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 at www.live.stanford.edu

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>.

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.

- Aug 16: Skin cancer screening. FREE with appt. 10-11 AM
- Aug 17: Blood Pressure Screenings from 10- 11:30 AM. FREE. No appt needed.

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. Call: 473-0664.

- Thursday evenings: Women's Support Group at 6:30 PM. Contact Annette Glass at annetteglassmfti@gmail.com
- 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
- Sep 20-Nov 8: Shine On Circle: Wednesdays from 10 AM- noon. Designed for moms who are ready to take on something more. 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
- Sept 23:Gratitude, Happiness & Healing from 9 AM to Noon. Contact Philippa: 533-5075 or email: 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 12: **Palo Alto Flea Market** at PALY, 9-3.

AUGUST 12: A **community symposium** with world researchers of one of the world's most puzzling diseases will take place at Stanford University. Scientists will meet with the public to discuss the latest findings on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome** (ME/CFS).

AUGUST 12/13: **Friends of the Library Book sale**. Full details at <https://www.fopal.org/>

AUGUST 13: At the Art Center: "**Shaping Space with Flax Fiber Workshop**." Learn to transform flax fiber into beautiful textured paper, and then shape space creating an ethereal sculpture. This paper can also be used for book arts, dying, & painting techniques. The possibilities are endless! No-experience with paper making or sculpture necessary. FEE Class: \$130. Supplies provided by instructor for \$25.

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 & let us know what instrument you play. More info: 415.789.7679, www.klezcalifornia.org/events/jams (includes chart and audio files!). Visit us on Facebook.

AUGUST 17: **MUSIC on the Plaza**: Lytton Plaza at 6 PM. Pride & Joy Motown

AUGUST 17: **Rewriting the Code of Life** with CRISPR with Sam Sternberg, 5-7 PM at HanaHaus, Palo Alto, 456 University Ave. Conversation about CRISPR with Sam Sternberg. Sam, and with Jennifer Doudna, co-authored A Crack in Creation, the book on the technology that is revolutionizing gene editing. This will be an exciting and informative discussion. FREE. Register now, since event fills up quickly. <http://www.cafescipa.org>

AUGUST 19: **Tour de Menlo**: 35, 46, 65 mile bike ride. Sponsored by Rotary Menlo Park to support local kids. See www.tourdemenlo.com. Ride Day Registration 7-10 AM @ Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton.

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

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 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.

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.

AUGUST 30: Café Sci Presents: "Translating 'Design Thinking' into Health Technologies: IDEO Case Studies." 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.

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

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: \$0-30. See <http://tinyurl.com/ycm2s2tx>. "Let food be thy medicine" - Hippocrates

SEPTEMBER 9: At Gamble Garden: 5th "Annual Tomato Extravaganza" from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

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 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 6: Moonlight Run at Baylands. For more and to register www.paloaltoonline.com/moonlight_run

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.