

MIDTOWN NEWS – September 29, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

September is earthquake awareness month. See **5 earthquake tips** in this article
<https://beprepared.com/blog/21424/prepare-home-earthquake-5-easy-tips/>.

SEPTEMBER 30: **Harvest Festival** from 9 AM - 4 PM at the Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Avenue. An annual fundraiser to benefit the Friends Committee on Legislation for California (<http://www.fclca.org>). Come to shop, hear music, browse our book sale, and eat lunch at our 51st Harvest Festival. The specialized boutiques (including an international bazaar, treasured collectibles, jewelry and plants), and HUGE rummage and book sale, guarantees there will be something for everyone. Live music and children's activities throughout the day. Flyer at <http://www.friendsharvestfestival.org/>

Public Art Project in Midtown: The City of Palo Alto Public Art Program invites Palo Alto and San Francisco Bay Area-based artists and graphic designers to submit proposals for designs for a bike and pedestrian intersection at Louis Road and Fielding Drive in Midtown Palo Alto. This public art opportunity is a pilot neighborhood beautification project and part of the City's comprehensive Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Bicycle Boulevard Project, which represents a significant step towards Palo Alto's vision of creating a system of safe neighborhood bicycle and pedestrian routes. Apply by Sept 30th. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59436>

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

During the 2nd community workshop for **Connecting Palo Alto**, the city discussed typical types of grade separations and potential constraints associated with the redesign of grade crossings along our rail corridor. To continue the conversation, please contact us at transportation@cityofpaloalto.org. If you were not able to attend, you can find the workshop presentations and view the meeting video on our website: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/ConnectingPaloAlto>. The next steps and updates will be posted to this website as the information becomes available. You can sign up to receive email updates on the Connecting Palo Alto rail program, access background materials. Learn about community engagement opportunities at www.cityofpaloalto.org/connectingpaloalto

Sky Posse's review of the FAA Phase Two report. See report at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5qbl-L108CxQnZsRkctTzdfQ0k/view>

CITY COUNCIL:

Oct 2: Start 6 PM with Study Session with Human Relations Commission.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59646>. Action: Municipal Fee Schedule

Oct 9: Cancellation

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS

October 3: **Finance Committee Meeting**: CANCELLED

October 4: **Utilities Advisory Commission**: Art Center at 6 PM. Topic: Community Strategic Planning Workshop. Agenda: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59699>. Please RSVP: www.UtilitiesStrategicPlan.brownpapertickets.com. Light refreshments.

October 5: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM council chambers. Projects: 3001 El Camino, 180 Hamilton. Agenda not available online.

October 11: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 6 PM in Council Chambers. Agenda not posted yet.
Topic: Downtown Parking.

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority & **Santa Clara Valley Water District** - Flood Control:
Upstream **Workshops & Field Trip** -- be informed and comment:

- Oct. 4: Workshop #1 Laurel School Upper Campus, 275 Elliott Drive, Menlo Park. 6 PM – Open house; 6:30–9 PM – Workshop with progress report, & table-top exercise with discussion.
- Oct. 14: Site tour of key project areas. • 9:00-10:30 a.m. – Field trip of potential project sites between Pope-Chaucer Bridge and Highway 101. RSVP is required by September 29 to jpa@sfcjpa.org.
- Oct. 25: Workshop #2, Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium. 6 PM. – Open house and speak with the project team. 6:30-9 PM. – Workshop with recap from the previous workshop, stakeholder presentations, etc.

3) LOCAL EVENTS

Stanford Continuing Studies classes just started. Enroll now. www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu

Nominate someone for the **Avenidas Lifetimes of Achievement Award**. WHO? Peninsula residents age 65+ who have made significant contributions to the community in the areas of Business, Science, Education, Philanthropy, Arts, Politics, and Volunteering/Community Services. Due Sept 30. To nominate, contact Monica Davis at 289-5445 or mdavis@avenidas.org or online at <http://tinyurl.com/y77hz7vo>

See all **Avenidas** Activities at <http://www.avenidas.org/>. Samples of classes follow. Programs on the 2nd floor of Building I at Cubberley. Also a new revised website. See www.avenidas.org. Then look for a survey in about a month to uncover your suggestions about our new site.

- Oct 13: Having Fun with Your Dog: Games and Toys 11 AM -12:30 PM. FEE: \$10 class + \$10 materials fee payable at the time of registration. DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG
- Mondays: Caregiver Support Group from 11:30 AM - 1 PM. FREE. New Location: Sunrise Palo Alto, 2701 El Camino, Palo Alto.
- Mondays from 1-4 PM. FREE: Chinese Classical Mahjong
- Fridays from 1-4 PM. Non-Scary Duplicate Bridge. FEE: \$2/3
- Friday 1:30 - 4PM. Drop in Bridge. FREE

Deborah's Palm Events: See all events at www.deborahspalm.org. Call: 473-0664.

- Oct 21 & Nov 18: The Assertive Woman Workshops - Parts 1 and 2. These workshops are designed to educate and empower women in the skills of assertiveness. From 9 AM -12:30 PM. For more or to register, 533-5075 or email: philippa.perkin@gmail.com
- Fridays at Deborah's Palm: 10 AM - Knitting Group; 10 AM - Walking Group; 12 Noon; Poetry Lovers Group - September 8 (Second Friday of each month)

Talking with Henrietta - "**Surviving Gentrification**" - A new documentary, City Rising, takes a close look at gentrification and some of the issues the process creates. On this show, Henrietta and her guests discuss the documentary and the efforts being made to seek a middle ground between development and displacement. Catch this thought-provoking show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 through Sept. 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. Get more information about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#gentrification>

SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 1: 22nd annual **Great Glass Pumpkin Patch!** Stop by the Art Center from Sept. 26-Oct. 1 to check out this year's Patch, featuring thousands of colorful pumpkins, glass blowing demonstrations, and more. Exhibition dates: Friday, 10 AM-5 PM; sale dates are Saturday and Sunday, 10

AM.-5 PM. This is the only sale of glass pumpkins that supports the presenting local arts and nonprofit organizations: the Bay Area Glass Institute; Palo Alto Art Center; and Palo Alto Art Center Foundation.

SEPTEMBER 30: **Think Pink Party** (in support of breast cancer) at Town and Country from 4 - 7 PM. FEE: \$25. On this afternoon, enjoy special offers on pink tagged merchandise and menu items from participating Town & Country Village merchants to benefit BCC, live music from the Jonathan Poretz Swagger & Swing Ensemble from 5:00-7:00 PM plus a Think Pink photo booth, caricature art, entertainers, pink treats and more! At 7:00PM, Town & Country Village will be lit up in pink lights to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

SEPTEMBER 30: Workshop "**Maintaining Native Gardens and Leak Detection**" at Rinconada Library from 9 AM - 12 PM. FREE.

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1: Menlo Park **Fine Arts & Crafts Faire** 10-6 PM on Sat; 10- 5 PM on Sun. Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park.

OCTOBER 1: **Sukkot Celebration** from 11 AM - 2 PM in Mitchell Park. FREE. Bring the whole family and a picnic lunch and participate in lots of fun activities! Learn how to make a sukkah out of Legos(R). Join a sing-along with our featured musician. Enjoy story time in English and Hebrew and take part in arts & crafts.

OCTOBER 1- 31: **Art Exhibit on NYC Diaspora Arts** at the Palo Alto Rinconada Library by Dr Masuma Ahmed. Reception October 8 from 3 - 6 PM; 10/16 Talk (Art, a Form of Storytelling, NYC Diaspora Stories) from 7 - 9 PM.

OCTOBER 5: Evening with National Geographic photographer Randy Olson at CEMEX Auditorium, Knight management center, Stanford at 7:30 PM. FREE

OCTOBER 8: **Halloween Scare Faire** and Costume Swap at Cubberley Rooms A6 and A7 from 1 - 3 PM.

OCTOBER 12: "**Is an Electric Vehicle Right for You?**" from 5:30 - 7:00 PM, 1070 Arastradero Road, Rm 202A/B. This class is co-sponsored with and supported by the City of Palo Alto. Come hear from a panel of local, long-time EV drivers and experts on their experiences. FREE but register at <https://events.stanford.edu/events/704/70463/>. Starting at 4:30 PM and 30+ minutes after class ends at 7:30, there will be a number of EVs to explore in and out, including Nissan Leaf, Kia Soul EV, Chevy Volt, Fiat 500-e, Ford Focus EV, Tesla, and new all-electric Chevy Bolt with 238 mile range!

OCTOBER 15: .At the JCC: "**Zionism 3.0: Democracy in the Spotlight**" from 11:30 AM - 6 PM. FEE: \$30-\$90; \$120 at the door. Who would have thought that democratic values would come into question in 2017? And who would have predicted that Israel and the United States would be facing many of the same issues? World-class panelists discuss and debate the most pressing concerns facing Israeli and Jewish American societies today. The cost includes a full day of world-class speakers, community organization involvement, delicious lunch and a cocktail party.

OCTOBER 17: **Athena luncheon** at Garden Court Hotel honoring Jenny Dearborn and Anissa Leong. 11 AM networking; noon lunch. FEE: \$55; \$65. For more see www.paloaltochamber.org

OCTOBER 20: Acterra sponsors: Kat Taylor on "**Supporting Sustainability and Social Justice Goals** in the Banking Industry" at 7:30 PM at the Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium. Kat Taylor, co-founder and co-CEO of Beneficial State Bank and develops its social and environmental objectives. Beneficial State Bank is a community development financial institution whose mission is to bring beneficial banking to low-income communities in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner. We invite you to come hear her perspective on how the banking industry can support sustainability and social justice goals. FEE: \$10.

OCTOBER 28: Facebook Festival from 12 - 5 PM at 1 Hacker Way. "**Dia De Los Muertos**" featuring fun for kids - haunted house & corn maze, live music, cooking demos, food trucks, costume parade and more. FREE.

NOVEMBER 1: Café Sci Presents: "**Women in Science: A Panel Discussion Exploring Gender in Scientific Fields**" at Stanford Blood Bank, 3373 Hillview at 6 PM. FREE with complimentary cookies and beverages. This presentation will be available on SBC's YouTube channel later.

NOVEMBER 4: "[Designing Native Gardens and Rain Harvesting](#)" from 9 AM - 12 PM at Lucie Stern. FREE

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OCTOBER 1: Gamble Garden Community day from 10 AM - 2:30PM. Children's activities, plant sale, horticultural resources, displays, garden demos, food, and entertainment.
<https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/community-day-2017/>

OCTOBER 1: Bike Palo Alto. FREE event! Start at El Carmelo Elementary (Bryant St. & Loma Verde Ave), 1-3 PM. Three marked routes. Preregistering at www.bikepaloalto.org

OCTOBER 1: Hands-On Rain Barrel Workshop, from 1-5 PM at the Animal Services Center.

OCTOBER 2: At the JCC: An Evening with Author Nathan Englander from 8:00 - 9:30 PM. FEE: \$30 Ticket /book bundle, \$20 ticket, \$18 Mem & J-Pass, \$12 Students. Will discuss new book "Dinner at the Center of the Earth."

OCTOBER 3: At the JCC; Afternoon with Chefs Yotam Ottolenghi and Helen Goh from noon - 1:30 PM. FEE: \$40 Ticket & book (includes priority for post-event book signing), \$25, \$20 Mem & J-Pass

OCTOBER 3: At the JCC: "Near Normal Man" Film Screening & discussion from 8-9 PM. FEE: \$10 Students | \$12 Mem & J-Pass| \$15 General. Non-graphic documentary film about prevailing over hate.

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 7: At Gamble Garden: "Miraculous Migration of the Monarch Butterfly" from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Register at <https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/miraculous-migration-monarch-butterfly/>

OCTOBER 8: Fall Share Faire and Halloween Costume Swap from 1-3 PM at Cubberley.

OCTOBER 13: "Geography of Poverty" at Mitchell Park CC at 7:30 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.

OCTOBER 17: At Gamble Garden: "A Garden for All Seasons" from 10 AM - noon. Register at <https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/a-garden-for-all-seasons/>

OCTOBER 19: Kiwanis Angel Award: Marie Wolbach founder of Tech Trek - STEM summer class for girls! 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the Sheraton. FEE: \$50. www.kiwanisangelaward.org

OCTOBER 20: Kat Taylor. "Supporting Sustainability and Social Justice Goals in the Banking Industry" at 7:30PM, Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium. FEE: \$10.00. See <http://tinyurl.com/l75yjmk>

OCTOBER 20: 14th Annual Avenidas Caregiver Conference "The Road to Resilience: Helping Families Thrive!" 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM, Mt View Sr Ctr, 266 Escuela Ave. FEE: \$50. Duo Discount: \$70. www.avenidas.org

OCTOBER 21: Native Plant Sale at Hidden Villa from 10 AM - 3 PM. 26780 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills

OCTOBER 21 - 31: Argentine Tango. Argentine Tango is a class that will start with foundational Tango exercises that lead to a specific tango move. 7:30 - 10 PM at Mitchell Park CC - Palo Alto Room

NOVEMBER 4: Author's Luncheon to support Abilities United. From 10:30 AM - 3 PM. at Crown Plaza Hotel. Buy tickets at www.AbilitiesUnited.org or 618-3304

