

MIDTOWN NEWS – October 6, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

Attention all Midtown Residents. NEW: Be sure to check out our **new Facebook and Instagram pages** to keep up to date with upcoming events, neighborhood news and issues, and pictures from this weekend's ice cream social! Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Palo-Alto-Midtown-340935873022581/>. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/paloaltomidtown/>. With warm thanks to new MRA Steering board member Steven Lee!

Do1Thing in October: Power: Be able to safely meet your basic needs during an electrical outage. Tasks:

- Have flashlights ready in an easily accessible place and check batteries in flashlights and radios.
- When the lights go out, the safest way to provide emergency lighting is with flashlights or battery-powered lanterns.
- Acquire and learn how to safely use a portable generator.
- Using a properly connected generator of adequate size during a power outage will reduce or almost eliminate the impact a power outage has on your life.
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OCTOBER 28: Make sure your block is prepared for the BIG one. Recruit a Block Preparedness Coordinator or become one! **Block Preparedness training:** Lucie Stern at 1PM. RSVP at epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org. Learn how your block can be plugged in to the city for emergencies (crime) & disasters.

OCTOBER is National Fire Safety month. October 8-14 is **National Fire Prevention Week**. It is important that your CO detectors work and that you have 1 per floor. Take a moment to test your smoke alarms this week. For more on how to protect your family from fire go to www.NFPA.org.

Peninsula Open Space: **Fall into Fun**. And just like that, summer is over. The days are growing shorter; the leaves are changing and local farms are preparing for the harvest. It's a great time of year to be outside and the season's fun is just getting started. There are so many activities this fall that celebrate the beauty and bounty of our local lands. To point you in the right direction, we put together [this Fall Fun Guide](#) – a calendar of the best local fall events that celebrate our natural world. [Download the guide here](#) to join in the fun.

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

PUMPKIN PARTS? While you're carving those pumpkins for Halloween, here are some quick tips for what to do with your pumpkin's parts from the City of Palo Alto to make yours a "Zero Waste" pumpkin. Roast the seeds. Zero Waste has 16 recipes. Compost the inside ... the fibrous strands can go in your green compost cart. When Halloween is over, compost your jack-o'-lantern.

Following the discovery and treatment of a **bed bug infestation** in 2015, the Palo Alto City Library will be closing branches on a rotating basis to allow a vendor with canine inspections to ensure that the buildings remain free of any bugs. This is not in response to any new infestations, but is out of an abundance of caution. It is a proactive precautionary measure that the City intends to do once a year. The closure schedule is as follows: Friday, October 20: Mitchell Park Library will be closed all day; Monday, October 23: Children's Library will be closed all day; Friday, October 27: Rinconada Library will be closed all day.

CITY COUNCIL:

Oct 9: Cancellation

Oct 16: Start 5 PM with study session on Stanford GUP. ACTION: Speed on Deer Creek Road, Fire Dept staffing, Seismically Unsafe Building amendment, Renter Protection. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59777>. See full press release on PAFD deployment at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civica/press/display.asp?layout=1&Entry=1584>

Oct 23: Hearing on Comp Plan at 5PM. First of 2 meetings (Nov 13 is second meeting)

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS

October 10: **PAUSD** at 6:30 PM in district HDQ, 25 Churchill. Topics: contract for the new interim superintendent; schematic design for a remodel of Hoover Elementary School, conceptual design for new multipurpose buildings at El Carmelo, Escondido and Walter Hays, district goals; and next steps in Stanford University’s general-use permit.

October 10: **Policy & Services**: Cancellation

October 11: **Council Rail Committee** at 8:30 AM. Topics: presentation from the CEO of Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority; consider an addendum to the Rail Committee charter; and receive a report on the Sept. 16 community workshop. Agenda <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59779>

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

October 12: **Historic Resources Board** at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topic: update on Eichler Design Guidelines. Agenda: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59811>

October 12: **Human Relations Commission** at 7 PM in first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Palo Alto Mediation Program bylaws; funding for the Human Services Resource Allocation Process, and resolution on working toward a diverse, supportive, inclusive and protective community. Agenda not posted yet.

October 17: **Finance Committee Meeting**. Agenda and Packet will be produced on October 12.

October 18: **Policy and Services Committee Meeting**. Agenda and Packet will be produced on October 12.

October 19: **Director's Hearing** at 3 PM first floor meeting room, City Hall. Project is 115-123 Rinconada Review for a Preliminary Parcel Map - Two New Residential Condominium Units in Conjunction With the Construction of Two New Single-Family Residences.

October 19: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM council chambers. Projects: 250 and 350 Sherman Avenue, Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass, 2775 Embarcadero; 2747 Park Boulevard (signage). Agenda not available yet.

October 20: **City School Liaison Committee**. Meeting Agenda and Packet will be produced on October 12.

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

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

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. REGISTRATION: call 289-5400.

- 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
- Oct 13 & 18: Flu Shot Clinic 9:30am-12:30pm, Avenidas @ CCC. Bring your Medicare card.
- Oct 16: Presentation: Sleep, Light, and Aging. 1:30-2:30PM. Pre-registration requested. FREE.
- Oct 20: Presentation: Medicare Change & Updates. 1:30-2:30 PM. Pre-registration requested. FREE.
- Oct 23: Senior Adult Legal Assistance appts available for Santa Clara County residents age 60+. Must call for appt 289-5400. FREE.
- Oct 24: Advanced Health Care Directive appts available. Call 289-5400 to schedule. FEE: \$5.
- Oct 25: Blood Pressure Screening 9:30-10:30 AM. Senior Friendship Day @ CCC, Building M. FREE.
- Oct 26: Book Club: Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk, by Kathleen Rooney. 3-4:30 PM. Drop in. FREE.
- Oct 31: Halloween Open House 9am-4pm, Avenidas @ CCC. Stop-in for sweet treats and to say "Boo!" Costumes welcome, but optional.
- 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 18: 6-Week Job Search Strategy Group for Women, meets Wednesday evenings, from 7-8:30 PM, Oct 18 - Nov- 29.
- 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
- Oct 25: Phone Interview Prep Workshop for Women, Wednesday, October 25, 5:30-7 PM. We invite you to register for a workshop and/or schedule a free 20-minute initial phone consultation to discuss your specific career needs: www.careergenerations.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 - "**Dealing with Natural Disasters**" - What does it take to deploy a rescue team to a natural disaster after a hurricane? On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, representatives from the Menlo Park Fire District's Urban Search and Rescue team discuss their experiences in Georgia and Texas following Hurricane Harvey and Irma. Catch this information-filled show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 through Oct 14 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#naturaldisasters>

OCTOBER 6: Assemblyman Marc Berman, D-Palo Alto, at 7 PM. at Channing House on "**A View from Sacramento.**" FREE.

OCTOBER 6: Saint Michael Trio **DELINEATING DVORAK** at Stanford Dinkelspiel Auditorium. FEE: \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door

OCTOBER 7: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage - **PAST - tours**. All at 10 AM. FREE. Oct. 7 - College Terrace - meet at 1181 College (Harvard); Oct. 14 - Homer Avenue - meet at 475 Homer (Cowper); Oct. 28 - Downtown - meet in front of City Hall; Oct. 29 - Professorville - meet at 1005 Bryant (Addison) Sunday.

OCTOBER 10: "**Income & Wealth Inequality: Evidence and Policy Implications**" at 7:30 PM Stanford.. Science Teaching & Learning Center, Rm. 111. FREE. continuingstudies.stanford.edu.

OCTOBER 14: "**Second Saturday**" at **Gamble Garden** from 9 AM - noon. Every second Saturday of the month is "Second Saturday." Enjoy Docent tours of the 1902 house, meet Master Gardeners and ask any plant question you have, and visit our plant sale. Each month will typically have a special event in our Carriage House, too.

OCTOBER 15: **Play Family Day at Palo Alto Art Center** from 2-4:30 PM. FREE. Activities feature hands-on artmaking and performances inspired by our current exhibition, Play!. Art Center teaching artists will show you how to create shadow, circle and woven art. Outside activities include mini golf holes, bubbles, chalk and dough. A special live performance by acrobatic chair balancer Jeremy Vik, presented by the Circus Center, will be held at 4 PM. All activities are suitable for ages 5-adult.

OCTOBER 15: **PA Harvest Festival** at Lucie Stern from 12:00-3:00 PM. Attendees will enjoy an afternoon of fall fun with activities -carnival games, henna tattoos, petting zoo, food trucks, bouncy houses, and more. FREE

OCTOBER 15: **Canopy Tree Walk**: Oaks of Stanford from 10 AM - noon at the Arboretum Grove, Stanford University. Join expert arborist and oak specialist Dave Muffly as we explore a decade of experimentation with new oak species at Stanford. A variety of new oak species and hybrids have been planted on the campus, including chestnut-leaved oak, Mt. Tabor's oak, and Palestine oak. They grow alongside both mature and recently planted native trees. This juxtaposition provides a powerful introduction to one of the hottest topics in biosciences today, the question of how to incorporate climate change adaptivity into our landscape choices.

OCTOBER 20: Sereno Group **Pumpkin Decorating contest** - pumpkins must be received by Oct 20th at 258 High Street. For toddler, early & late elementary. Decorate your own or pick up a free pumpkin, NO CARVING or piercing. Use Paint, glitter, glue. All contestants will get a gift. One grand prize per age group.

OCTOBER 21: **FabMo Special Sale**, 9 AM-3 PM. No appointments necessary. Details at www.fabmo.org

OCTOBER 21: **Compost Basics** from 10 AM - Noon at Cubberley, Room H-1. Register online http://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Home_Composting_Education/Composting_Workshops/ or call (408) 918-4640.

OCTOBER 24: At the JCC: Presentation on **films made during an era when most American Jews were immigrants** or the children of immigrants with a variety of clips and shorts that demonstrate some of the ways immigrant Jews were represented in films of the silent era, ranging from admiring portraits to prejudiced caricatures. From 1 -2:30 PM. FEE: \$15. For more, contact Michelle Rosengaus at 223-8616 or mrosengaus@paloaltojcc.org.

OCTOBER 26: USGS Monthly Lecture "**Global Trends in Mineral Commodity Supplies?**" by Steven M. Fortier, Director of the USGS National Minerals Information Center at 7 PM at USGS HDQ Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. The U.S. is increasingly reliant on supply of mineral raw materials from other countries. Advanced technologies are increasingly making use of nearly the entire period table of the elements. Dynamic studies of critical and strategic mineral supply and demand can identify emerging potential supply risks. The USGS - National Minerals Information Center has assumed a leading role in mineral criticality studies.

OCTOBER 26: "**Mapping the Human Brain and the Path to Stroke Recovery**" hosted by Pacific Stroke Association at the Garden Court Hotel from 5:30 PM. RSVP to events@psastroke.org. FEE: \$150@

OCTOBER 29: **Diwali celebration: The Festival of Lights**, at the Rinconada Library, noon - 5 PM. FREE with music, dancing, henna, crafts, and lots more for the entire family to enjoy. Food will be available for purchase.

OCTOBER 29: **FabMo event of the year!** 8th Annual FabMo Textile Arts Boutique, at Palo Alto Elks Lodge from 10 AM - 4 PM. Fabulous, inspiring, exciting!

NOVEMBER 10: Gamble Garden Members **Holiday Cooking Class for Children** and Adults from 9:30 AM - noon. Treat your child to a special event on a non-school day. Gamble has organized a Members parent, grandparent and child class on Holiday Cooking. With the holidays just around the corner, Chef Hannah Pienknagura will show how to make treasured recipes for the dinner table, parties, and gift bags. Make amazing chocolate ganache truffles in a few simple steps using the microwave. Go savory or sweet with easy to make cream biscuits. And whip up a no-bake lemon pie that is perfect for dessert on days when the oven is busy. This class is appropriate for children ages 8-13 and adults of any age. Members are welcome to invite a non-member to attend. Adult may bring up to 4 children. FEE: \$30

OLD

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: 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. 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 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 Arastradero Road. FEE \$25 (Early bird) - \$30. Learn basic techniques of pruning and what tools to use.

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. Includes a full day of speakers, community organization involvement, lunch and a cocktail party.

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 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 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/l75yjm>

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 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. FEE: \$10.

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

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.

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.

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