

MIDTOWN NEWS – October 13, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

With the devastation and horror of the wildfires in Napa and north, please consider the following **short EPrep tip for November**: It's important to always have some cash on hand. If there's an extended power outage, ATMs may not work and banks may be closed. Credit and debit cards will likewise be useless. If this is the case, acquiring money for anything could be all but impossible. It's recommended to have at least \$100 in cash on hand. Make sure your cash is also separated into small bills. During an emergency, people may not have change, in which case a \$2.00 bottle of water could cost you \$20 or more, depending on your smallest bill denomination. \$20 bills should be your highest value, with ones, fives, and tens mixed in. (Source: www.BePrepared.com)

LUNG HEALTH ADVISORY see http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Lung-Health-Advisory.html?soid=1120289682561&aid=7oym3k_8JAA

LIST of Resources re the fires from OES Director Ken Dueker: There are a number of ways community members in the Palo Alto area can assist the stricken areas by donating money or volunteering time (either in the impacted area or elsewhere).

- The Red Cross <http://tinyurl.com/yb7o5kft>
- Salvation Army: <https://disaster.salvationarmyusa.org/>
- Team Rubicon (recovery-focused organization): <https://teamrubiconusa.org/join-the-team/>
- There are of course numerous other charities and service organizations involved, including some creative approaches: <https://www.fastcompany.com/40479325/how-to-help-napa-fire-victims-8-things-you-can-do-for-californias-wine-country-right-now>
- Finally, we want everyone in Palo Alto to review steps to be prepared for all hazards: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness>

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

Community: **Weekend Traffic Advisory: Stanford Football** on Saturday, October 14, at 8 PM. The Stanford Football home season continues this Saturday, with a game against the University of Oregon - the Ducks. Kickoff is at 8:00 p.m. Expect heavy traffic on Embarcadero Road, El Camino Real, Sand Hill Road, and surrounding streets beginning in the mid-afternoon. Please note this is the annual homecoming game, as this is also Stanford's reunion weekend.

Palo Alto Fire Prevention Bureau to Relocate to Fire Station 8, Effective, Monday, October 16, 2017.

The **Development Services Administration** team and the **Building Inspection** team will be **relocating** to 526 Bryant at the beginning of December. Please be advised that 526 Bryant is not set up to provide public service. All customers will continue to report to the Development Center Counter on the first floor of 285 Hamilton.

ZERO WASTE TIP: **Pumpkins are compostable**. When you are done enjoying your jack-o'-lantern, place it in your green compost cart.

CITY COUNCIL:

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: Public Hearing - 250 Hamilton at 5PM. Start 6 PM, 3001 El Camino and Hearing on Comp Plan 6 PM. First of 2 meetings on comp plan (Nov 13 is second meeting).
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59857>

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS

October 17: **Finance Committee** meeting at 7 PM in first floor meeting room, city hall. Agenda:
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59858>. Topic: Pension liability

October 18: **Policy and Services Committee** meeting at 7 PM in first floor meeting room, city hall. NOTE THIS WAS INCORRECTLY LISTED AS OCTOBER 17th in the media. Recommendations from the Downtown Paid Parking Study and review strategies for addressing the city's unfunded pension liabilities. Agenda:
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59850>

October 19: **School/City Liaison** Committee at 8 AS 25 Churchill, School District HDQ.
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59847>

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: Supervisor Simitian will hold a public meeting in Palo Alto in the Palo Alto City Council Chambers on October 19th to discuss the application and solicit public comment and feedback on the County **Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)** on the **Stanford University 2018 General Use Permit**. Comments will be responded to and incorporated into the Final EIR. From 6 - 8 PM. The Draft EIR - https://www.sccgov.org/sites/dpd/Programs/Stanford/Pages/GUP2018_CEQA.aspx. Members of the public will have 60 days, until December 4th, to provide feedback on the Draft EIR.

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 19: **Public Art Commission** at 7 PM, first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: artwork for the Charleston-Arastradero Corridor and California Avenue parking garage. Agenda not posted.

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

October 25: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 6 PM regarding the Municipal Code. Agenda not on line currently.

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.

November 30: CEQA (Environmental Review) of Stanford GUP 2018 Application at Art Center at 7 PM.

3) LOCAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 19 to 29, **UNAFF will present documentaries** spotlighting current events from across the globe, including Afghanistan, Australia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, France, Germany, Haiti, India, Iraq, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Korea, Swaziland, Syria, Tunisia, Uganda, and the United States. See schedule at <http://www.unaff.org/2017/schedule.html>

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)

OCTOBER 14/15: Friends of the Library **Book Sale** at Cubberley. Details at <https://www.fopal.org/>

OCTOBER 17: **Finding Fibonacci** at Geology corner, Bld 320, room 105, Stanford at 7:30 PM. FREE

OCTOBER 18: **Sándor Márai's Embers** at 7:30 Bechtel Conference Center, Encina Hall, Stanford. FREE

OCTOBER 19: Master gardener program - talk on **lawn alternatives** at 7 PM at Rinconada library

OCTOBER 21: Palo Alto High School **Flea market** 9 AM - 3 PM

OCTOBER 21: **Palo Alto Philharmonic. "Dances With Flutes"** 8 PM Cubberley. FEE: \$22/\$18/\$10

OCTOBER 22: At the JCC; **Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey: A Children's Show**. 4:30-5:30 PM and 6:15-7:15 PM. FEE: \$35, \$30 Mem & J-Pass. \$25 Children of All Ages. Lightwire Theater presents "Moon Mouse", a cosmic adventure about celebrating differences. Marvin the Mouse wants to be popular. Constantly bullied and picked on by the "cool" rats, he is labeled as a loser and a geek. As respite, Marvin retreats into his science books and a world of fantasy. He longs to have adventures and be the hero. Join Marvin on the space adventure of a lifetime: a trip to the surface of the moon on his homemade rocket. There he meets a strange cast of misfit creatures, learns of infinite peril and views awesome beauty. Will Marvin make his dreams come true and experience the glory and acceptance he craves?

OCTOBER 24: An **Evening with Esther Perel** at CUBBERLEY at 8 PM. FEE: \$30 Ticket and book bundle | Tickets \$22, \$18 Mem & J-Pass, \$12 Students. Couples' therapist Esther Perel has over 30 years' experience navigating love and desire. She consulted on the Showtime series "The Affair" and is Executive Producer and host of the Audible series "Where Should We Begin?" which airs counseling sessions with actual couples.

Perel will discuss her new book "The State of Affairs: Rethinking Infidelity." She says that affairs teach us about relationships: what we expect, what we think we want and what we feel entitled to. Looking at illicit love from multiple angles, the book explores variations of modern marriage. "Love is messy; infidelity more so," Perel concludes, "but it is also a window...into the crevices of the human heart."

OCTOBER 25: Palo Alto Chamber presents **"Immigration Changes and Challenges"** 7:30 - 8 AM breakfast, 8 Am Panel Discussion at Sheraton Hotel, 625 El Camino. FEE: \$25 Chamber members; \$35 non-members. Is the American Dream over? Is the U.S. no longer the "Land of Opportunity?" Welcoming immigrants to the U.S. has been integral to American identity for 200+ years, part of the "American Dream." The Trump administration wants to end the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, toughen border security and immigration enforcement measures, and severely cut legal immigration. Hear from a panel of distinguished immigration and government experts about what this means for current DACA immigrants and for our present and future workforce, especially in Silicon Valley, and strategies to deal with these changes in government policies. <https://www.paloaltochamber.com/good-morning-pa>

OCTOBER 28: Palo Alto Buddhist Temple on 2715 Ross Road. **Craft fair and vintage sale** featuring Asian-inspired, handmade crafts and heirloom collectibles. Crafts: ceramics/glass art, jewelry, wearable art, fabric art, Japanese art and antiques, china, textiles, kimonos, obi's, home decor and more. Food for sale. From 10 AM to 4 PM.

OCTOBER 29: **"Listening to Trump's America"** Three States, Three Counties, 100+ Conversations with County Supervisor Joe Simitian In conversation with Doug Foster Associate Professor, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University and former Editor, Mother Jones magazine from 11 AM - 1PM at Lucie Stern. To RSVP and/or donate call 289-9038 or email gabe@joesimitian.com. FEE: Starting at \$50.

NOVEMBER 5: **Repair Cafe**: 11 AM- 2 PM at Museum of American Heritage - MOAH, 351 Homer Ave. The Repair Café - Palo Alto is a volunteer-run, community service dedicated to encouraging the repair and reuse of goods rather than relegating them to landfill. Bring your tired, broken or poorly working appliances, bicycles, lamps, simple sewing and jewelry repairs and we will fix it and help you learn to fix things yourself!

NOVEMBER 16: **"Starting a Home Orchard with Bareroot Fruit Trees"** at 7 PM Rincondada library. FREE:

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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 14: "Second Saturday" at Gamble Garden from 9 AM - noon. Every second Saturday of the month is "Second Saturday." Docent tours, Master Gardeners and plant sale.

OCTOBER 15: Play Family Day at Palo Alto Art Center from 2-4:30 PM. FREE. 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.

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 full day of speakers, community organization involvement, lunch & 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/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 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 20: Sereno Group Pumpkin Decorating contest - pumpkins must be received by Oct 20th at 258 High Street. For toddler, early & late elementary. All contestants will get a gift. One grand prize per age group.

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 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?" at 7 PM at USGS HDQ Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park.

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 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.

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 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

NOVEMBER 10: Gamble Garden Members Holiday Cooking Class for Children and Adults from 9:30 AM - noon. FEE: \$30