

MIDTOWN NEWS – October 27, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

"In a disaster, what should/would you do?" in Palo Alto Weekly at www.paloaltoonline.com/print/story/2017/10/27/guest-opinion-in-a-disaster-what-should-would-you-do. **Please share your thoughts** in comments area.

OCTOBER 28: LAST CALL **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**. We've been lucky. Watching the devastation that has hit so many communities in the last couple months has many of us wondering what we would do in such difficult circumstances. Now is the time to take action to prepare ourselves and our community for emergencies. Here is one way to get started: The Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC) Program enhances personal and community resilience by:

- 1) Getting ourselves and our community prepared,
- 2) Establishing emergency radio communications links when needed,
- 3) Empowering residents to assist emergency response by serving as "eyes & ears."

Make sure your **block is prepared**. 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.

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

Rail Corridor Round table Meetings: Nov 14: Charleston/Meadow at Mitchell Park CC at 6; Nov 16 Churchill at 6 PM at PAUSD HDQ, Nov 28 at 6 PM Palo Alto Avenue at City Hall first floor meeting room. Nov 30 Trench and Tunnel discussion at 6PM Council Chambers.

Please take a short **survey** about how you currently travel & would be willing to travel on **State Route 85**. Help set criteria used to guide the study for transit improvements & alternatives <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SZ38ZVN>. State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study. Community meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6 PM, Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela, Mountain View, CA 94040.

CITY COUNCIL:

Oct 30: REVISED AGENDA. Start at 5:00 - 5:45PM. Continue public hearing on the updated Comprehensive Plan. Topics: 285 Hamilton Pre-screening. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59916>

Nov 6: Start approximately 7 PM. Action items: Approve Fry's Area coordinated Plan process, 425 Portage, side walk assessment and more. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59973>

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

OCTOBER 30: **SUPERINTENDENT'S TASK FORCE** first meeting on sexual violence, at district HDQ, 25 Churchill Ave., Room A.

NOVEMBER 1: **Utilities Advisory** Commission at 7 PM in first floor meeting room, city hall. Topics: city policy on bill adjustments, 2017 Utilities Strategic Plan and 2018 utilities legislative guidelines, the smart grid assessment and a plan for distributed energy resources. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/60029>

NOVEMBER 2: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers. Topics: 3045 Park Boulevard (new 2story, 29,120-square-foot R&D).

NOVEMBER 2: **Policy & Services**. Topics: Parking Funds, utility meter audit, inventory management audit. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/60033>

NOVEMBER 6: **Veterans' Day Event** from 4:00 - 5:30 PM, Council Chambers.

NOVEMBER 7: **Finance** Committee at 6 PM at first floor meeting room. Topic: Human Service Resource allocation. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59974>

NOVEMBER 8: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 6 PM Council Chambers. Topics: Stanford General Use Plan EIR.

NOVEMBER 15: **On the Table Community** Conversation on Housing. The City of Palo Alto invites you to join the On the Table conversation taking place nationwide on Wednesday, November 15. Locally, the one-day event is sponsored by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation as a way for communities to come together around a table to share food and start a conversation about regional housing challenges. Here in Palo Alto, housing is one of the City Council priorities and we value your input and ideas on this issue. We are encouraging the public to come together and carry out the conversation over a cup of coffee at one of these participating coffee houses:

- Coupa Café, 538 Ramona Street, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Philz, 3191 Middlefield Road, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Printers Café, 320 S. California Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Hobee's (facilitated by Human Relations Commission), 4224 El Camino Real, 8:45-10 a.m.

Come by any of these coffee shops on the morning of Wednesday, November 15, buy your cup of coffee, and join this community building conversation centered on housing issues. Elected officials and City staff will divvy themselves up among the locations to help facilitate the conversations and make sure the community's ideas are captured for future housing discussions. For questions or more about this event, info@cityofpaloalto.org.

NOVEMBER 22: FOOTHILL-DE ANZA College District seeks **applicants for Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**. Candidates appointed to the independent, volunteer Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee review and report to the public on the district's Measure C bond expenditures. Bylaws are available at www.measurec.fhda.edu. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter detailing their qualifications to chancellor@fhda.edu. For more information, 949-6100 or chancellor@fhda.edu.

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 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

HELP **AVENIDAS** build for the Future by creating a lasting memory for yourself, a loved one, a special occasion, etc. by **purchasing a brick** for \$250. This brick will be engraved with your personalized message and installed in the new courtyard at our 450 Bryant Street Downtown Palo Alto center. For more information, please visit our website or call 289-5458 or email jroche@avenidas.org.

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

- 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).
- Nov 18: The Assertive Woman Workshops - Part 2. This workshop is designed to educate & empower women in the skills of assertiveness, 9 AM -12:30 PM. Register at 533-5075 or email: philippa.perkin@gmail.com

Talking with Henrietta - "**What Has Happened to the MBK Challenge?**" - Pres. Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper Initiative in 2014 to provide a pathway for supporters of the initiative to make a positive difference for millions of children throughout this country. On this new edition of Talking with Henrietta, the show's guests discuss what one local city is doing to achieve the results the initiative was created to accomplish. See this informative show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 through November 4, 2017 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#mbk2>

OCTOBER 28: At the JCC "**Opera for Families: Fables and Fantasy**" from 10:30-11:30 AM. FEE: \$18, \$15 Mem, Children & J-Pass. Magical musical show with lots of fun surprises! Featured are songs from "Masked Ball" by Verdi, "Die Fledermaus" by Strauss, "Peter Pan," "Phantom of the Opera," "Frozen" and more. All ages welcome. Come dressed up in your favorite costume.

OCTOBER 30: Jean & Bill Lane Lecture Series: **Tracy Smith Reading** at 8:00 PM at Cemex Auditorium, Zambrabo Hall, Knight Mgmt Ctr, 641 Knight Way, Stanford.

OCTOBER 31: At the JCC: "**Music at Noon-Lunch and Concert: Opera Masquerade**" at noon. FEE: \$20 or 2 punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card. Join an ensemble of accomplished opera singers in a celebration of opera's wildest characters and epic party scenes. The entertaining musical program in the spirit of the season includes a hot buffet lunch. The OFJCC provides door-to-door rides for mobility-impaired seniors to Community Tuesday lectures and concerts. Email bsaad@paloaltojcc.org to make a reservation. Funded by the Senior Mobility Initiative at the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund.

NOVEMBER 2: Acterra Lecture Carl Pope on "**Climate of Hope**" at 7:30 PM at Mitchell Park Community Center. Former chairman of the Sierra Club and co-author of the new book, Climate of Hope, Carl Pope will present an evening of environmental insights and inspiration. Climate of Hope, a collaborative effort between Pope and former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg, elicits hope and motivation regarding the power of cities, and the major role they play in our nation's fight against climate change. Pope is now the principal advisor at Inside Straight Strategies, focusing on the links between sustainability and economic development, and serves as a senior climate advisor to Bloomberg.

NOVEMBER 2: "A **Celebration of the Life and Poetry**" of Denise Levertov at 7:30 PM, Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education, Stanford. FREE.

NOVEMBER 2: At the JCC: "An Evening with Zinzi Clemmons, Author of '**What We Lose**'" at 8 PM. FEE: \$25 with book, \$20, \$15 Mem & J-Pass, \$10 Students. Author Zinzi Clemmons questions the nature of identity, grief and love through a young woman who loses her mother to cancer. The book addresses race, social system injustice and the ability to overcome grief, while confronting the horrors and legacy of apartheid.

NOVEMBER 5: At the JCC presents: "**Tararam - Israeli Music and Dance Group**" at 8 -9:10 PM. FEE; \$45 Mem & J-Pass, \$50, \$55 at the door. Tararam is a creative ensemble of performing artists who produce extraordinary sounds from ordinary objects. A blend of rhythm, music, movement and wit, interwoven with choreographed body drumming, live ethnic-flavored vocals, amusing sounds and theatrical antics, they

celebrate the world around us. Tararam uses industrial tools, suspended drums, percussion and the most basic instrument of all, their bodies. The size of the group varies from five to nine dancer-drummers.

NOVEMBER 10: Gamble Garden "**Parent, grandparent and child class on holiday baking.**" FEE: \$30. Details at www.gamblegarden.org.

NOVEMBER 10: At JCC: **New Century Chamber Orchestra** presents: "Benjamin Beilman Leads" at 8:00 - 10:00 PM. FEE: \$29 - \$61. New Century continues its 2017-2018 season with debut performances by Avery Fisher Career Grant recipient, American violinist Benjamin Beilman. Hailed by the Washington Post as "mightily impressive," Beilman will lead New Century in a varied program.

NOVEMBER 11: Gamble Garden: "**Make your own wreath** using fresh and dry materials" from 10- 11:30 AM. FREE: Register at www.gamblegarden.org.

NOVEMBER 15: "**On the Table**" Conversations around town on your **thoughts on housing**. See Description in City/County/PAUSD events above.

NOVEMBER 16: "**Getting Ready for Fall/Winter Biking**" at 5:30 PM, at Stanford at HRP-Redwood Building, Rm 138B. See <https://events.stanford.edu/events/704/70487/>. FREE.

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OCTOBER 27: "WASTED! The Story of Food Waste." 7:30-9:30 PM Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston, Fireside Room. FREE, all ages welcome.

OCTOBER 28: Palo Alto Buddhist Temple on 2715 Ross Road. Craft fair and vintage sale featuring Asian-inspired, handmade crafts and heirloom collectibles. Food for sale. From 10 AM to 4 PM.

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: "Listening to Trump's America" 3 States, 3 Counties, 100+ Conversations w/County Supervisor Joe Simitian, 11 AM - 1PM at Lucie Stern. RSVP 289-9038 or email gabe@joesimitian.com. FEE: Starting at \$50.

OCTOBER 29: Trick or Treat and Blossom Halloween Carnival: FRE. Pre-Halloween celebrations from 10 AM - 2 PM on South California Ave (between Birch Street and Park Blvd)!

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 5: Repair Cafe: 11 AM- 2 PM at Museum of American Heritage - MOAH, 351 Homer Ave. Bring your tired, broken or poorly working appliances, bikes, lamps, simple sewing & jewelry repairs and we will fix it and help you learn to fix things yourself!

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

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