

## MIDTOWN NEWS – November 3, 2017

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.** Set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night/Sunday morning.

Do1Thing in November: **Emergency Supplies.** Remember important items that may be overlooked when leaving your home in a disaster. Tasks

- Gather your emergency supplies in an accessible place.
- Have a go bag ready if you have to shelter in place or evacuate your home. Your go bag can be part of your emergency kit, just make sure it is in a bag or easy to carry container and that it is easy to get to.
- Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.
- Disasters can strike when you are away from home. If your office or school does not have an emergency kit, offer to help make one.
- Stash some cash in case ATMs and credit card machines are not usable in a disaster.
- Some experts say you should have at minimum \$150.00 in cash stashed away. Realizing this may not be possible for everyone, any amount is good to start with.

Interesting tidbit: Starting this week: **Artwork Forge**, a retro-style, interactive robotic sculpture by artist Toby Atticus Fraley will be on display outside King Plaza until April 2018. By inserting four quarters into the robotic sculpture, visitors will be able to watch their own unique artwork being designed in just a couple of minutes. The interactive robot creates an image based on what's trending on social media and then deposits the art in a tray on one end of the sculpture for collection. Artwork Forge is part of the Palo Alto Public Art Program's ongoing series of temporary public art installations on King Plaza.

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

PeopleForBikes is launching a new **PlacesForBikes** city rating system. The first round of ratings will come out in 1Q 2018. One of the items that goes into the rating is a community survey. Go to <http://peopleforbikes.org/placesforbikes/city-rating-system/>. "Promote the Community Survey - The perceptions of people in your community are an integral part of the rating system. Our online community survey here is designed to gather this data. We encourage you to share the link with your contacts and ask your local partners to share the survey link. The survey is now open and will close on December 8, 2017. We need at least 50 responses per city to have a reliable data set. Direct link: <http://coronainsights.com/PlacesForBikesCommunitySurvey>"

**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.

The **State Rail Plan** is based on a vision and strategies to create a seamless transportation network, backed by the money & power of the state of California, using effective practices from around the world. Webinar is planned for December 6, 12-1:30. [http://www.dot.ca.gov/californiarail/meetings\\_events/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/californiarail/meetings_events/). The comment form is at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/californiarail/comments.html>. Core principles to create this network include: A "pulse" schedule that synchronizes connections between long-distance and feeder services; Hub stations designed for convenient connections and walkable land use; Systemwide electrification and corridor grade separations; Getting more riders with capital investments by investing in capacity increases, using global best practices for efficiency and avoiding redundant investments; Disentangling passenger and freight services, allowing long-distance passenger services to arrive on time and Providing integrated fares and ticketing.

## **CITY COUNCIL:**

Nov 6: Start approximately 7 PM. Action items: Approve Fry's Area coordinated Plan process, waiver from retail protection for 425 Portage, side walk assessment, colleagues' memo about promoting housing production near transit, jobs and services. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59973>

Nov 7: Start at 7 PM after closed session. Topics: Waiver from Retail Protection 999 Alma, increase local speed limits. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/61930>

Nov 13: Start 5 PM. EIR for Comprehensive Plan. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/61931>

## **UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER**

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

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

NOVEMBER 8: **Council Rail Committee** at 8 AM in first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Presentation from Menlo Park officials about their railroad grade separation project; addendum to the Rail Committee Charter; & community questionnaire, & Draft Rail Corridor Circulation Study White Paper. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/61934>

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

NOVEMBER 9: **Historic Resources Board** at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers. Topics: Historic Preservation Website & Eichler Design Guidelines.

NOVEMBER 9: **Human Relations Commission** at 7 PM in first floor meeting room. Topics: Support of refugee resettlement; state Senate Bill 54 & Senate Bill 31; priorities for fiscal year 2018; and "On The Table" as well as the commission's Community Recognition Policy.

NOVEMBER 14: **Policy & Services** at 7 PM, first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Legislative Policies, Bike Share Operators, auditors report. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/61939>

NOVEMBER 15: **On the Table Community Conversation** on Housing. On the Table conversations are taking place nationwide on November 15. Locally, the 1-day event is sponsored by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation as a way for communities to come together to start a conversation about regional housing challenges. Housing is one of the Palo Alto City Council priorities. Events at:

- 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.
- Hobe's (facilitated by Human Relations Commission), 4224 El Camino Real, 8:45-10 a.m.

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.

NOVEMBER 16: **Public Art** Commission at 7 PM in the first floor meeting room city hall. The PAC is scheduled to make decisions about the deaccession of two artworks in the City collection, Digital DNA and Go Mama, at the November meeting. Both artworks have been identified as most in need of extensive conservation or consideration for deaccession. The deaccession reports are at <http://cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/59130>. Email the commission with your comments regarding the reasons for deaccession. Please note that public taste/aesthetics are not reasons for deaccession. For more information, view the deaccession policy.

NOVEMBER 16: **City/School Liaison Committee** Meeting. Agenda and Packet available next week.

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](http://www.measurec.fhda.edu). Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter detailing their qualifications to [chancellor@fhda.edu](mailto:chancellor@fhda.edu). For more information, 949-6100 or [chancellor@fhda.edu](mailto:chancellor@fhda.edu). Due by 5 PM on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Call for **Green Building Special Inspector Applications** – through 4 PM December 31st. Experienced green building professionals are encouraged to apply for acceptance on the approved validation list. Interested parties should download, complete, and sign both a [Green Building](#) Special Inspector Application and [Code of Conduct](#). Interested parties should also review the [Development Services](#) and [Green Building Compliance](#) webpages, to understand the requirements applicable for each project. For more information about Green Building, review the [Green Building](#) on Palo Alto webpage.

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### 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](http://www.avenidas.org). Then look for a survey in about a month to uncover your suggestions about our new site. REGISTRATION: call 289-5400.

- 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
- Mondays: Acupuncture: 9:15 to 11:30 AM. FEE: \$30.
- Tuesdays: Lotus Dance Fitness at 3:30 PM. FREE.
- Tuesdays: Avenidas Walkers. Call 387-5256 for trail location. FREE
- Wednesdays: Mindful Meditation at 2 PM. FREE
- Fridays from 1-4 PM. Non-Scary Duplicate Bridge. FEE: \$2/3
- Friday 1:30 - 4PM. Drop in Bridge. FREE
- Nov 15: Reiki. FEE: \$30-35. Call 289-5400.
- Nov 17: Fair Housing Rights & Responsibilities by Project Sentinel at 10:30 AM. Call to register.

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](mailto:jroche@avenidas.org).

**Deborah's Palm Events**: See all events at [www.deborahspalm.org](http://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](mailto:philippa.perkin@gmail.com)
- Jan 27: Dreams! Goals! Keys to Success! Goal Setting Workshop. For more, [barbara@dreamsngoals.com](mailto:barbara@dreamsngoals.com)

NOVEMBER 3: SkyPosse announces: **Conversations with the Mayors** from Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, and Menlo Park to address jet noise at Menlo Waypoint. From 5:30-7 PM at @cafezoemenlo, 1929 Menalto Ave., Drinks and food will be provided by the Mayors.

NOVEMBER 4: Supervisor Simitian **Sidewalk Hours** @ 9:00 -10:30 AM at Downtown Farmer's Market.

NOVEMBER 4: **E-waste truck** at Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue, from 9 AM - 3 PM. Bring any old appliances, electronics, Cds/DVDs, wires and chargers and headphones, telephones, cell phones, computers/monitors/peripherals, any other metal items, audio players, video players, game consoles, and more. This event is open to all.

NOVEMBER 5: Sundays with the **St Lawrence** - Haydn-Fest - at the Bing at 2:30 PM.

NOVEMBER 7: History Changes Gears: **The Russian Revolution of 1917** – A Centennial Lecture at 7:30 PM at Stanford - Cubberley Auditorium School of Education. FREE.

NOVEMBER 9: **Restoration Advisory Board** for former Naval Air Station Moffett Field at 7 PM at Mt View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave, Mt View. See: [http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac\\_bases/california/former\\_nas\\_moffett\\_field.html](http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac_bases/california/former_nas_moffett_field.html)

NOVEMBER 9-11: **FABMO Selection Event** at 970 Terra Bella. Thu 12p-8p (Drop-in after 6:30); Fri 8:30a-6p (Drop-in after 4:30); Sat 9a-11 (No appointments necessary). Special Sale, Nov 18, 9a-3p.

NOVEMBER 10: **Stanford Wind Symphony** at the Bing at 7:30 PM. Tickets at Stanford.edu or 725-2787. FEE: \$10-\$20

NOVEMBER 11: **Open Studio**: Meet the artists at Cubberley from noon to 5:30 PM.

NOVEMBER 13: At the JCC: **"Walking with Peety"** from 8-9 PM. FEE: \$30. Ticket/nook, \$18, \$15 Mem & J-Pass, \$12 Students. Join us for conversation with Eric O'Grey, author of "Walking with Peety: The Dog who Saved My Life." A visit to an animal shelter saved O'Grey's life. He was 150 pounds overweight, depressed and sick. After the onset of Type 2 diabetes, a new doctor prescribed a shelter dog. O'Grey met Peety: an overweight, middle-aged, forgotten dog. Adopting each other, they formed a bond of unconditional love that forever changed both their lives. "Walking with Peety" is for those ready to make a change in their life, and those who know the joy, love and hope that a dog can inspire. More than a tale of mutual rescue, it's a story of friendship and strength.

NOVEMBER 15: **Sachal Ensemble** at the Bing at 7:30 PM.

NOVEMBER 17: Avenidas: **handcrafted items sale** by Avenidas Needlework Club from 10 AM - 3 PM in the lobby of Building I-2 at Cubberley Community Center.

NOVEMBER 18: At the JCC: **'Vincent'** Written by Leonard Nimoy, starring Jim Jarrett, from 7:00-8:30 PM. FEE: \$55 Premium, \$40, \$35 Mem & J-pass, \$20 Students (with Student ID). Vincent van Gogh was an artistic genius whose work was dismissed as that of a madman. His brother Theo provided him with the supplies and money to keep painting. Vincent wrote letters to Theo sharing his artistic struggles. At the age of 37, Vincent died, followed six months later by Theo who left behind over 500 letters with soul-searching details of Vincent's life. Leonard Nimoy researched the letters, using them as the basis for "Vincent." The play begins in a lecture hall in Paris a week after Vincent's death. Theo has invited artists, friends and anyone else who will listen, hoping that he will be able to express himself and do justice to the memory and reputation of his brother.

NOVEMBER 21: At the JCC: Community Tuesdays series - **"Robots as Caregivers?"** Discussion of ways robots have been applied in modern societies and what the future may hold. Elder care is one of the most promising applications for robots, says Ishak, who will discuss how robots have been used to cognitively engage isolated older adults. From 1 - 2:30 PM in Room E-104 of the JCC. FEE: \$15. For more, contact Michelle Rosengaus at [rosengaus@palaltojcc.org](mailto:rosengaus@palaltojcc.org) or 223-8616.

DECEMBER 2: **Ceramics and Jewelry Sale** at the Art Center from 10- 5PM. See <http://www.cityofpalalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=4061>

DECEMBER 5: Gamble Garden **Holiday Lunch** from noon - 2 PM. FEE: \$30 mem, \$40 non-mem. Call 329-1356 to reserve.

DECEMBER 17: At Gamble Garden: Puppet Show The "**Fratello Marionettes**" at 10:30 AM. FEE: before show \$30 Child, \$25 adult.

## **OLD**

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](http://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.

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.

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

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

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

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