

## MIDTOWN NEWS – November 17, 2017

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

#### **CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: ANNUAL ROTARY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST!**

Wednesday January 24, 7 PM, Palo Alto City Council Chambers. Prizes total \$1550. 2017-18 Speech topic theme: "Rotary Making a Difference". Each speech must be between 4-5 minutes, original student work, and incorporate the theme and one of the Rotary mantras: Is it the TRUTH?, Is it FAIR to all concerned?, Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?, Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? QUESTIONS AND REGISTRATION? Contact [Annette\\_G@att.net](mailto:Annette_G@att.net)

**WINTERLODGE: Registration** for the Winter Session of ice skating classes at Winter Lodge begins on Monday, November 13 at 10 AM. The Winter Session of 8 classes runs from November 27 - February 3 (no classes December 25-Jan 6). FEE: \$208.00 and includes 1/2 hour lesson @week, rental skates, free practice before/after class and 2 free practice passes. Classes are offered for all ages and levels. Register in person or by phone. For more, see [www.winterlodge.com](http://www.winterlodge.com)

**Zero Waste tip** for the holidays: Your recycle, compost, and garbage collection day will change during the holidays. Collection will not occur on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, your collection day will be moved to the following day for the rest of the week. When the holidays are over, be sure to compost your tree! For the four weeks following Christmas Day, Christmas trees will be collected curbside. They must be undecorated, unflocked, cut to four-foot lengths with stands removed and placed curbside next to your green compost cart.

Tidbit: Fun experience: At the Art Center **Connect with your Creativity at Play!** Exhibit: If you haven't yet stopped by the Art Center to experience our current Play! exhibition, now is the time! You can make music on wall-mounted pots and pans, and play with silver helium-filled Mylar balloons in the Glass Gallery. The artists exhibiting in Play! believe what more and more researchers, educators, and creatives are upholding as truth—that play is integral to the psychological well being of each of us as individuals, as well as to the health of our families and communities. Bring the whole family and engage in play, creativity, and fun!

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

**Rail Corridor Meetings:** 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. Link to a recent presentation Nadia Naik, CARRD, did for the Southgate neighborhood: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nCtIKPDeemjae8m-ePMRVMUFDsPqit1>

The Palo Alto City Library is announcing a new **social library catalog** to replace the current one. The library will soft launch the new catalog on November 21. Try it out. The final transition is planned for January 23. See details at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civica/press/display.asp?layout=1&Entry=1573>

Update re **101 work:** "Caltrans has completed in-channel work on its project to replace the Highway 101 bridge over the Creek. Caltrans reports that East Bayshore Road will be reopened by Thanksgiving and West Bayshore Road by the end of 2017. Additional work on Highway 101 will continue into early 2018."

**2018 Municipal Fee Schedule:** For the full report that went to the City Council that includes the newly adopted fees, please visit <http://cityofpaloalto.org/civica/filebank/documents/61210>.

### CITY COUNCIL

Nov 20: Cancellation

Nov 27: Start 5 PM. Study session with UAC, Action:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62203>. Rooftop Decks Within the Dtn Area, Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass & Adobe Creek Reach Trail.

Dec 4: Start 5 PM. Study session with Art Commission. Actions: Construction of the new JMZ, City-Prepared Comment Letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report by Santa Clara County for the Stanford General Use Permit

### UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

NOVEMBER 17: **PAUSD Board Policy** Review COMMITTEE at 8:30 AM in the district office, 25 Churchill Ave., Room A.

NOVEMBER 21: **Finance Committee**: Cancellation

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.

NOVEMBER 22: FOOTHILL-DE ANZA College District seeks applicants for **Audit and Finance Committee** to act in an advisory role to the Board in carrying out its oversight and legislative responsibilities as they relate to the District's financial management.. 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.

NOVEMBER 20 :**Planning & Transportation** Commission at 6 PM. Agenda not posted yet.

NOVEMBER 29: **Rail Committee** at 8 AM. Meeting Agenda and Packet will be released November 21, 2017.

NOVEMBER 30: **Ground Water Pumping Workshop** at 3 PM in first floor meeting room, city hall. The City of Palo Alto is scheduled to bring changes to its Basement Construction Dewatering Ordinance to City Council on December 4. With experience in both traditional dewatering and "cut-off" wall construction this construction season, and Public Works is in a position to update the Ordinance adopted in early 2017. They will propose to leave the basic structure in place; namely to allow a choice between conventional dewatering supported by a Hydro-geological Study, or the installation of "cut-off" walls to greatly impede groundwater flow. Workshop is geared to contractors who must comply with the ordinance, but all are welcome.

NOVEMBER 30: CEQA (Environmental Review) of **Stanford GUP** 2018 Application at Art Center at 7 PM with **Santa Clara County Planning Commission** at Arts Center. Public comment on the Stanford 2018 General Use Permit Draft Environmental Impact Report

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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). EVENT 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 20: Free skin cancer screening 8:30 - 9:30 AM. By appt.
- MOVIES at 1:30. FEE: \$0, \$2. Nov 16: The Shack; Nov 23: Beauty and the Beast; Nov 30: Wonder Woman

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).

**Support Avenidas** this Holiday Season! Simple steps to help: Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Search for Avenidas and click "Select" to make Avenidas your choice; Start shopping and Amazon will donate part of your purchases to them!

**Deborah's Palm Events:** See all events at [www.deborahspalm.org](http://www.deborahspalm.org). Call: 473-0664.

- 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)
- 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).
- Jan 27: Dreams! Goals! Keys to Success! Goal Setting Workshop. For more, [barbara@dreamsngoals.com](mailto:barbara@dreamsngoals.com)

NOVEMBER 17: **Games Night!** Time to take a break from work, other responsibilities, and the seemingly endless barrage of news about natural disasters and human-caused craziness. Bring your favorite board game, card game, or other fun activity – or just show up and play along with what others have brought. All ages welcome. Feel free to bring a light snack (finger food) to share. From 7-9:30 PM; Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston. FREE, donations appreciated.

NOVEMBER 18 Film screening: Closing reception and film: “ **Visions of Warriors,** ” directed by Ming Lai, a documentary about the Veterans Photo Recovery Project. FREE. Cubberley Community Center, Studio U7. Reception starts at noon; discussion starts at 3 PM; film screening at 4 PM. More information is available at [www.facebook.com/visionsofwarriors/](http://www.facebook.com/visionsofwarriors/)

NOVEMBER 29: **Taste of science - Vaccines and Artificial Brain.** Come to hear the history and future of vaccines and learn about how your brain control all your muscles. Food and drinks available for purchase. Family friendly, don't hesitate to bring your kids. FEE: \$5. Full details at <http://tinyurl.com/ybl83uzc>. Freewheel Brewing Company, Florence Street, Redwood City 7 - 10 PM.

NOVEMBER 30: **Mindfulness Workshop** for Women at 10 AM or 7 PM, 2251 High Street. FREE. CALM for Women (Cultivating Awareness to Live Mindfully). Are you feeling stressed, anxious, overwhelmed? Do you find yourself going through the motions just to get through the day? Would you like to be more present for your life? Would you like to stop reacting & start responding. Mindfulness is the practice of being aware of what is happening right now, in this moment. It is not obsessing about the past or fantasizing about what the future may bring. Mindfulness helps us to become more aware of our breath, emotions, thoughts and feelings that arise and dissolve in the mind. This awareness creates space, changing impulsive, habitual reactions to more thoughtful, conscious responses. Registration is Required - Space is Limited! Register or for more, email [sarah@themindfulkids.com](mailto:sarah@themindfulkids.com)

DECEMBER 1/2: **PALY Glass sale.** Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 PM and Saturday, December 2nd from 11 to 4 PM. <https://www.sites.google.com/site/palyglass/home>. Great gift items that support the Fiery Arts Program at Paly. All the items are hand made by the students and teachers. PALY is one of a few high schools in the country that has a glass blowing program. Proceeds from the sale support the cost to operate the program. Lots of beautiful blown glass ornaments, trees, vases, goblets, bowls and other great gift items. Always a fun event that supports a good cause. They also hold weekend classes for members in our community. Pick up a flyer for the weekend classes at the event.

DECEMBER 2-3 & 9-10: **Rochelle Ford Holiday Art Show**. Stop by catch up on what's going on in our lives over a glass of eggnog while she shows you her latest creations. 10 - 5, 1155 Waverley St. Earlier this year, a mini-documentary was done on her art life, and you can watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/241338487>

DECEMBER 2 & 9: At the Art Center: return of **Secret Saturdays** on December 2 and 9, 10 AM-noon, at the Art Center. During this free Palo Alto holiday tradition, children ages 7-9 make the gifts, decorations and cards they need for the holidays. Space is extremely limited. Get more information and register for the event at [https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Activity\\_Search/secret-saturdays/9572](https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Activity_Search/secret-saturdays/9572). FEE

DECEMBER 3: The Palo Alto Historical Association presents Council Member and former Mayor Karen Holman moderating Palo Alto Vignettes with guests Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Supervisor Joe Simitian. **Palo Alto as an Influence on Lives of Public Service**. FREE at 2 PM at Lucie Stern. PAHA's extensive historic archives are at the Cubberley, Room K-7. Over 12,000 digital images are online at [www.pahistory.org](http://www.pahistory.org). The archive is open on Tuesday (4:00 - 8:00 PM) and Thursday (1:00 - 5:00 PM). Steve Staiger, the city's historian is available during those hours to assist with research.

DECEMBER 9: Transition Palo Alto **Squash Party** at 4PM. RSVP Required. Send a message to [barbaraweinstein2@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraweinstein2@gmail.com) for details and to RSVP.

## OLD

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).

NOVEMBER 21: At the JCC: Community Tuesdays series - "Robots as Caregivers?" From 1 - 2:30 PM in Room E-104 of the JCC. FEE: \$15. For more contact Michelle Rosengaus at [mrosengaus@paloaltojcc.org](mailto:mrosengaus@paloaltojcc.org) or 223-8616.

DECEMBER 2: Ceramics and Jewelry Sale at the Art Center from 10- 5PM. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.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 8-January 14: Exhibit at MOAH (Museum of American Heritage), 351 Homer. Discover the Magic of the Annual BayLUG Holiday LEGO® Show Popup Exhibit. FEE: \$3.

DECEMBER 9: Gamble Garden Holiday Greens Sale, 9 AM - noon at the Carriage House & "Over the Garden Fence Sale" from 9-2.

DECEMBER 9: CANOPY Walk Trees of Stanford, 10 AM - noon. Meet at Frost Amphitheater, 365 Lasuen St, Stanford.

DECEMBER 9: Bay Area Choral Messyah at 7 PM, First United Methodist Church - 625 Hamilton Ave. FEE. Tickets at <http://baychoralquild.org/tickets/>

DECEMBER 10: Transition Palo Alto Holiday Faire Share at Cubberley, Room A6, A7 from 1-3 PM. <http://www.transitionpaloalto.org>

DECEMBER 15/16: A Dramatic Reading of a Timely Fable - George Orwell's Animal Farm (ages 12+) at Avenidas, Cubberley, Suite #1-2. FEE: \$10/\$12. At 7 PM on 12/15; 2 PM on 12/16.

DECEMBER 16: Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra Extravaganza at Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College at 3 PM. FEE: VIP \$150, preferred seats \$30, \$20.

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