

MIDTOWN NEWS – December 1, 2017

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

Community: Traffic Advisory: 200 block of Forest Avenue Closed for Next Three Weeks, while the city upgrades its communications center. For full details, [view this message on the web](#) .

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

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

FREE BISTRO BREAKFAST: Drop off an unwrapped toy at Courtyard Marriott, 4320 El Camino. M-F until 10 AM; Sat/Sun until 11 AM.

TIDBIT: New Open Space Preserve opens today. [La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve](#).

Do1Thing in December: **First Aid:** Be prepared to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance. Tasks: 1) Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. 2) Call 911 instead of trying to take an injured or ill person to the hospital yourself. It seems like waiting for an ambulance will make it take longer to get help, but ambulance crews start providing care as soon as they arrive. 3) Make or buy first aid kits for your home and car. 3) Ready-made first aid kits are available at most department stores or online from beprepared.com or quakekare.com. 4) Take training in first aid, CPR, AED, or pet first aid. 5) Knowing how to apply a bandage, identify the signs and symptoms of shock, perform CPR or use an automatic external defibrillator (AED) can save a life.

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

Rail Corridor Meetings: Nov 30 Trench and Tunnel discussion **MOVED TO 2018**. Link to a recent presentation Nadia Naik, CARRD, did for the Southgate neighborhood: <https://tinyurl.com/yaogefcc>. Funding white paper at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62314>

What are the **priorities** you would like to see the Palo Alto **City Council adopt in 2018**? Each year, Palo Alto City Council reviews its priorities for the year at its Annual Council Retreat. A Council priority is defined as a topic that will receive particular, unusual and significant attention during the year. There is a goal of adopting no more than 4 to 5 priorities each year, and they generally have a three-year time limit. The priorities for 2017 included: Transportation, Infrastructure, Healthy City/Healthy Community, Budget and Finance, Housing. Share your thoughts at https://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/5/forum_home?phase=open

City Council Winter Closure is scheduled from December 18, 2018 through January 7, 2018. Regular City Council & Standing Committee meetings are not scheduled during the Winter Closure.

Santa Clara Water District (SCWVD) - **Vacancy on Public Facilities Financing** Corp. If interested, notify the Clerk of the Board of Directors of the SCWV District in writing by 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec 15 with letter of interest

which includes your name, contact numbers, address, email, occupation, summary of interest in the position, and qualifications and experience.to 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

Position Available for a Funding Administrator for Minor Home Repair Program for Community Development Block Grant Program. Apply by noon on Tues, January 9, 2018. See www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/cdgb.asp. To request an application or for more information, contact erum.maqbool@CityofPaloAlto.org.

CITY COUNCIL

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 for the Stanford General Use Permit. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62312>

Dec 11: Start at 5PM. Consent: Basement Construction Dewatering Ordinance. Actions:Sustainability Plan, Roth Building Rehab, <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62401>

Jan 8, 2018 (tentative) - City Council Reorganization

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

DECEMBER 5: **PAUSD** at 6:30 PM at district office, 25 Churchill. Topics: Environmental impact report for Stanford University's general use permit, contract for search for district's superintendent, interim financial report, data for A-G college requirements, a board policy on gifts, board member term limits and an annual report on the Strong Schools Bond.

DECEMBER 5: **Finance** Committee at 7 PM at first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Financial statements, long range forecast/pension liabilities. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62321>

DECEMBER 6: **Utilities Advisory** Commission, 7 PM, council chambers. Actions: Strategic Plan, Sustainability & Climate Action Plan, carbon neutral strategy, etc. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62416>

DECEMBER 7: **Architectural Review** Board at 8:30 AM in city council chambers. Topics: Tier 3 wireless communication facility permit for small cell wireless in utility poles. This application proposes 15 small cell node locations in Midtown and Palo Verde. See locations at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62257>

DECEMBER 7: **Human Relations** Commission at 5PM in 1st floor meeting room.

DECEMBER 12: **Policy & Services** at 6 PM, 1st floor meeting room, city hall. Action: Taxi services, Council Priority setting, Anti-Idling Policy. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62402>

DECEMBER 14: **Historic Resources** Board at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics: 755 Hamilton and Eichler Guidelines.

DECEMBER 15: **Council Appointed Officers** Committee at 10:30 Am 1st floor mtg room, city hall. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/62403>

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. 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
- MOVIES at 1:30. FEE: \$0, \$2. Dec 7: "The Magnificent 7"; Dec 28 "Loving"

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

Talking with Henrietta - "**University Women Making a Difference in Politics**" -- Current statistics show that Millennials just don't vote as much as their elders. On this new edition of Talking with Henrietta, three young women from a local university discuss what they are doing to make a difference in the political arena. See this inspiring show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 through December 16, 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#universitywomen>

Stanford Continuing Ed Winter courses. , Registration starts Dec 4. See www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu

Registration for **winter classes and workshops at the Palo Alto Art Center** begins November 30 - residents & December 7 - non-residents. All classes begin on or after January 8. <https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto>

Live holiday music at the Stanford Shopping Center - a variety of free musical performances during the holiday season. Afternoons, Saturdays and Sundays through Christmas Eve.

DECEMBER 1: **Cuba-US relations:** From Obama to Trump at 1 PM, Bolivar House, Stanford

DECEMBER 1-3 Artifactory Cooperative **Fine Crafts Holiday Sale** at the Girl Scout House, 1120 Hopkins (behind Lucie Stern) from 10-5 PM.

DECEMBER 2-6: **Christmas Creche Exhibit** at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, noon to 9 PM. FREE. Over 350 nativities from more than 50 countries and over 100 exhibitors of many faiths. On display this year are the following collections: 30th Anniversary, European Traditionals, Porcelain to Paper, Latin America, International Carvings, Music and Song, Metals, Artists and Artisans. The exhibit features a community service project, hands-on activities, a Children's Room with crafts and costumes, daily marionette shows, and live holiday music.

DECEMBER 2: At the ART Center **Jewelry and Ceramics Holiday Sale** from 10 - 5 featuring items from their Open Jewelry Studio and Ceramics programs.

DECEMBER 2: Buena Vista Park, 3980 El Camino, "**Holiday La Posada**" from 5:30 PM. Every one of all ages, religions and cultures will feel welcome. RSVP to winterdell@earthlink.net. Candlelight Procession: 6:45 PM. Raices de Mexico folkloric dancers: 7:15 PM.

DECEMBER 2: At the JCC: "**Bill Murray and Jan Vogler: New Worlds**" at 8 PM. FEE: \$150, \$145 Mem/J-Pass. Noted actor Bill Murray teams up with acclaimed German cellist Jan Vogler to present a spirited evening of music and literature. In this rare live appearance, Murray - as both singer and narrator - brings his charm and

wit to songs by Foster, Gershwin, Mancini and Bernstein, as well as readings of classic American poetry and prose.

DECEMBER 4: At the JCC: "An **Evening with Haroon Moghul, Author of How to Be a Muslim**" at 8 PM. FEE: \$25& book, \$18, \$15 Mem/J-Pass, \$10 Student. Haroon details his coming-of-age story as an American Muslim and the struggle to forge identity as a second-generation immigrant in a post-9/11 world. He documents the pressures of living in a world that shuns and fears Muslims, as well as his own complicated relationship with Islam and his battles with bipolar disorder. Moderated by Michael Krasny, host of KQED's award-winning "Forum".

DECEMBER 4: "**Happy**" a movie that explores the secrets behind our most valued emotion at 3PM at Channing House. Shown as part of the United Nations Association Film Festival. FREE

DECEMBER 5: At the JCC: Community Tuesday. "**Mothers and Daughters, Sisters and Wives**" at 1 PM in Rm E 104. Focus is on women — and their men — who dedicated their lives to creating the state of Israel, FEE: \$15,

DECEMBER 7: Stanford Philharmonic at Memorial Auditorium, Stanford with Lara St John at 7:30 PM. "**The Red Violin**". See www.live.stanford.edu

DECEMBER 7: Kara Candlelight **Service of Remembrance** at 7:00 PM at First Presbyterian, 1140 Cowper. Sharing the themes of Love, Hope, Memory, Courage and Community come together with live music and culminate in a special candle lighting ceremony to honor loved ones who have died. This is a non-denominational service open to the community.

DECEMBER 8: "**Measuring Your Impact and Success**" for non-profits. 1- 4 PM. Homewood Suites

DECEMBER 9: At the JCC: "**Opera for Families** -The Magic Flute" at 10:30 AM. FEE: \$18, \$15 Mem, Children, J-Pass. The Magic Flute", composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is a fairy tale set to music. It's the story of a princess and her pursuer, who takes along a magic flute as he journeys with a sidekick to save the princess from peril.

DECEMBER 9/10: PALY Choir presents "**A Madrigal Feaste**" at 1:30 PM. Tickets available at <http://bit.ly/2AWmERs>.

DECEMBER 10: **Tales for the Holidays** at the Bing, Stanford at 2:30 PM with TV stars: Kirsten Vangsness (Criminal Minds), Tate Donovan (The Man in the High Castle), and Christina Pickles (Friends, Break a Hip). www.live.stanford.edu

DECEMBER 11: "**Early Childhood Education: Why is it Essential to Our Collective Future?**" 11:30 AM -1 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room. FEE: \$35 Speaker, Stanford Professor Deborah Stipek. Professor Stipek will speak about what we could do to support the education and care of our younger generation.

DECEMBER 12: At the JCC: Community Tuesdays: Nily Shiryon will present "**Miracles: In Days of Yore and in Our Times**," exploring the Jewish concept of miracles. FEE: \$15, 1 -2:30 p.m. in Room E-104

DECEMBER 17: The **Gryphon Carolers** "Winters Gift" at Canada College Theatre. Doors open at 6PM, Concert at 6:30 PM. See www.gryphoncarolers.com

DECEMBER 19: At the JCC: Community Tuesday: **Hanukkah Celebration** with traditional food & entertainment from 11:30 Am to 1:30 PM. FEE: \$20. RSVP to Michelle Rosengaus, 223-8616, mrosengaus@paltoaljcc.org.

DECEMBER 21: **Avenidas Holiday Party & Sing Along**. Seniors are encouraged to bring their voices, ukuleles, harmonicas or other acoustic instruments. From 2:30 PM, Cubberley Building I-2. FREE

DECEMBER 29: Avenidas sponsors "**Breakfast at Mitchell's**," featuring the 10th Avenue Band, Mitchell Park Community Ctr at 10AM. FEE: \$10.

JANUARY 13: **Saint Michael Trio**, Menlo-Atherton Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$15. Dress up like it's the Oscars! Join in the fun at Saint Mike's annual gala, featuring surprise repertoire, special guests, and a post-concert chocolate reception with the artists! Come braced for everything from the deepest classical to the ziestiest jazz, and see why people are calling Saint Mike a Silicon Valley sensation.

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DECEMBER 1: City of Palo Alto Tree-lighting Ceremony of a 60-foot tree with bands, choirs and art activities. Hot drinks and treats available. Lytton Plaza (University Avenue at Emerson); 5:30 - 7 PM.

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>.

DECEMBER 1/2: Stanford Symphony Orchestra at the Bing at 7:30 PM. FEE: Advance:\$20, \$18 senior, \$10 students. At door \$25, \$20 Senior, \$15 Student

DECEMBER 2: CHRISTMAS MARKET at the Artisan Shop at Allied Arts Guild 75 Arbor Rd, Menlo Park),10-4. FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING. Merlot Notes 11:30-12:30, Simply Jazz 12:30-1:30, Santa Claus 12:00-1:30.

DECEMBER 2: California Bach Society presents a program of Christmas music from Poland and the Baltic countries.at 8 PM at the All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St.

DECEMBER 2: Ragazzi Boys Chorus holiday program celebrates the concept of universal love with musical selections drawn from diverse traditions and faiths First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave, 5 PM.

DECEMBER 2: Hayden Project at Stanford. See www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu for location. Time 7:30 PM. Take four musicians, ninety-three string quartets, and the genius of Franz Josef Haydn: Stir vigorously and applaud wildly. San Francisco Chamber Orchestra

DECEMBER 2: Join Art Center, Avenidas, and Youth Community Service for a free Intergenerational Play Date, 1-3 PM. The event features a tour of current exhibition, Play!, and board games, card games, and pinball.

DECEMBER 2: Ceramics and Jewelry Sale at the Art Center from 10- 5PM.

DECEMBER 2-3 & 9-10: Rochelle Ford Holiday Art Show. 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: Secret Saturdays on December 2 and 9, 10 AM-noon, at the Art Center. Ages 7-9 make the gifts, decorations and cards for the holidays. <https://tinyurl.com/ybb8hc57>

DECEMBER 3: Grace Lutheran, 3149 Waverley, Soli Deo Gloria at 3:30 PM. FEE: \$26, \$21 Senior/student. Dvance \$23, \$18 senior/Students. K-8 Free.

DECEMBER 3: "Palo Alto as an Influence on Lives of Public Service". Council Member Holman moderating with Congresswoman Lofgren & Supervisor Simitian. FREE. 2 PM at Lucie Stern.

DECEMBER 3: HOLIDAY STORY TIME at Books Inc.,Town & Country for children ages 5 & younger. Featuring readings from books about Chanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa at 11 AM. FEE: \$30 mem, \$4, RSVP 329-1356..

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 8: Police Department Coffee Meet up "Breaking with the Law" at Starbucks at 3885 El Camino Real, any time between 5- 7 PM. Meet some of the members of the Department.

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

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 9: Ragazzi Continuo, the adult a cappella choir for graduates of the Ragazzi Boys Chorus, holiday concert "Winter's Warmth." First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road. at 7:30 PM.

DECEMBER 10: At the Art Center: Tropical Holiday Family Day: Tropical art-making and performances for participants ages 5 to adult. FREE. 2 - 4:30 PM.

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

DECEMBER 14: Hanukkah celebration: Stanford Shopping Center Plaza (near Neiman Marcus). Free musical performances, arts and crafts for children, face painting, dreidel games, candle lighting and a special Hanukkah puppet show and sing-along. From 5:30 - 8 PM

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 16: Choral Project annual holiday concert, "Winter's Gifts: Family," with the San José Chamber Orchestra. First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., at 8 PM. FEE: \$35; senior \$25; student/alumni: \$10.

DECEMBER 16: Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra annual holiday show at Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, at 3 PM.

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