

MIDTOWN NEWS – February 23, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

FEBRUARY 24, Saturday. **Free Emergency Prep Class for 3-5th Graders** from 1-2 PM, Cubberley Room H-1: Do your kids know what to do if a disaster strikes? Come to the free "Eprep class for kids" on Feb 24 from 1-2pm in Room H-1 at Cubberley. Your child will learn about emergency kits, make an emergency home plan, and complete interactive emergency fact sheets. Parents can drop off their child or stay for the class. This class is hosted and presented by high schooler Akhil Kumar, a FEMA Youth Council member. Class size is limited -- please sign up here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Akhil Kumar at akhilvikramkumar@gmail.com

MARCH 5 start: Do you want to become trained as a member of the City of Palo Alto Office of Emergency Services' **Community Emergency Response Team**? The CERT program trains community members in basic disaster response skills, such as small fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. The CERT curriculum includes 24 hours of training over 7 sessions. The Spring 2018 session occurs from 6:30 - 9:30 PM on March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, and 21, with a five-hour "field day" from noon - 5 PM on Sunday, March 25. Students must attend and complete all sessions to become certified. The location is at the Adobe Room of the Mitchell Park Community Center in Palo Alto. There is no fee, and you do NOT need to be a Palo Alto resident to participate. Space is limited, so register ASAP to ensure you get a spot.

MARCH 20: Next Class to train **Block Coordinators**: 6 PM Mitchell Park Community Center. Enroll at epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

BOARD & COMMISSION OPENINGS: Currently recruiting for the following positions. Applications due March 20 at 4:30 PM. Historic Resources Board, Human Relations Commission, Public Art, Utilities Advisory Commission. <http://bit.ly/bcapplications>

CITY COUNCIL

Feb 26 at 6:30 PM. Special session Topic: Public Improvement corp, Financial Statement.
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63511>

Feb 26: Regular council, start at 6PM after closed session.
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63512>. Topics: RPP Status, Utilities Strategic Plan

Mar 5: at 6:30 PM after closed session. Annual Code Update. Agenda at
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63618>

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

FEBRUARY 27: **Park and Recreation** Commission at 7 PM in Council Chambers. Topics: Baylands Comprehensive Conservation Plan & review the commissions recent retreat. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63605>

FEBRUARY 27: **PAUSD** at district office, 25 Churchill. At 8 AM will discuss elementary schools' annual Single Plan for Student Achievement and Topics for the 6:30 PM regular mtg include: district's second interim budget, report on special education, the high schools' Learning Design Team, new class size policy, Stanford University's general use permit (GUP); vote on placing a school bond measure on the November 2018 ballot; and a memorandum of understanding with the Palo Alto Educators Association.

FEBRUARY 28: **Planning & Transportation** Commission CANCELLED at 6 PM in Council Chambers. Topic: Housing Element at 6PM in Council chambers. March 14th next meeting.

MARCH 1: **Architectural Review** Board at 8:30 AM Council Chambers. Projects: JR Museum & Zoo, garage at 350 Sherman, entry plaza at 500 Pasteur Dr, 3045 Park, 392 California Ave.
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63704>

MARCH 1: **Directors Hearing** at 3 PM in first floor meeting room, City Hall. Project: 1023 Middlefield. Build 2 Residential Condominium Units in Conjunction With the Construction of 2 New Single-Family Residences.

MARCH 1: **PAUSD**: Budget study session, 8 - 10 AM at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

MARCH 6: **Connecting Palo Alto: Community Round Table**, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Art Center Auditorium. Topic is trenching and tunneling. See white paper
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63496>

MARCH 6: **Finance Committee** Cancellation

MARCH 6: Community Meeting hosted by City Public Works re John Boulvware Park **renovations at the Ventura Community Center** at 6:30 PM, Ventura Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 3990 Ventura Court

3) LOCAL EVENTS

Avenidas Activities at <http://www.avenidas.org/>. Samples of classes follow. Programs on the 2nd floor of Building I at Cubberley. New revised website at www.avenidas.org. REGISTRATION 289-5400.

Discounted day passes to the Palo Alto Y are available for Avenidas/Avenidas Village members! The usual price for a day pass is \$20, but you can purchase them for \$10@. They can be used to access all activities at the Y on the day of purchase, including fitness classes, gym equipment, and the pool. In addition, the joining fee (\$90) will be waived for members who would like to join the Y. Questions? Contact Tracy 289-5436 or Patrick Kelly at the Y, 842-2765.

- Feb 23: Presentation: "Why Social Media?" 11am-12:30 AM, Avenidas @CCC. Registration required. 289-5400, \$0/\$10.
- Feb 26: Senior Adult Legal Assistance appts available for Santa Clara County residents age 60+. 650-289-5400 for appt. FREE.
- Feb 27: Massage appts available. Call 289-5400. \$35/\$45 for 30 min.
- Feb 28: Mindfulness Meditation 2:30-3:30 PM every Wednesday, Avenidas @ CCC. Drop-in, FREE

Peninsula **Photo Contest** submissions from Feb 22- April 2, categories: Portraits, Moments, Life in 650, Abstract, travel, The Natural World. Adult and Youth Divisions. www.peninsulacontest.artcall.org

Project Enybody is hosting the Earth Needs You - **ART Contest!** Enter art, photos, or writing that shows how being environmentally conscious is important. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third places winners. The deadline to submit your entries is February 28 at 11:59PM. <http://www.enybody.org/earth-needs-you-art-contest.html>

CALL FOR COACHES: The Recreation Division needs MSA coaches for tennis and track & field at the 3 middle schools in Palo Alto! The season begins March 19th through the 2nd week of May. Practices will be from, 3-4:30 PM M-Th, & Wed. practices can start as early as 2 PM. Matches for tennis will mainly be played on Wed. starting as early as 3:30 PM & go until 6 PM. T&F meets can be any day throughout the week (M-F, no weekend commitments). If you are interested or know some who is interested, please contact Chase Hartmann at Chase.Hartmann@cityofpaloalto.org.

CALL for SHORT STORIES: PA Weekly: Deadline April 6: Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in each category: Adult, Young Adult (15-17) & Teen (12-14). See https://www.paloaltoonline.com/short_story/entry.php

Talking with Henrietta "**Building Community Using Food.**" Some people think that you can build community by using food. Four show guests discuss the current food revolution and some of the issues surrounding our present and future food supply. See this thought-provoking discussion over the internet and on Comcast 30 through February 24 on Sundays@5 PM, Mondays@2 PM, Tuesdays@8 PM, Wednesdays@2 AM, 11 AM and 6 PM., Thursdays@8 PM and Fridays@3:00 AM & 12 PM. It can be seen on Channel 27 on Wednesdays at 10:30 PM. Get more information about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#foodrevolution>

WHAT'S PLAYING STAGE

Mar 2-3: The Wiz, at Stanford by BlackStage Theatre Company. 3/2 at 8 PM; 3/3 at 1:30 and 8 PM at Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive. FEE: free for Stanford Students & children under 5; \$5 for Stanford employees & graduates; and \$10 public.

Mar 7 -Apr 1: Theatreworks: Skeleton Crew: A makeshift family of autoworkers navigates the recession in this funny, tough, and tender American drama. Will their Detroit plant survive?

Apr 27-May 13: Rock of Ages: Going Back to a sexier Time: The Regan Era

Self defense training: Join Jon Keeling who is teaching self-defense classes on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Cubberley. Info is here: <http://www.svkarate.com/self-defense-classes/>. If you have questions about these classes you can contact Jon at jon@svkarate.com.

FEBRUARY 24: **Juana Briones Run** - 5 and 8 K and kids runs. In Barron Park. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/y7k4qbf4>

FEBRUARY 24: At the JCC; **International Guitar Night** at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$28 mem, \$30. See www.paloaltojcc.org/Events/international-guitar-night-2.

FEBRUARY 24: **FABMO Special Sale** Event, 9a - 3p at current location, 970 Terra Bella Avenue, Suite 5, Mt View. Their first event in the new space will be March 8-10 for the next Selection Event in their new space Suite 5, just a few doors down from our current location.

FEBRUARY 24/25: **Stanford Philharmonic** at the Bing. 2/24 at 7:30 PM; 2/25 at 2:30 PM. FEE: Advance \$20,\$15,\$10. At door: \$25, \$20, \$15. See www.tickets.stanford.edu

FEBRUARY 26: **Chamber Music SF** with 3 talents: Renowned tenor Michael Schade, Violinist Livia Sohn and Pianist Kevin Murphy at the JCC at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$42-\$60

FEBRUARY 28: A Talk with Pathways for Wildlife: Join Committee for Green Foothills to learn about **research on wildlife movement and habitat** permeability in the Santa Cruz Mountains and Coyote Valley. During this talk, they will share their current research regarding wildlife movement and habitat permeability in the Santa Cruz Mountains and Coyote Valley. From 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Mitchell Park Community Center.

MARCH 1: Stanford Continuing Studies Lecture: Photojournalist "**Intimacy and the Art of Visual Storytelling**" FREE at 7:30 PM CEMEX auditorium, GSB, Knight School of Mgmt.

MARCH 2: "**Our Govt, Under the Healing and Unifying Power of Divine Love**" at the Christian Science Reading Room 459 California Ave at 7PM. FREE

MARCH 4: More about the **Chinese New Year event** at Mitchell Park Community Ctr from 2-5 PM. FREE. Lion dancing, martial arts demonstrations, dumpling making, Chinese brush painting and calligraphy, Mahjong, Chinese folk music, storytelling, Tai Chi, feng shui, games and crafts.

MARCH 4: Comic Michael Krasny "**An Afternoon of Jewish Humor**": FREE at 2 PM CEMEX auditorium, GSB, Knight School of Mgmt.

MARCH 5: "**Big Feelings, Little Bodies**" How parents can help their little ones manage their emotions -- at Cubberley Theatre at 7:30 PM. FREE

MARCH 21: **A Look Inside Climate Change Theories** by an Outside Scientist with Terry Gannon, PhD, Electrical Engineering, Device Physics University of California Santa Barbara from 6- 7 PM at the Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Avenue, Breezeway. FREE. Complimentary Beverages and Cookies

APRIL 7: Benefit for Canopy: **The Wonder of Trees** with "Lab Girl" Hope Johnson. See www.canopy.org/gala2018

APRIL 27: Tickets on Sale now for the **Gamble Garden Spring Tour** to be held April 27/28 with 5 five private gardens. To register, go to www.gamblegarden.org.

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FEBRUARY 22-25: Smuin Ballet at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. 831-218-8410. www.smuinballet.org

FEBRUARY 23: Films of Vision and Hope, "Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry." 7:30-9:30 PM, Main Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston. All ages welcome! FREE, Donations appreciated. RSVPs required. Go to <https://openspacetrust.org/event/look-see-film-screening/>

FEBRUARY 24: At the JCC: International Guitar Night from 7:30 - 9 PM. FEE: \$40 Premium, \$30, \$28 Mem & J-Pass.

FEBRUARY 27: At the JCC: Phantoms at the Opera-Festive Purim Lunch and Concert from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM. FEE: \$20 or 2 punches on Community Tuesdays Punch Card.

FEBRUARY 28: At the JCC: Anima Allegra from 7 - 9 PM. FEE: \$35-\$55, Licedei (pronounced "Lee-tsee-dei") are legendary, unique clowns from St. Petersburg, Russia.

MARCH 1: At the JCC: "Ultimate Purim Party" from 8:30 -10 PM. FEE: \$30-\$50. Enter the costume contest to win great prizes. Ages 21 and over.

MARCH 4: Chinese New Year Faire at Mitchell Park Community Center from 2-5 PM.

MARCH 5: At the JCC: "What Works for Women at Work" from 8-9:30 PM. FEE: \$18, \$15 Mem & J-Pass, \$10 Students.

MARCH 7: Bay Area author Channy Chhi Laux will share her memoir "Short Hair Detention: Memoir of a Thirteen-Year-Old Girl Surviving the Cambodian Genocide" at 7 PM at Town and Country Books Inc.

MARCH 8: At the JCC: "Jewish Plays Project" from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. FEE: \$15,\$12 Mem & J-pass, \$8 Students.

MARCH 10/11: At the Bing: Stanford Symphony Orchestra, Stanford Symphonic Chorus, & Stanford University Singers. Tickets at www.live.stanford.edu or 724.2464.

MARCH 11: Canopy Tree Walk: "Sense-Sational" at Mitchell Park from 10am - noon. RSVP at <http://canopy.org/get-involved/tree-walk-sign-up/>

MARCH 14, 21, and 28, 11am-noon at Gamble Garden Little Garden Explorers: A Series of Three Classes for Kids and their Grownups. FEE. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y8epw332>

MARCH 24: Tree Planting: Cubberley Community Day from 9am – noon. Volunteer at <http://canopy.org/get-involved/volunteer-signup/>

MARCH 25 at Gamble Garden Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM, 11AM, and 12:30 PM. FEE: <https://tinyurl.com/ya76yudk>

APRIL 14: GREAT RACE FOR SAVING WATER from 9 AM - 1 PM, Baylands Race - a 5K run/walk and kids 1K fun run. FEE. Register at <https://www.sweattracker.com/Registration/SavingWater>

APRIL 19: Acterra "Party for the Planet" honoring San Mateo County Supervisor, Dave Pine at 6 PM the JCC. See <https://www.acterra.org/party>. Proceeds benefit Acterra's acclaimed local environmental programs.

APRIL 27-28: Adolescent Mental Wellness Conference "Overcoming Cultural Barriers to Access" at the Santa Clara Convention Center. To register for the conference: <http://adolescentconference.stanfordchildrens.org>