

MIDTOWN NEWS – March 23, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

Please note that **Midtown Enews will be abbreviated in April**

Join our **ShutUp and Write** every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Palo Alto Café. Calling all writers--there is a ShutUp and Write MeetUp in Midtown Palo Alto every Wednesday night at the Palo Alto Cafe, 6:30- 7:45 PM. <https://www.meetup.com/ShutUpandWriteSiliconValley/events/239174609/>. Midtown Shopping Center, 2675 Middlefield Rd A. No reservations-free and open to everyone. Very casual and friendly. We chat for a few minutes, then "Shut up" for an hour. No criteria. No one is looking what you are doing. It's just an hour of "no talking." Amazing how much you can get done. Be sure your laptop is charged up as there are very few electrical outlets. Join us.

ZERO WASTE TIP: Empty Your Containers. Pour out all liquids before placing containers in your blue recycle cart. Keeping recycling materials dry is important because liquids will contaminate the paper & other items in the recycle cart. When recyclable products are wet, they have the potential to be sent to the landfill. Don't let your recycling efforts be wasted – empty your containers! For more about What Goes Where, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/wgertools, email zerowaste@cityofpaloalto.org or call 496-5910.

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

MARCH 19- MAY 7 Start: **Upgrade Downtown:** Palo Alto's multi-year infrastructure and street improvement project. It provides critical, preventative upgrades to core infrastructure so we can continue to provide safe, reliable and cost effective services to our community. Construction work includes utility pipe replacements, road repaving, traffic signal enhancements and a new downtown parking garage. Visit project website <http://upgradedowntownpa.com/> for schedule, locations, and full scope of work. Phase 1: University Ave between Webster St and Cowper St from 8 AM - 6 PM. PHASE 2: March 26-April 6, Everett Ave between Fulton Ave and Palo Alto Ave.

CITY COUNCIL

Mar 26: Study session 5 PM on Stanford Research Park TMA. 6PM - Sales tax and economic trends. Topics: Council Ave system redesign and changes. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64115>

Apr 2: Start 7PM after closed session Topics: Eichler Guidelines, car idling, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64231>

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

MARCH 27: **PAUSD** 6:30 PM at district HDQ, 25 Churchill. Topics: Student Achievement report, physical & mental health services, new names for schools, and summer maintenance projects.

MARCH 27: **Parks & Recreation** Commission at 7 PM in Council Chambers. Topics: public art placement, Bryant Street garage fund, summer camps. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64256>

MARCH 28: **Planning & Transportation** Commission. Public hearing on March 28, 2018 to review and discuss proposed revisions to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64265>

MARCH 29: **PAUSD** special meeting to discuss search for a new superintendent. Open session 8 - 9:30 AM. & closed session from 9:30 to 11 AM.

APRIL 3: **Finance Committee**: Hearing on CDGB funding at 6 PM, first floor meeting room, city hall.
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64235>

APRIL 5: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM Council Chambers. Projects: 3265 El Camino Real, 180 El Camino, 695 Arasterdero.

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.

- April 3 to 24: Pilates, 5 to 6 PM, \$28/\$36.

WHAT'S PLAYING ON STAGE?

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?

Mar 9-17: "Venue" at PALY Theatre. March 9-17, at 7:30 PM; March 15, at 4 PM; March 18, at 2 PM. There will be a reception after the March 9 performance, at which audience members can meet the cast and production staff and partake in light refreshments. FEE: \$10 student/senior; \$15 adult. Information at www.palytheatre.com.

Apr 27-May 13: Palo Alto players - Rock of Ages: Going Back to a sexier Time: The Regan Era.
<http://www.paplayers.org/>

Through April 8 at the Pear Theatre:"Cowboy versus Samurai." www.thepear.org.

STANFORD CONTINUING EDUCATION . Classes start April 2. Enroll at www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu. Featured courses: Neuromarketing: How Brain Science Is Changing Marketing as We Know It; Project Management for Continuous Innovation; How to Think Like a Futurist; Accelerate Your Startup Idea • Product Management for the Internet of Things; Playful Mindfulness • Building a Successful Brand: Connecting the What, How, and Why

MARCH 23: **Fourth Friday** "Shop Your Kitchen Potluck and Gathering." It's spring, and time for a Shop Your Kitchen Potluck! Many of us have good healthy food in our refrigerators, cupboards, and gardens, but we forget about it until goes stale or moldy. The plan for the evening is to dine, visit, and share creative ideas. We'd also like to talk about what Transition Palo Alto is doing, and what you've been doing in your lives. PLUS - A few short videos to get your thoughts and ideas digesting! 7:00-9:00 PM. Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston. All ages welcome! FREE, Donations appreciated.

MARCH 24: **Cubberley Community Day** from: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Fun and free family-friendly event that benefits this community. This event will include performances and demonstrations by Cubberley tenants (in the areas of music, dance, and sport) food trucks, information tables, and lots of children activities (including face painting, bounce houses, games, and more). For information or questions please call: 650-329-2418.

MARCH 24: **FABMO** Special Sale in their new facility, 970 Terra Bella (off Shoreline), in Mountain View. No appts necessary. Incredible quantity and variety of craft-centered materials and projects.plus featuring amazing spring & holiday themed craft stuff!

MARCH 28: **All-Electric Multifamily Building**. Open House for the General Public from 6-8 PM. Self Guided Tour. Tour Palo Alto's new state of the art, all-electric apartment complex at an open house next week. This property has incorporated the latest and most efficient building technologies, including heat pumps for water heating, space heating, clothes drying, induction cooktops, gray water systems for irrigation and toilet flushing, EV chargers for each unit and rooftop solar. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-electric-multifamily-building-open-house-tickets-43941068920?aff=eac2>

MARCH 29: At the Art Center: **Learn Smart Phone Photography** Tips & Tricks. Get more out of photographing with your smartphone during this Tips and Tricks of Smart Phone Photos workshop on March 29.

Learn guidelines, including rules of composition, what accessories are available, what apps to use when taking photos, how to download and edit photos, and how to share them. With both demos and hands-on instruction, we will also cover camera features and controlling exposure. Fee \$25, mem, \$29 non mem. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Activity_Search/photography-tips-and-tricks-of-smart-phone-photos/10077

MARCH 31: Gamble Garden: **Learn about Succulents** from 9:30 to 11 AM. Participants will learn what it takes to keep these water-wise plants happy and healthy. Bring your own overgrown succulent to divide and share with others. FEE: \$20 mem, \$35. Register at www.gamblegarden.org.

APRIL 2: An exciting, time-sensitive opportunity - Alon Levy, writer and analyst about transit systems around the world, comes to the United States with international examples of effective rail and transit systems, and trenchant critique of the practices that hold us back from excellent service. As Caltrain prepares a business plan for the era of electric service, what can we learn about the transformation of commuter rail around the world? **What can the Bay Area learn about pulling together seamlessly integrated transit systems** in complex regions? Come take advantage of this opportunity to learn about what we're missing in the Bay Area, and what we could do to achieve a world-class transit system. Adobe House, 157 Moffett Blvd (next to Mountain View Transit Center) at 6:30 PM. RSVP here: http://org.salsalabs.com/o/741/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=100428. Facebook event to share: <https://www.facebook.com/events/428995497522805/>

APRIL 14-15: At the Bing: **The Triplets of Belleville**. This much beloved animated film will be screened as composer Benoît Charest leads Le Terrible Orchestre de Belleville in a live performance of his original score.

APRIL 20: At the Bing: **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra**. Lights, Camera...Music! Six Decades of John Williams. www.live.stanford.edu

JUNE: Adding Spice to Life **Cooking Classes for kids**. <http://www.addingspicetolife.com/summer-camps-2018> for details. If you are interested please email to chefsonali@patwardhan.us

- Camp 1: Cooking around the world, June 25th through 28th
- Camp 2: Kids cook up a storm, July 9th through July 12th
- Camp 3: Cooking around the world, July 16th through 19th
- Camp 4: Cook like a pro, July 23rd through 26th
- Camp 5: Cooking around the world, July 30th through August 2nd

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MARCH 23: Art Center: Teens, You're Invited to Takeover: Teen Creativity Party from 7 - 9 PM. Art activities, performances, music, candy bar, and more! FREE.

MARCH 23: "Teens Speak Out: Give Voice." Paly & Gunn students share their well being through art Opening Reception, March 23, 5-7 PM Palo Alto Art Center, (Exhibit, March 21 – April 18).

MARCH 23: At the JCC. "Literature, Leadership and Lunch," 11:30 AM. FEE starting at \$125.

MARCH 23; Gamble Garden Floral Design. 9:30 AM -12:30 PM. Learn how to purchase, condition & arrange seasonal blooms through demos & hands-on learning. FEE: \$99 mem; \$129 nonmem. Register www.gamblegarden.org.

MARCH 24: Paly Fun 5 K Run for the Whole Family, Events for the whole family, like a 2K Walk, Roll, or Stroll, and sprint races for elementary school kids. Sign up at <http://palysportsboosters.org/paly-5k-fun-run/>

MARCH 24: Designing Native Gardens from 9:00 AM – noon. Open to the Public, Registration Closes Sat Mar 24, 9:00AM at Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room. Learn how to create a beautiful, low water use and low maintenance landscape with native plants. You will learn design concepts, best practices, how to set goals, and a budget in this informative lecture class. Walk-ins are welcome.

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>

MARCH 25: Passover Celebration. 11:00 AM-2:00 PM at Mitchell Park, 600 East Meadow Drive. FREE. The amazing Riveropolis, a mini river for your children to explore; Arts and Crafts, Building with matzah; Face painting; A water balloon toss.

MARCH 26: At the JCC: Jewish Women's Theatre: "Crossing Our Red Sea" and "Guilty Parties." 7:30-9:00 PM. FEE: \$30, \$25 Mem&J-Pass. May 22 "Guilty Parties" will be performed. Who are these 20- and 30-year-olds and what do they think? What do their stories tell us? See this shocking and hysterical show about the next generation.

MARCH 27: At the JCC: AROUND THE WORLD ... Four Shillings Short. "Around the World in 30 Instruments," a multi-cultural educational concert presenting traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, England, Medieval and Renaissance Europe, the Americas and India. From 1 to 2:30 PM. FEE: \$15. For more, contact Michelle Rosengaus at rosengaus@paloaltojcc.org or 223-8616.

MARCH 28: Mitchell Park Community Center: Spring 2018 Franchise Business Expo. For more information and to register, please visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yd8tujaa>. From 2 - 5 PM. Room EPR (East)

MARCH 28: "How to Dementia-Friendly Community" at Mitchell Park Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. FREE but space is limited and an RSVP is required. RSVP to Mary Suarez at msuarez@alz.org or 408-372-9901.

MARCH 28: At the JCC "Hormonal: The Hidden Intelligence of Hormones" from 8:00 - 9:30 PM. FEE: \$36 Ticket and book bundle, \$18, \$15 Mem & J-Pass, \$10 Students.

MARCH 28 & 29: Open House: All-Electric Multifamily Building Tour, 430 Forest Avenue, 6-8 PM. FREE. 3/28 Tour For Residents 6-8 PM. FREE. 3/29 Tour For Building Professionals, 3-5 PM. FREE. Come see Palo Alto's new, state of the art, all-electric apartment complex. The owners of this property are hosting an open house, along with City staff, to answer questions related to green building resources and City programs available to support similar electrification upgrades, such as heat pump water heaters and electric vehicle charging equipment. Stay tuned: Event will be held contingent on the completion of the building. For more details, www.430Forest.com.

MARCH 31: Avenidas Housing AGE-FRIENDLY LIVING ... "Building Your Future!" Expert-led discussions on the range of senior housing options, including aging in one's own home. "Expanding Choices for Age-Friendly Living" 9 AM - 3:45 PM (lunch included), Mitchell Park Community Center. FEE: \$45, \$50 at the door. For more information go to www.Avenidas.org.

APRIL 4: At JCC: "Every Note Played." 8:00 - 9:30 PM. FEE: \$18, \$15 Mem & J-Pass, \$10 Students. Play vividly depicts ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) and explores regret, forgiveness, letting go and redemption.

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

APRIL 7, 8: Going Native Garden Tour: A free, self-guided tour of home gardens featuring California Native Plants that are water-wise, attractive, low maintenance, low on chemical use, and bird and butterfly friendly. 10 AM - 4 PM. FREE. Register at www.gngt.org

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 14: Saint Michael Trio: Mendelssohn at 7:30 PM at Dinkelspiel. FEE: \$5 advance, \$10 at door.

APRIL 14: **Permaculture Principles**. Design and Application Workshop. 11:30 AM -noon. FREE

APRIL 15: Spring Family Day Blooms, 2-4:30 p.m. Hands-on artmaking projects, a musical performance and a scavenger hunt! The Art Center is partnering with the Society for Art and Cultural Heritage of India (SACHI) for this event.

APRIL 18: FREE document shredding at parking lot of Little House, 800 Middle Ave, Menlo Park.

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 21 & JUNE 2: Compost Basics. Learn how easy it is to compost, attend one of these FREE compost workshops. Requires pre-registration (408) 918-4640. From 10 AM--Noon, Cubberley, Room H-1.

APRIL 24: "All about Heat Pump Water Heaters." Learn what you can do to make the switch and get up to a \$1,500 rebate, 3 - 6 PM at Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room, 3700 Middlefield Road. Free.

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.

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>

APRIL 28 & MAY 8: "How to Make a Cutting Board" from 9 AM to noon at Woodshop at PALY. You must have taken or be enrolled in Woodworking 1 to enroll. Register at www.paadultschool.org.