

MIDTOWN NEWS – March 30, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

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

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

UPGRADE DOWNTOWN: NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK. Dates: April 5-April 13, 2018. Location: Homer Ave between High St and Emerson St. Construction Hours: 8am-6pm. Traffic Impact: Homer Ave closed between High St and Emerson St; access provided to residents along these streets. Description of Work: Contractors will begin work April 5 along Homer Ave between High St and Emerson St to replace gas mains and service lines. Residential streets in the construction area will be closed during the work hours of 8am to 6pm, with access provided only to residents living along those streets. During construction, when the contractor is working on a block, "Tow Away - No Parking" signs will be posted 72 hours in advance. Construction is scheduled to be complete around April 13.

APRIL 18: **STATE of THE CITY.** 6PM Reception, 7 PM. Address at the JCC. 3921 Fabian Way

CITY COUNCIL

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

April 9: Start 6:30 PM after closed session: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64339>.
Topics: Affordable Housing (staff report <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64357>) and airplane noise

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

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.

APRIL 11: **Planning & Transportation** Commission at 7 PM, Council Chambers. Topic: Community Center at First Baptist.

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.

- Apr 3-24: Pilates, 5 to 6 PM, \$28/\$36.
- Apr 9: MOVIE "Saudi Solutions" at 3 PM at Channing House
- Apr 11: at 10:15 Am - What do you think of MidPen?
- Apr 26: monthly book Group - "Gentleman from Coscow" at 2:30 PM
- Th Movies at 1:30 PM. FEE: 0, \$2. 4/5 "Zookeeper's Wife"; 4/14 "I Tonya"; 4/19 "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"; 4/26 "Darkest Hour"

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?

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.

Talking with Henrietta - "**Storm Drains and Waste Water: What You Need to Know**"- This edition of Talking with Henrietta focuses on an issue that's critical to our health and the health of our planet. You'll find out why the topic is vitally important when you see this life-changing discussion. This show will be shown over the internet and on Comcast 30 through April 14, 2018 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. It can also be seen on Channel 27 on Wednesdays at 10:30pm. Get more information about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#ahealthissue>

ONGOING: **Aerobics and Zumba "Boost" Classes**. The City of Palo Alto has a great exercise program called "Boost" in which you can purchase a pack of passes and attend any of the Boost exercise activities. Low Impact Aerobics on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cubberley Room G-6 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and Zumba on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lucie Stern Ballroom from 8:30 am to 9:40 am and Saturdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am at Cubberley Room G-6. Come check out the music, the dance moves and the calorie burning workout.

If you are new to Boost, you can sign up for a free trial by dropping by any of our Community Centers.

APRIL 6: Chamber of Commerce: **Strategic Planning and Smart Goals for Non-Profits** at 1PM. Mitchell Park Community Center. FEE: \$20

APRIL 7: Growing Vegetables in Containers - Eleanor Pardee Park. Master Gardeners at 10 am.

APRIL 11: An evening with Kristy Kroeker, PhD: **How Climate Change Affects the Health of Our Oceans**. 7:30 pm Lecture, 6:30 pm Reception and Self-Guided Gallery Tour at the Foster (940 Commercial St). Register at <https://app.etapestry.com/cart/Acterra/default/category.php?ref=931.0.164243509>. FEE: \$10 for the General Public. Free to Acterra Members: Enter Promo Code "member". Free to Students: Enter Promo Code "student". Kristy Kroeker, PhD, will speak on the ecological effects of climate change on the oceans and the vital role oceans play in mitigating impacts. She is assistant professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She holds a PhD in Biological Sciences from Stanford University and a BS in Marine Biology from UC Santa Cruz. Kristy has worked with organizations like the World Bank and the Nature Conservancy, briefed Congress on the potential effects of ocean acidification and helped plan for climate adaptation for the Central California Marine Sanctuaries. Kristy manages the Kroeker Lab at UC Santa Cruz, which conducts research on environmental change in marine communities.

APRIL 11: At the JCC: Israel@70: **A Delicious Anniversary** at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$25. Join Phil Rosenthal, creator of "Everybody Loves Raymond" and creator/host of the Netflix series "Somebody Feed Phil", and Steven Rothfeld, world-class photographer and author of "Israel Eats", in celebration of the cuisine of Israel. Rosenthal's Tel Aviv episode of "Somebody Feed Phil" will be screened. His first travel food series, "I'll Have What Phil's Having", received two Taste Awards and the 2016 James Beard Award for Best Television Program, on Location.

Rothfeld will share stories from his book, a delicious compilation of stories, recipes and photographs of Israel's food culture today. After, chat with Phil and Steven while enjoying a taste of Israeli bites and wine.

April 12: **New Member Showcase & Design Thinking Workshop** at 5:30PM HanaHaus, University Ave. FEE: \$10, free for members. RSVP required; call 324-3121.

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MARCH 31: Gamble Garden: **Learn about Succulents** from 9:30 to 11 AM. Bring your own overgrown succulent to divide and share with others. FEE: \$20 mem, \$35. Register at www.gamblegarden.org.

APRIL 2: **What can the Bay Area learn about pulling together seamlessly integrated transit systems** in complex regions? 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 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.gnqt.org

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

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.

JUNE: Adding Spice to Life **Cooking Classes for kids**. <http://www.addingspiketolife.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