

MIDTOWN NEWS – April 6, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP for April:

In an emergency like a chemical spill, you may be told to "shelter in place". This means to make the place where you are a safe place to stay until the danger has passed. Shelter in place orders are given when it would be dangerous for you to go outside.

Notification - You may receive notifications via text, email or phone call. Some jurisdictions use warning sirens to let people know that it is not safe to be outside. Emergency responders and/or emergency services volunteers may go door to door in the affected area. They may also use loudspeakers from police or fire vehicles to give instructions. Information will also be given over television and radio using the Emergency Alert System and on social media such as Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter, Nixle, Instagram, etc.

What to do in a hazardous materials incident - The first thing to do when a chemical spill or similar event occurs is to get information. Turn on the television or radio to find out if your area is affected and what steps to take. **Never call 911 to get information about an emergency.** Only call 911 if you are injured or need assistance.

If you are told to shelter in place you should close all doors and windows and shut off fans and air conditioners. Take your family to a room with as few doors and windows as possible. You may be told to put towels or tape around the cracks of the windows and doors. Follow emergency instructions carefully. Make sure you take a battery-powered radio with you so that you will know when the danger has passed. Power in your area may be shut off during the incident

CITY REVISES NEXT SECTION OF BIKE BOULEVARD NETWORK

Responding to community concerns about some of the traffic calming elements installed as part of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Bike Boulevard Project, including a roundabout at Ross and Meadow, the City is revising its approach to construction of elements planned for Amarillo Avenue, the next segment in the project.

City staff anticipates the roundabout currently under construction at Ross Road and Meadow Avenue will be completed in the next week. Roundabouts are used as a way to reduce vehicle speeds, making it safer for bicyclists, pedestrians, as well as drivers. Once construction is complete, the City will also be verifying adequacy of the Ross Road and Meadow roundabout for large vehicles, as well as asking independent engineering experts to review the design of all of the roundabouts planned along the route.

Construction is underway on one additional roundabout at Ross and Moreno. Other traffic calming elements along Moreno Avenue and Louis Road are also underway, and will take roughly two months to complete.

On Amarillo Avenue, construction will be phased to ensure community awareness and functionality of the planned elements. First, temporary striping and plastic markers will be installed to outline a roundabout planned at Greer, as well as curb extensions planned between Louis and West Bayshore. This will allow the community to acclimate to the changes and provide feedback to staff prior to concrete construction.

City staff also plan to step up outreach and informational efforts by meeting with groups of residents, ensuring updated information and visual maps are available on the project website (www.cityofpaloalto.org/bikepedsafety), and doing more "knock and talk" to affected neighborhood streets.

For more information on the project, go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/bikepedsafety

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

UPGRADE DOWNTOWN: NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK

April 2-April 17: 8 am - 6pm. Homer Ave closed between High and Emerson; access provided to businesses along these streets.

April 17-May 11: 8 am - 4 pm. Forest Ave closed between Alma and Ramona; access provided to businesses along these streets.

Contractors will begin work April 17 along Forest Ave between Alma and Ramona Sts. to replace gas mains and service lines. Portions of the intersections will be intermittently closed to protect the safety of workers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. The contractor will maintain pedestrian access to local businesses and vehicle access to driveways and parking garages/lots. During construction, when the contractor is working on a block, Tow Away - No Parking signs will be posted 72 hours in advance.

Contractor will provide written notice of scheduled work to neighboring properties as the project progresses, at least 7 days prior, and again 24 hours before work is scheduled to begin.

APRIL 18: **STATE OF THE CITY.** 6PM Reception, 7 PM address. At the JCC. 3921 Fabian Way

EXTENDED BOARD & COMMISSION OPENINGS

Extended application deadline: April 23 at 4:30 pm. Applications at <http://bit.ly/bcapplications>

- Historic Resources Board -- 1 term ending December 15, 2019
- Human Relations Commission – 3 terms ending May 31, 2018

CITY COUNCIL

April 9: Start 6:30 PM after closed session: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64339>. Topics: Affordable Housing Combining District ordinance and airplane noise

April 16: Start 6:30 PM after closed session: Topics: Tobacco retailers, Sale of Bonds for Gold Course.

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

APRIL 10: **Policy & Services Committee** -- Cancellation

APRIL 11: **Planning & Transportation** Commission, Council Chambers, 6:00 PM. Request for a conditional use permit to allow community center use at the First Baptist Church at 305 North California Avenue.

APRIL 12: **Utilities Advisory** Commission, Council Chambers, 7:00 PM

APRIL 17: **Finance Committee.** 6:00 PM. first floor meeting room, City Hall. Agenda available April 12

APRIL 18: **Rail Committee.** 8:00 AM. first floor meeting room, City Hall. Agenda available April 12

APRIL 19: **City/School Liaison** Committee. Community Meeting Room, 8:00 AM. Agenda available April 12

APRIL 19: **Architectural Review Board.** Council Chambers, 8:30 AM

APRIL 19: **Public Art** Commission, first floor meeting room, City Hall, 7:00 PM

APRIL 24: **Parks & Recreation** Commission, Council Chambers, 7:00 PM

APRIL 25: **Planning & Transportation** Commission, Council Chambers, 6:00 PM

APRIL 26: **Historic Resources Board,** Council Chambers, 8:30 AM

APRIL 26: **Library Advisory** Commission, first floor meeting room, City Hall, 7:00 PM

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.
- Chess Games and Challenges at Avenidas. Cubberley Community Center. By Appointment - Monday through Friday. All levels welcome. Lessons available for beginners. Contact Bill at williamylee@sbcglobal.net or (650)325-7744. Free.
- "Club Aveneedles" Needlework Club. Dust off those knitting needles and crochet hooks and join Club Aveneedles. Fridays, 2:30 to 4:30pm. Free
- Social Bridge. Drop-in games for intermediate players, no lessons. Fridays, 1 to 4pm. Free
- Movies on Thursdays, 1:30pm start, \$0/\$2. Includes popcorn and drinks. Please stop by the Front Desk for your admittance ticket. April 1: I, Tonya; April 19: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle; April 26: Darkest Hour.
- April 9: United Nations Association Film Festival. For more details please visit unaff.org. April Screening: Saudi Solutions. 3 to 4:30pm, Channing House, 850 Webster Street, Palo Alto, Auditorium. Free.
- April 17: What is "aging in place"? Could it be right for you? Hear from current members at a fun, informal, relaxed "Coffee Chat" about how the innovative program Avenidas Village is working for them and get your questions answered. 10am. Space is limited to 12 so reserve your seat today by calling Robbi McCaughan at (650) 289-5405.
- April 19: An Introduction to iPad Art. *For iPad users only. Please bring your own iPad.* 10 to 11am. Free.
- April 26: What is Sourcewise? How Can They Help Me? Sourcewise is a nonprofit organization whose mission aims to provide adults and their caregivers the tools and services they need to effectively navigate their health and life options. 1:30 to 2:30pm
- April 26: Monthly Book Group. April title: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. 2:30 to 4pm

WHAT'S PLAYING ON STAGE?

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

OTHER EVENTS

APRIL 7: Burgers & Brew with **Berman Campaign Kick- Off!** 4pm - 6pm at Mayor Liz Kniss's home. This is a fund raiser so it is NOT free (\$100 minimum). See [Burgers & Brews with Berman](#) or contact Zack Ross Zack@voteberman.com or 650-814-6282.

APRIL 9: **How do we know what's true anymore?** 7-9 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Road. Learn tips and tools for evaluating the accuracy of information from experts at Snopes, Google, Facebook, Stanford, Data for Democracy, and the Institute for the future. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters Palo Alto and the PTA Council. Free and open to all. For registration and more information, go to Eventbrite: <https://goo.gl/SHLwmm>

APRIL 12-14: **FabMo's April Selection Event.** Thu 12p-6p (Drop-in after 4:30); Fri 8:30a-6p (Drop-in after 4:30); Sat 9a-11 (No appointments necessary). FabMo Mountain View, 970 Terra Bella, Suite 5 (new space). [Schedule your preferred appointments.](#)

APRIL 14: **Great Race for Saving Water.** Join the City of Palo Alto and community partners for a 5K run/walk and kids 1K fun run, plus Earth Day festival with electric vehicle (EV) ride & drive, live music, food trucks, bird walk, guided bike ride, zoo animals, arts & crafts, raffle prizes, Smokey the Bear, community booths with activities, environmental and public safety resources. The day starts off at the Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center with the family-friendly Great Race for Saving Water, a fun 5k race and walk-a-thon for water conservation. Registration Opens at 8:00 am, Baylands Athletic Center

APRIL 15: **Teen Job Fair.** clickPA is hosting a Teen Job Fair in which local employers will be able to table and present opportunities for high school students or have the chance to host workshops on professional skills. 2pm-3:30pm, Mitchell Park Community Center.

APRIL 21: **Compost Basics**, 10 am - Noon Cubberley, Room H-1. To register online visit http://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Home_Composting_Education/ or call (408) 918-4640. Palo Alto resident attendees receive a FREE compost bin.

APRIL 23: **Taste of Science Festival**: Trip to a scientist's den. 7- 9 p.m., Stanford University. Ever wondered what scientists' life look like doing experiments day-in and day-out? Join us for a lab visit and step into the scientists' shoes and explore where they work, eat and (almost) sleep. Tickets @ \$7. More info and event updates at: <https://tasteofscience.org/peninsula>.

APRIL 24: **All About Heat Pump Water Heaters**, 3 - 6pm. How old is your water heater? The majority of Palo Alto's residential water heaters are fueled by gas and last 8 to 10 years. Switching from a greenhouse gas emitting gas water heater to a high efficiency electric heat pump water heater powered by clean electricity is a great way to help the City reach its carbon reduction goals. See what you can do to make the switch and get up to a \$1,500 rebate. Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room, 3700 Middlefield Road. Free and open to the public. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=1295&TargetID=145>

APRIL 26: **The Role of U.S. Coral Reefs in Coastal Protection**. Curt Storlazzi, USGS Research Geologist, will discuss rigorously valuing flood reduction benefits to inform coastal zone management decisions:

- Coral reefs are a first line of coastal defense
- We can account for the physical defense that reefs provide
- We can provide value-based information to guide restoration efforts at management-relevant scales (10s of meters)
- We can direct ecosystems restoration efforts to reduce risk and increase the resiliency of coastal communities

7:00 PM, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park (map and directions at <https://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/map.html>). If you can't make it to our evening lecture, you can join us at [noon](#) for the preview.

APRIL 27: **Taste of Science Festival: When Art Meets Science**. 7- 9.30 p.m., Gallery House). This event will be an amalgamation of science and art. Create your own piece of art with bacteria, paint with Bioink, sketch microscopic organisms, make mycelium necklaces, win a hand knitted hat based on your favorite science topic (and maybe learn to knit as well) and much more. Tickets @ \$7. More info and event updates at: <https://tasteofscience.org/peninsula>.

APRIL 28: **FabMo Special Sale**. No appointments needed. 970 Terra Bella Avenue, Suite 5, Mountain View.

APRIL 28-MAY 27: Hundreds of student artists throughout Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park will once again participate in this year's annual **Cultural Kaleidoscope and Youth Art** free exhibitions at the Palo Alto Art Center. *Cultural Kaleidoscope* presents artwork produced in school residencies, featuring a wide range of media inspired by world cultures. *Youth Art* showcases art created by students from kindergarten through high school within the Palo Alto Unified School District.

MAY 5: **May Fete Parade**, 10am, Downtown Palo Alto. See <http://www.paloaltomayfeteparade.com/>. Parade route starts at the corner of Emerson St. and University Ave. From University Ave., the parade will turn right into Waverley St. and end at Heritage Park.. Register to create a float by April 16 at <http://www.paloaltomayfeteparade.com/registration.html>

MAY 5 & 6 and 12 & 13: Rochelle Ford **Spring Open Studio**. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. 1155 Waverley St., Palo Alto.

MAY 17: 2018 **Tall Tree Awards** at Palo Alto's Crowne Plaza Hotel. Allan and Mary Seid, Shashank Joshi, Ada's Café and SAP to be honored for community work. More information about the Tall Tree Awards, including ticket information, can be found at paloaltochamber.com.

JULY 4: 37th Annual Chili Cookoff.

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

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

APRIL 7, 8: Going Native Garden Tour: 10 AM -4 PM. FREE. Register at www.gngt.org

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>.

APRIL 11: At the JCC: Israel@70: A Delicious Anniversary at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$25. Join Phil Rosenthal and Steven Rothfeld in celebration of the cuisine of Israel.

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.

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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.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