

MIDTOWN NEWS – April 13, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

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 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

APRIL 21: Palo Alto Friends Nursery School's Annual Fiesta Carnival Fundraiser and Silent Auction.

11am-2pm, 957 Colorado Ave. Games, crafts, face painting, food, balloon animals, music, silent auction, bake sale, prizes, and special interactive performances from the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Admission is free, but please bring money for the bake sale, silent auction, food, and games. It is a fun-filled day for the whole family. All proceeds goes to our scholarship fund to help provide quality preschool for all children.

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For more information see <http://www.skypossepaloalto.org>.

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

UPGRADE DOWNTOWN: NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK

April 2-April 17: 8 am - 6pm. Homer Ave closed between High andEmerson; 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 April17 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 daysprior, and again 24 hours before work is scheduled to begin.

CALTRAIN TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CHARLESTON GRADE CROSSING OVER TWO WEEKENDS

Caltrain will be conducting track maintenance work along the Charleston Caltrain crossing over the next two weekends beginning on Friday night.

Closure 1 – April 13, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. until April 16, at 4:00 a.m.

Closure 2 – April 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. until April 23, at 4:00 a.m.

Vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic will not be able to cross the tracks during this outage. During the closure, Caltrain will establish detour signs for pedestrians and motorists to help with traffic flow. Neighbors may experience construction noise.

The Charleston Road grade crossing will be reconstructed with new concrete, ballast, ties and rail, as well as extended concrete panels. New pavement and striping will also be included as part of the reconstruction.

For more information, call the Caltrain Construction Outreach Hotline at (650) 508-7726 or visit:

http://www.caltrain.com/projectsplans/Projects/Caltrain_Capital_Program/Charleston_Road_Grade_Crossing.html

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR APRIL AND MAY

- Rinconada Library will be closed for bed bug inspection on Friday, April 13.
- Mitchell Park Library will be closed for bed bug inspection on Friday, April 20.
- Children's Library will be closed until 11am on Saturday, May 5 because the [Palo Alto May Fete Parade](#) will be going on at 10am.
- All libraries will be closed on Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

APRIL 18: **STATE OF THE CITY**. 6PM Reception, 7 PM Speech. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center Freidenrich Conference Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

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, 2021

CITY COUNCIL

April 16: 5:00 PM -- Annual [Earth Day Report](#). 6:30 PM: Topics: Tobacco retailers, Sale of Bonds for Golf Course, Annual Office Limit.

April 24: Interviews of Candidates for the Public Art Commission. 6:00 PM. Community Meeting Room, City Hall.

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

APRIL 17: **Finance Committee**. 6:00 PM. Community Meeting Room, City Hall. Increases to water and storm drain fees.

APRIL 18: **Rail Committee**. 8:00 AM. Community Meeting Room, City Hall. Discussion on the Initial Screening of the Master List of Ideas for the Connecting Palo Alto: Rail Program.

APRIL 19: **City/School Liaison** Committee. 8:00 AM. Community Meeting Room. Ventura Coordinated Area Plan.

APRIL 19: **Architectural Review Board**. 8:30 AM. Council Chambers. 2755 El Camino, 3945 El Camino

APRIL 19: **Public Art** Commission. 7:00 PM. Community Meeting Room, City Hall.

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

APRIL 25: **Planning & Transportation** Commission. 6:00 PM. Council Chambers. Topics: 3225 El Camino Real to subdivide a 29,962 square foot parcel into two parcels comprised of one commercial parcel and one residential parcel for condominium purposes. Ordinance amending Palo Alto Municipal Code pertaining to Accessory and Junior Dwelling Units.

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

APRIL 26: **Library Advisory** Commission. 7:00 PM. Community Meeting Room, City Hall.

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 Avenedles" Needlework Club. Dust off those knitting needles and crochet hooks and join Club Avenedles. 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 19: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle; April 26: Darkest Hour.
- April 16: What does our community need to be healthy? Avenidas is co-partnering with Stanford Healthcare to collect data for the 2019 community health needs assessment. Stanford would like to gather input from middle-income seniors regarding health needs. If you are interested in giving your opinion, and earning a gift card, come to Avenidas and participate in this unique focus group. 10:00 am at Avenidas at Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Building I-2, Room I-1. Receive a \$20 Target gift card! Sign-Up Required. Call (650) 289-5400. *You must be an adult resident of Santa Clara County.*
- 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 23: BYOD - Bring Your Own Device. Do you have a device that's giving you a problem? Not sure how to do something that might be really quick and easy? Want to spend a few minutes with people that can help you find your answer? Come to our *Bring Your Own Device* session and we will provide you with experts that can help. 10am to 12pm. Free, but pre-registration is required.
- 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 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 14: **Go EV Ride & Drive**, 10am-1pm, 2100 Geng Road Parking Lot, Palo Alto (near Baylands Athletic Center). Come view, get inside, and ride in/drive an electric vehicle (EV) at the City of Palo Alto's 2018 Earth Day Festival. Talk to EV owners and dealer representatives, learn about range, pricing, available makes and models, and the exciting things in store for this game-changing technology. For more information, visit www.acterra.org/goev.

APRIL 14: **Tree Walk: Midtown**. 10am - 12pm, Hoover Park, Cowper Street. Take a stroll with Canopy and arborist Jason Shirar through the Midtown neighborhood. Explore a diverse array of tree species such as the Silk Tree, Scarlet Oak, Carob, and Australia Tea Tree. The Midtown Tree Walk begins at Hoover Park by the tennis courts on Cowper Street, near the El Dorado Avenue intersection. See www.canopy.org.

APRIL 14 & 15: Friends of the Palo Alto Library **[FOPAL] huge used book sale**. Over 70,000 books, CD's, DVD's, games, puzzles, framed art, and collectibles are available. Member Sale weekend: Life Members can enter at 9am and buy up to 100 books, General Members can enter at 10am and buy up to 25 books. Standard Saturday hours apply: Main Sale Room 11am – 4 pm, Bargain Room 9:30 am – 4 pm, Children's Room 10am – 4pm. Sunday hours: all rooms 11am – 4 pm. In the Bargain Room on Sunday all items 50% off or \$5/bag. On Sunday, from 4 pm to 6 pm, all items in the Bargain Room are FREE to teachers and nonprofit organizations.

APRIL 17: JCC presents: "**(((Semitism)))**: **Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump**". A study on how Jews are viewed in America since the election of Donald Trump, and how we can move forward to fight anti-Semitism. The evening will be moderated by Anne Elise Kornblut who is Director of Strategic Communications for Facebook. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service as the lead editor overseeing coverage of Edward Snowden's NSA revelations. 8:00pm-9:30pm, Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Cost: \$32 Ticket and book bundle | \$18 General Public (ticket only) | \$15 Members and J-Pass holders (ticket only) | \$10 Students with ID (ticket only). <https://paloaltojcc.org/weisman>

APRIL 19: Cafe Scientifique -- "**Artificial Intelligence: A Mixed Bag**," a conversation with Dr. Steve Johnson. Artificial Intelligence owes its current successes to the extraordinary improvement in computer hardware (in my lifetime, computing has become a trillion times cheaper!). At the same time, the Internet has made available vast amounts of data for these program to handle. The benefits of AI will be profound. But so will the social disruption. I will survey how we got here, where we are going, and the benefits and social tensions that are likely to occur. Registration 5-5:15pm; Welcome & Talk 5:30-6:15pm; Q&A 6:15-6:45pm at HanaHaus (456 University Ave, Palo Alto). Please [register](#) and arrive at 5.15pm when the doors open. If you cannot attend, please release your space when we send you the confirmation email.

APRIL 21: **Free Compost Workshops**, 10AM – 12PM, Cubberley Community Center, Room H-1, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. An integral part of sustainable gardening, composting helps you create a vibrant, healthy and beautiful garden while conserving water and energy and reducing pollution and waste. Palo Alto residents receive a free compost bin when attending a workshop. Register for the compost workshop [online](#) or call (408) 918-4640. To learn more about home composting, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/compost.

APRIL 22: **Canopy Tree Planting** -- Palo Verde Neighborhood. 1:30pm - 4:30pm, 3531 Greer Road. Join Canopy and residents as we bring new street and yard trees to the Palo Verde neighborhood as part of the [South Palo Alto Tree Initiative](#). Contact elise@canopy.org with questions or group volunteer inquiries.

APRIL 24: JCC presents: **Spanish Guitars**. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music by Spanish composers, such as Fernando Sor and Manuel de Falla, played by classical guitarists Mark Teicholz and Michael Partington. 12:00pm-1:30pm, Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Cost: \$20 or two punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card. <https://paloaltojcc.org/tuesdaymusic>

APRIL 26: **UNAFF Cafe: Painted Nails Documentary Screening and Filmmaker Q& A**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Rinconada Library. A screening of the documentary film Painted Nails, followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker, Dianne Griffin. Van Hoang is a Vietnamese nail salon owner who suffers from health problems caused by the products used in her salon. Through the course of the film, Van unintentionally becomes an advocate fighting

for safe cosmetics; a cause that affects not just factory workers or victims of regional environmental contamination, but nearly every person in America, as well as their families.

APRIL – JUNE: Propane Cylinder Exchange. The City of Palo Alto is hosting a 1-pound propane cylinder exchange program for residents to reduce the waste created by single use canisters. There is a limit of 1 free reusable cylinder per household. Cylinders will be available for exchange April 1st - June 30th while supplies last. Please note that vouchers will expire June 30th, 2018. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station, 2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto, every Saturday 9AM - 11AM, First Friday of the month 3PM - 5PM. For more information, visit: www.cityofpaloalto.org/RFYF

MAY 12: Tree Walk: Baylands "Trees & Birds". 10am - 12pm, Environmental Volunteers EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road. Join Canopy and Environmental Volunteers for a Saturday walk through the Baylands! Expert arborists Dave Dockter and Chris Regan and expert birder Toby Goldberg will discuss tips and tricks for bird watching, while we explore and learn about the essential habitats the Bayland trees provide. See www.canopy.org.

MAY 12: Repair Café Palo Alto. Bring your broken stuff and team up with repair volunteers to get it working again. Bring clothing, bikes, computers, small appliances, lamps, mechanical items, small furniture, jewelry - whatever you can carry. 11AM - 3PM, Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Avenue, Palo Alto. For more information, visit www.repaircafe-paloalto.org/.

MAY 19: Gamble Garden's "Intro to Photography for Kids." Spring is here and it's time to photograph flowers and foliage. This class is for your kids. Learn the basics of photography in this instructor-led class and practice new photographic skills in Gamble's beautiful garden. Ages 7 - 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, 1431 Waverley St. Enroll here: <https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/intro-photography-elementary-middle-school-students/>

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APRIL 14: FabMo's April Selection Event. Sat 9a-11 (No appointments necessary). FabMo Mountain View, 970 Terra Bella, Suite 5 (new space).

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: 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 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 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 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." 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 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. 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). Tickets @ \$7. More info and event updates at: <https://tasteofscience.org/peninsula>.

APRIL 27-28: Gamble Garden Spring Tour 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: FabMo Special Sale. No appointments needed. 970 Terra Bella Avenue, Suite 5, Mountain View.

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.

APRIL 28-MAY 27: 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.

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

JULY 4: 37th Annual Chili Cookoff. Noon-5:00pm. Mitchell Park.