

MIDTOWN NEWS – April 20, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

From Palo Alto Fire Chief Eric Nickel: **Looking for Neighbor Superheroes.**

Do you know CPR? Have you heard of the PulsePoint app? We hope you never have to use CPR or an Automatic External Defibrillator, also known as an AED. The Palo Alto Fire Department has one of the best emergency medical systems in the state, but we can do better and we need your help.

Here are some things you can do to make the community safer and maybe become a neighbor superhero:

- 1) Download the free PulsePoint app: <http://www.pulsepoint.org/download/>
- 2) Learn hands-only CPR - it's easy!
- 3) Find where the AEDs are in your neighborhood. If you find a new one in a public place, use the PulsePoint app to upload the location details.

As an added bonus, PulsePoint lists all of our calls for service, the current ones in real time and all calls from the previous 24 hours. If you hear a lot of sirens and want to know what's going on in your neighborhood, PulsePoint may just have the answer. Stay informed and stay safe! www.pulsepoint.org

ZERO WASTE TIP: ReFuel Your Fun

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. How It Works:

- Residents will receive a program voucher in their April bill insert.
- Fill out your voucher with the requested information. We will need this information for program metrics and auditing purposes. Please have your voucher filled out before you come to exchange your cylinder to ensure a smooth process.
- Bring your empty, single-use, disposable 1-pound propane cylinder and voucher to the HHW Station (during HHW Station hours) and exchange it for a full refillable cylinder.

There is a limit of 1 free reusable cylinder per household. Cylinders will be available for exchange April 1st – June 30th, 2018.

April – June

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, call 650-496-5910 or email zerowaste@cityofpaloalto.org.

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.

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

UPGRADE DOWNTOWN: NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK

March 12-May 31: **Hawthorne** Ave between Waverley St and Middlefield Rd, 8am-6pm, Hawthorne Ave will be closed on blocks with major construction activities during construction hours; access provided to residents along these streets.

March 19-May 11: **University** Ave between Webster St and Cowper St, 8am-6pm, University Ave closed 24/7 between Webster St and Cowper St.

March 26-April 23: **Everett** Ave between Fulton Ave and Palo Alto Ave, 8am-6pm, Everett Ave closed between Fulton Ave and Palo Alto Ave during construction hours; access provided to residents along this street.

April 2-April 25: **Homer** Ave between High St and Emerson St, 8am-6pm, Homer Ave closed between High St and Emerson St during construction hours; access provided to businesses along this street.

April 3-May 11: **Tasso** St between Lytton Ave and University, 8am-4pm, Tasso St closed between Lytton Ave and University Ave during construction hours; access provided to residents and businesses along this street.

April 16-May 11: **Forest** Ave between High St and Ramona St, 8am-4pm, Forest Ave closed between Alma St and Ramona St; access provided to businesses along these streets.

April 30-May 11: **Bryant** St between Hamilton Ave and Forest Ave, 8am-4pm, Bryant St between Hamilton Ave and Forest Ave; access provided to businesses along this street.

May 1-June 6: **University** Ave between Cowper St and Waverley St, 8am-6pm, University Ave closed 24/7 between Cowper St and Waverley St.

Visit <http://upgradedowntownpa.com/> for schedule, locations, and full scope of work.

CALTRAIN TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CHARLESTON GRADE CROSSING

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

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

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.

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR MAY

- 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.

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

April 30: Study Session 6:00: Initial Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19 Budget, Selection of Applicants to Interview for the Historic Resources Board and the Human Relations Commission, Appointment of Working Group Members North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan. 7:30: Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Palo Alto Municipal Code to add a new Section Imposing an Annual Office Limit, Potential 2018 Ballot Measure to Address the Funding Gap for the 2014 Infrastructure Plan.

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

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.

- 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 26: Darkest Hour.
- 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 21: **Friends of the Palo Alto Library: Local Author event**. Authors participating in the event are the legendary Hip-Hop Artist, Suga-T; the Poet Laureate of the City of East Palo Alto, Poetess Kalamu Chaché; Award Winning Journalist, Minu Dave; Poet, actress and author, Venus Jones; Award Winning Podcaster, Emmy Z. Madrigal; President of the California Writers Club-SF Peninsula, Lisa Meltzer Penn; Award Winning Creative Writing Educator, Patty Somlo; Award Winning 'Hall of Fame' Journalist, Doug Sovern; Audio Fiction Prize Winner, Dave M. Strom, and FOPAL's very own Tina Gibson. FOPAL invites you to meet the authors and listen to them read selections from their work. 1pm to 5pm., Mitchell Park Community Center Adobe Room 3700 Middlefield Road. For more information go to www.fopal.org.

APRIL 21: **Tech Help at Mitchell Park Library**. Tech Tutoring for adults and seniors: 10:15 am – 12:15 pm. Staff are available on a first come, first serve basis to answer your tech questions, including how to download and read ebooks on your devices, using our databases, and email. You can bring your own device or ask our staff member to show you on their laptop. 2nd floor of Mitchell Park Library Contact Gina Feil gina.feil@cityofpaloalto.org

APRIL 24: **Transition Palo Alto - Community Council**. Transition Palo Alto is about bringing people together to build a a more sane and sustainable world from the ground up. Meet the Community Council to talk about Transition itself what is Transition, how well are things working, how can you be more involved, what else can we do together? 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Palo Alto Café, 2675 Middlefield Rd. For more info, see <https://transitionpaloalto.org/> or contact transitionpaloalto@gmail.com,

MAY 5: **Moyamoya Community Awareness Event and Silent Auction**. Part of the Connections Program at JLS Middle School. All proceeds donated to further research at Stanford for the rare and progressive cerebrovascular disease, Moyamoya. Items being auctioned off include gift certificates to various local restaurants and more! 3pm-5pm at the Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo room. Admission is free. More about Moyamoya: <https://med.stanford.edu/neurosurgery/divisions/moyamoya.html>

MAY 10: **"When Home Won't Let You Stay: Stories of Escape and Refuge"**. This storytelling event will feature 5 stories of persons who now live in the Bay Area after their countries of origin (Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Eritrea, and Vietnam) became war-torn or highly repressive. The storytellers' arrivals in the US span the late 70s to 2011. All five will surprise the audience with the resourcefulness they found to build new lives here. The free event is co-sponsored by the [Midpeninsula Community Media Center](#) and the [Palo Alto Library](#). 7 PM – 9 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Mitchell Park Community Center. Attendees are asked to send an RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/2pLurNv>

MAY 12: **City Municipal Services Center Open House**. Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the City services that keep our community running. Don't miss out on the fun activities, demonstrations, and displays. 9 am - 1 pm, City of Palo Alto Municipal Services Center, 3201 East Bayshore Rd. Free and open to the public. [Register here](#).

MAY 17: **EV Informational Workshop**. Come hear from a panel of local EV drivers and experts on the difference between all-electric and plug-in hybrid EVs; EV charging; range anxiety misconceptions; battery longevity; buying vs. leasing; and the environmental, economic, and personal benefits of EV adoption. EV test rides will also be offered, before and after the program. 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room, 3700 Middlefield Rd. [Registration required](#)

JUNE 16 - AUGUST 26: **Paper Cuts: Large Scale Collage**. Opening Celebration: Friday, June 22, 7-10 p.m. Collage is one of the most accessible artistic mediums. Requiring nothing more than paper and glue, it is easily achievable by people of all ages and skill levels. Often relying on found imagery, collage circumvents the need to generate new content and is a refreshingly non-intimidating form of self-expression. However, its seeming simplicity belies an influential, potent, and rebellious underbelly. The artists in this exhibition are also breaking with tradition, rebuffing the commonly intimate scale of contemporary collage. The large scale of their work beautifully illustrates the power of the medium. Art Center, 1313 Newell Road.

JUNE 16 - AUGUST 26: **In the Glass Gallery: Mary Anne Kluth**. Opening Celebration: Friday, June 22, 7-10 p.m. Mary Anne Kluth is a Bay Area artist who works from photographs of fabricated theme park landscapes. Her collages, digital prints, and installations reference the American West and allude to the prevalence of collective fantasy in national identity. Art Center, 1313 Newell Road.

OLD

APRIL 21: Free Compost Workshops, 10AM – 12PM, Cubberley Community Center, Room H-1, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 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. Contact elise@canopy.org with questions or group volunteer inquiries.

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 24: JCC presents: Spanish Guitars. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music by Spanish composers. 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.

APRIL 26: The Role of U.S. Coral Reefs in Coastal Protection. 7:00 PM, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park (map and directions at <https://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/map.html>).

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 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! 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 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.

MAY 19: Gamble Garden's "Intro to Photography for Kids." This class is for kids to 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/>

JUNE: Adding Spice to Life Cooking Classes for kids. <http://www.addingspice2tolife.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.