

MIDTOWN NEWS – April 27, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

May EPREP Tip: Water main breaks can happen after an earthquake but they can also happen at any time and without notice. Which may leave you wondering what to do if this happened in your neighborhood. First, it's important that you are signed up for emergency alerts for Palo Alto (in Santa Clara County, [AlertSCC](#)). You don't want to find out that you're not supposed to be drinking water after finishing off a big glass.

- Don't start using the water again until you have heard the all-clear from a community official. That's because water can be contaminated with harmful bacteria and other substances that can make you sick.
- Boil your water if told to. To correctly boil your water, bring your tap water to a rolling boil for one minute and then set it aside to cool down.
- Watch out for flooding. A recent water main break in Atlanta caused major flooding, reaching cars and buildings. Remember to stay away from flooded areas. If you are driving and encounter a flood, turn around. It is extremely important that you never drive through flood water.
- Create a water stockpile. Every U.S. home should have a minimum three-day supply of water stored, with one gallon of water per person per day. This water will come in handy when you need to flush the toilet, wash the dishes, brush your teeth, wash your hands and feed your pets. (Source: *American Public Health Association*)

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

Wireless Communication Facilities Webpage Update: To view, click www.cityofpaloalto.org/wcf

UPGRADE DOWNTOWN: NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK - Visit <http://upgradedowntownpa.com/> for schedule, locations, and full scope of 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.

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.

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.

CITY COUNCIL

- 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. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64666>
- May 7: Start at 6PM. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64787>. Finance Committee recommendations, Airplane noise, transportation impact fee.

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

APRIL 30: PAUSD: a special meeting from 4 to 6 PM at district headquarters, 25 Churchill Ave. The meeting agenda wasn't available

MAY 1: Finance Committee Cancellation

MAY 1: Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee at 6 PM at Mitchell Park. See: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64829>

MAY 2: Utility Advisory Commission See <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64810> at 4 PM in Council Chambers

MAY 3: Architectural Review Board Project: 29,000-square-foot mixed use development at 565 Hamilton Ave., and 2 story 82,030-square-foot building at 3406 Hillview Ave. Start 8:30 AM in Council Chambers at City Hall,

MAY 8: Sp. Policy and Services Committee Meeting Agenda and Packet. This Agenda and Packet will be produced on May 3, 2018'

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.

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/>

Theatreworks - Bridges of Madison County

Talking with Henrietta: "**Observing a Special 50 Year Anniversary**"- April 4, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, Dr. Clayborne Carson, the Dir. of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institution at Stanford University, shares his thoughts about the level of progress America has made with regard to race relations in the years since King's assassination. His views might surprise you. See this amazing discussion over the Internet and on Comcast 30 through April 28, 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#specialanniversaryOTHER>

EVENTS

APRIL 27: Transition Palo Alto '**The Reluctant Radical**' + '**Arrestable**' - 7:15-9:30 PM - Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston.

MAY 1: **Pacifists Making Guns**: The Galton Family and Britain's Industrial Revolution. FREE at Bishop Auditorium, Lathrop Library, Stanford University at 7:30 PM.

MAY 3: **The Other Bagpipes**: Exotic and Lesser-Known Piping Traditions of the World at 7:30 PM, Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education, Stanford University. FREE.

MAY 5: **May Fete Parade** starting at 11 AM. See <http://www.paloaltomayfeteparade.com/>

MAY 5-6: Mt View **A la Carte** festival from 10 AM - 6 PM on Castro.

MAY 6: **Opera for Families**: Springtime Musical from 4:30 -5:30 PM. FEE: \$18, \$15 Mem, Children (all ages)& J-Pass. This educational experience will spread the magic of opera among children of all ages. It was created to provide access to a new audience in a way that is up-to-date, fascinating and, of course, fun. Two singers and a pianist will perform a selection of pieces from operas and musicals and enhance their performance with insightful explanations, role-playing games and exercises that will help the young audience explore different aspects of opera. The program will include select songs from the musicals "West Side Story," "Mary Poppins," "The Lion King" and "Peter Pan." All ages are welcome.

OLD

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: Moyamoya Community Awareness Event and Silent Auction. Part of the Connections Program at JLS Middle School. 3pm-5pm at the Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo room. FREE. <https://med.stanford.edu/neurosurgery/divisions/moyamoya.html>

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

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. The storytellers' arrivals in the US span the late 70s to 2011. FREE. 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. Behind-the-scenes look at the City services. 9 am - 1 pm, Palo Alto Municipal Services Center, 3201 East Bayshore Rd FREE.

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 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 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.

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 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/>

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

JUNE 16 - AUGUST 26: Art Center - Paper Cuts: Large Scale Collage. Opening Celebration: Friday, June 22, 7-10 p.m.

JUNE 16 - AUGUST 26: Palo Alto Art Center In the Glass Gallery. Opening Celebration: Friday, June 22, 7-10 p.m. Mary Anne Kluth is a Bay Area artist.

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