

MIDTOWN NEWS – May 4, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

Community: Weekend Traffic Advisory: May Fête Parade to Impact Downtown Traffic on May 5.

Spring Open Studio - www.svoc.org

- Rochelle Ford - metal sculpturer. May 5/May 6 and May 12/May 13 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, 1155 Waverley St.
- Karen White - May 5-6, 11am to 5pm both days, 146 Walter Hays Drive.

MAY 28 deadline - vote for **Palo Alto Best Of**. See www.paloaltoonline.com/best_of

Do1Thing in May: Work, School and Community

- Make sure the people who count on you are prepared for a disaster. Tasks
- Make sure emergency procedures are in place for your workplace or school.
- Talk to your employer about emergency plans for the building where you work. Think about other places that you and family members regularly spend time, like your child's school. Give emergency kits to people who count on you (college students, elderly parents, etc.).
- Put together basic emergency kits for people who may not be able to do so for themselves or for those who may not think of doing it for themselves. Know how others in your community will respond in a disaster.
- Talk to other people when you are developing an emergency plan for a school, workplace or organization.

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

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 DayHoliday.

CITY COUNCIL

- May 7: Start at 6PM <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64787>. Finance Committee recommendations, Airplane noise, transportation impact fee.
- May 14: Start 5 PM. Topics: Request for a Community Center at First Baptist Church, Grade Separation. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64912>

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

MAY 7: **PAUSD**: special study session to discuss homework at 4 PM, the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

MAY 8: **Sp. Policy and Services Committee Meeting**. TOPICS: Town Hall community meetings; and review the use of revenues from the city-owned property at 455 Bryant St at 6 PM in First floor meeting room city hall. See <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64791>

MAY 8: **PAUSD**: Discuss elementary history-social studies curriculum, a new middle school history social science textbook, budget for a renovation of Addison Elementary School, an amendment to the interim assistant

superintendent's contract and 2018 bond measure and a district wide equity plan at 6:30 PM at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

MAY 9: **Council interviews candidates** for the Historic Resources Board and the Human Relations Commission at 6PM in Council Chambers beginning at 6 PM. on Wednesday, May 9, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

MAY 9: **Planning & Transportation Commission:** Topics: study session on traffic safety, operations and system monitoring projects; and proposed 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan for compatibility with the city's Comprehensive Plan at 6PM in council Chambers.

MAY 10 and 24: **Historic Resources Board** meetings CANCELED due to upcoming 2018 California Preservation Conference that is being held in Palo Alto. Next meeting June 14.

MAY 10: **Human Relations Commission.** Topics: FY 2018-19 work plan projects and retreat; presentation by Counseling and Support Services and elections for chair and at 7 PM in First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall. See www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64957

MAY 16; **Policy & Services Meeting BUDGET HEARING** at 6PM, First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64791>

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.
- May 14 UNA Film Festival "Angel Azul" 3-4:30pm @ Channing House. Drop-in, free.
- May 16 Advanced Health Care Directive appts available. Avenidas @ CCC. Call 650-289-5400 for appt. \$5.
- May 18 Presentation: "Why Social Media" 11am-12pm, Avenidas @ CCC. Call 650-289-5400 to register. \$0/\$10
- May 24 Movie: "Dunkirk" 1:30-4pm, Avenidas @ CCC. \$0/\$2 includes popcorn. Get ticket at front desk.
- May 30 Mindfulness Meditation every Wednesday, 2:30-3:30pm, Avenidas @ CCC. Drop-in, free.
- May 31 Book Club: "Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders, 2:30-4pm, Avenidas @ CCC. Drop-in, free.

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 - "**Exploring Alternatives to Homelessness.**" Local cities are grappling with the growing number of families living in RVs. On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, Henrietta's two guests discuss what some of the cities are doing about the issue. See this engaging discussion over the Internet and on Comcast 30 through May 11, 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#homelessness>

EVENTS

LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS on Ballot measures

- May 10, 2018, Thursday, 2 PM, Avenidas, Cubberley, Room 5
- May 17, Thursday, 7 PM, Channing House, 850 Webster Street
- May 19, Saturday, 2 PM, Downtown Library, 270 Forest Avenue
- May 27, Sunday, 11:30 AM St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Kennedy Room, 600 Colorado Avenue

MAY 6: **Future of Trains In South Palo Alto:** The Need for Grade Separations & What It May Mean for Traffic, Homes and our Community. 7- 9 PM at Etz Chayim 4161 Alma Street. CARRD encourages civic engagement, provides in-depth analysis and works to improve the transparency and accountability. CARRD does not advocate for a specific solution. The goal of the presentation is to increase awareness of the changes that are coming to the train corridor and to better understand the opportunities, complexities and decisions that lie ahead and their possible effect on Palo Alto. South Palo Alto will be the focus of this meeting, but all crossings will generally be discussed.

MAY 6: **23rd Annual Centennial Plaque and Historic Preservations Awards.** 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Lucie Stern. Refreshments served after the meeting.

MAY 9: Stanford Writers in Residence - **Conversation with Chang Rae Lee** at 8 PM at Tressider Oak Lounge. FREE

MAY 12: **6 Jazz Masters** at 3 PM Woodside Priory School Rothrock Performing Hall, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. FEE: \$45/35/15

MAY 12: **Repair Cafe.** Join us for the next Repair Café in Palo Alto. Bring your broken stuff and team up with our repair volunteers to get it working again. Don't toss it in our landfill. Don't go shopping. Repair it, re-use it! 11am - 3pm at Museum of American Heritage, 350 Homer - from 11 - 3PM.

MAY 12: Happy Birthday Brahams, **San Francisco Chamber Orchestra**, Tressider, Stanford. FREE

MAY 17: Cafe Scientifique "**Rotavirus Vaccination:** A paradigm for the trial, tribulations and triumphs of vaccine development." 5:15-6:45 PM at HanaHaus, 456 University Ave. FREE. 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.

MAY 19: **Media Center Local Hero Awards** reception and awards. Link to short trailer: <https://youtu.be/TCr0j3HZD2c>. Where: The Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. RSVP: <http://midpenmedia.org/local-heroes-2018/>. RSVP before Friday, May 4.

MAY 19: Stanford Healthcare "**Health Matters**" from 9- 2 at the corner of campus drive and Roth Way. www.healthmatters.stanford.edu

MAY 31: Cafe Scientifique **SKIN-INSPIRED ELECTRONIC MATERIALS & DEVICES.** FREE, 6:00 -7:00PM. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Avenue, Breezeway.

MAY 31: USGS Monthly meeting: "Yes, **Humans Really Are Causing Earthquakes!** How Energy Industry Practices are Causing Earthquakes in America's Heartland." In every year since 2014, Oklahoma has had more earthquakes than California. Oil and gas operations are "inducing" these earthquakes. The earthquake rate has dropped by more than 50% due to changes in industry practices. FREE: USGS Hdq, Menlo Park, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd.

JUNE 1: Chamber of commerce: "**Story Telling - Who AM I.**" Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. 1:00 - 5:00 PM at the media center. FEE: \$35 for Chamber Members, \$40 for Nonmembers.

JUNE 22- Aug 23: Stanford Jazz Festival tickets at www.Stanford.org

- 6/24 Indian Jazz Journey w/Mahesh Kale

- 6/30 Christian McBride's New Jawn
- 7/14 Tommy Igoe and the Art of Jazz
- 7/15 Somethin' Else: A Tribute to Cannonball
- 7/16 Ruth Davies' Blues Night with Special Guest Eric Bibb
- 7/21 Regina Carter & Xavier Davis: Duos and Quartet
- 7/22 Bria Skonberg
- 7/25 Jazz Brazil: Anat Cohen/ Romero Lubambo/Vitor Gonçalves
- 7/28 Dena DeRose w/Anat Cohen & Jimmy Heath
- 7/29 Charles McPherson Quintet
- 7/30 Yosvany Terry Afro-Cuban Sextet
- 7/31 Taylor Eigsti Trio and Friends
- 8/1 Jeb Patton Trio and Tupac Mantilla's Point of View, with Melissa Aldana & Jimmy Heath
- 8/2 SJW All-Star Jam
- 8/3 Andrea Motis Quintet with Wycliffe Gordon & SJW 50/50 Jazz Orchestra

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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: 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.

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.

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.