

MIDTOWN NEWS – May 11, 2018

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

DO YOU ENJOY ENEWS? We hear from folks in Midtown that they really appreciate our updates of what's going on here and in the City as a whole. A hard-working MRA volunteer has been compiling this digital newsletter for over 15 years, and would like to work on other projects. We would love to recruit someone to take over this task. It mostly involves putting together information about events provided to you by those hosting them. You would get plenty of instruction on how to do so. And you'd be offering a real public service to your neighbors. Send an email to Midtownnews@att.net to express interest in being our digital correspondent.

OPEN STUDIO: Rochelle Ford - metal sculpture, May 12/May 13 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, 1155 Waverley St.

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

Initiative to Curb Office Growth: Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning (PASZ) have begun a petition campaign to place a measure on the November ballot to reduce the cap on non-residential construction to the long-term historical level of 58,000 sq. ft per year citywide. The new Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City Council set the cap at 1.7 million sq. ft. over the 15 year life of the plan. The initiative seeks to keep office development at its current level, not increase it as in the new Comprehensive Plan. See <http://sensiblezoning.org/pasz-initiative/>. Signature collectors will be at the Downtown Farmers Market which opens Saturday, May 12th, 8 am - noon and Cal Ave Farmers Market, Sundays, 9am - 1 pm and at other places around town. If you can't make those, contact Sheri at sheri11@earthlink.net to arrange a time to sign.

EPREP Tip: A **disaster can disrupt mail service** for days or weeks. If you depend on Social Security or other regular benefits, switching to electronic payments is a simple, significant way to protect yourself financially before disaster strikes. It also eliminates the risk of stolen checks. The U.S. Department of the Treasury recommends two safer ways to get federal benefits:

- Direct deposit to a checking or savings account. Federal benefit recipients can sign up by calling (800) 333-1795 or sign up online
- The Direct Express® prepaid debit card is designed as a safe and easy alternative to paper (Source: Ready.gov)

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

LIBRARY CLOSURE: All libraries will be closed on Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

CITY COUNCIL

- 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>
- May 21: Start 5 PM. Topics: Small cell wireless communication facility, Charleston/Arasterdero upgrades. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/65028>
- June 4: FEIR for Public Safety Building

BUDGET

Proposed **Operating Budget** - <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64861>

Proposed **Capital Budget** - <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64860>

UPCOMING COMMISSION & BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER

MAY 15 & 16: **Finance Committee** budget hearing. 9 AM. First floor meeting room, City Hall.
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64929>

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

MAY 16: **PAUSD**. Study session on the budget and enrollment. 4 PM, district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

MAY 17: **City/School Liaison Committee** Meeting at 8 AM. First floor meeting room, City Hall. See
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/65027>

May 17: **Architectural Review Board**. 8:30 AM in Council Chambers. Topics: review of 356 Hawthorne Ave., demolition of 4-unit residential complex and construction of 3 detached homes with garages.

MAY 17: **Public Art Commission** at 7 PM, First floor meeting room, City Hall.

MAY 18: **PAUSD Policy Review** Committee at 8:30 AM, district office, 25 Churchill Ave. Topics: Safe Routes to School and the Cubberley Master Plan Update.

MAY 22: Sp. **Rail Committee Meeting**. Packet will be available on May 17.

MAY 23: Sp. **Finance Committee** – Budget Hearing. Packet will be available on May 17.

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

3) LOCAL EVENTS

SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER CLASS - full schedule in Palo Alto Weekly - today's paper...teen summer classes, coding, tech workshops, sports and more. 10% discount at Palo Alto Adult Education
www.PAADultschool.org/coupon

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
- May 19: "Improv Masala," Mountain View Center for Performing Arts
- Through May 20: Pear Theatre: Slices of Life
- May 20: California Pops - American Jubilee at 3 PM De Anza College

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>

FABMO Workshops – 970 Terra Bella Avenue, Suite 5, Mountain View. See www.fabmo.org

- SewMo / Craft Demo - May 15, 10am-1:30pm. No reservations required, bring your sewing machine or use ours. Contact: Marge Gordon, (650) 799-0485
- Maker Faire Week of Learning, Craft Workshop - May 15, 1 - 3pm. Learn to make paper boxes and fabric bowls.
- Paper Crafters - Iris Folding, May 20, 10am-12 noon. All materials supplied, \$10 suggested donation. Contact: Lisa Itatani, email Lisa to reserve a spot.
- How to Sell Workshop - June 2, 3-5pm. No reservations required, bring your sewing machine or use ours.

LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS on **Ballot measures**

- 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 11: Gamble Garden: **Spring Flowering Nests** for Mother's Day from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Learn how to create a nest centerpiece with floral designer Katherine Glazier. Katherine is a flower arranger for Gamble Garden and she co-leads the floral design program at Filoli. In this class, students will learn how to weave branches, greens and mosses to create a nest, then fill it with springtime blooms. Mothers everywhere will be delighted with this beautiful floral arrangement!

May 11 & 25: **SIDEWALK DEMONSTRATIONS.** The Peninsula/Palo Alto branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) will hold two special sidewalk demonstrations on the corner of El Camino and Embarcadero Road as part of our targeted support of the "revival" of MLK's 1968 Poor People's Campaign.

MAY 12: Sidewalk hours: **Supervisor Simitian** from 9-10:30 AM at the Downtown Farmers Market.

MAY 12: **Farmers Market** at Facebook 1-6 PM, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park Parking Lots 12 & 14. Featuring Professional and Collegiate Sports Showcase, Battle of the Bands High School edition, Garlic Wars, Craft Beer & Wine Tasting for Charity.

MAY 12/23: **FOPAL Book sale.** <https://www.fopal.org/>. Cubberley. Saturday Hours: Bargain Room 9:30am – 4pm; Children's Room 10am – 4pm; Main Room 11am – 4pm. Sunday Hours: All Rooms 11am – 4pm.

MAY 12: Gamble Garden: **Make a Tussie Mussie** for Mother's Day, 10 - 11 AM. Learn how to create a Victorian Tussie Mussie bouquet. A tussie mussie is a small bouquet made of flowers, herbs, and greens, wrapped with a doily and tied with a ribbon. Tussie Mussies have been around since the middle ages, but gained popularity in the Victorian era as a way of conveying secret messages in a society known for its strict social protocols. Each flower in a tussie mussie conveys a specific meaning, so it's the perfect way to tell mom how much you love her.

MAY 15: Panel discussion **Missing Middle Housing Solutions** sponsored by Palo Alto Forward, League of Women Voters, 6 - 8 PM, Morrison & Forrester, 755 Page Mill Road. How do we make sure that the middle is not missing or forgotten in our local housing policies. We have housing programs for low income residents and we have market rate housing that is now very expensive. But too often the middle gets left out, by making too much money to be eligible for most subsidized housing and not enough money to afford current rents and prices. The panel will discuss potential solutions, including two already underway in Palo Alto.

MAY 16: Panel discussion co-sponsors Palo Alto Forward, Friends of Caltrain. **Synching Climate & Transportation Plans**, 6 - 7:30 PM, Morrison & Forrester, 755 Page Mill Road. Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the region and the state. What transportation strategies make it harder to reduce GHGs, and what can help? How can we make better decisions today that support a sustainable future?

MAY 19: Celebrating **American Folk Songs** at First Congregational Church. Details and tickets at www.ScholaCantorum.org. FEE:\$28, students 21 & under. FREE.

MAY 19: Gamble Garden: **Intro to Photography for Elementary & Middle School Students**, 10 -11:30 AM. In today's smartphone and selfie-obsessed world, kids are taking photos like never before. But photography can be so much more than a Snapchat pic that fades away in 24 hours. For many children, photography can be a way to express creativity and see the world in a whole new way. Sign your budding photographer up for Gamble's intro to photography class with photographer Anna Allport. They'll learn basic compositional techniques as they photograph Gamble's flowers and plants.

MAY 20: Soli de Gloria **The New World** at 3:30 PM, Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley. FEE: \$26, \$21 student/senior. See www.sdgloria.org

MAY 26: **Maintaining Native Gardens and Leak Detection**. Learn how maintenance of water-conserving landscapes differs from that of traditional landscapes, including the care and maintenance of native and drought-tolerant plants, soil, and irrigation devices. The lecture will also cover a brief detecting irrigation system issues such as leaks and clogs and how to clear them. 9 am – noon, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room, 3700 Middlefield Road. Register at http://www.bawasca.org/classes_2.php?id_evt=172

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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: Happy Birthday Brahms, San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Tressider, Stanford. FREE

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 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.

MAY 19: Media Center Local Hero Awards reception and awards. See trailer: <https://youtu.be/TCr0j3HZD2c>. Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. RSVP: <http://midpenmedia.org/local-heroes-2018/>.

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." FREE. USGS Hdq, Menlo Park, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd.

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 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 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.

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

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