

## MIDTOWN NEWS – July 22, 2016

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

Save the date for the **September 18 Ice Cream Social** at Hoover Park. Chat with Council and PAUSD candidates. Food, raffle prizes, info booths and more.

EPREP TIP for August: **Phone and cellphone use during a disaster:** Phones with cordless handsets won't work during a power outage because they need more electricity than they can get from the phone jack. Old fashioned phones with a cord connecting the handset to the base will work even in a power outage. Make sure you have at least one phone with a cord in your home in case of a power outage. Or, keep a car charger for your cell phone in your vehicle. If the power is out in your home, you can still charge your cell phone in your car. Solar chargers are yet another option for cell phones when the power goes out. If you don't have a landline and you use a cell phone as your home phone, remember that cell phone towers may be tied up with calls in an emergency. However, a text message from your cell phone may get through when a phone call doesn't. Make sure everyone in your family knows how to send and receive text messages. (Source: [www.Do1Thing.com](http://www.Do1Thing.com)).

Do you have emergency volunteers on your block? If so, a volunteer in a snappy orange vest has visited your home or chatted with you during a block party. If not, help us recruit one...next training for **Block Preparedness Coordinators** (BPC) is August 9th at Lucie Stern at 6:30 PM. Ideally we would have one or two BPCs on every street in our city. The role of a BPC is simple: following a disaster, check on those who live near you and report problems to the Neighborhood Preparedness Coordinator (who in turn reports issues up to the City of Palo Alto Emergency Services). By looking out for each other, our neighborhood will be more resilient. In times of a disaster, your best resource is your closest resource - a Palo Alto Emergency Service Volunteer. RSVP for class to [epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org](mailto:epvolunteers@paneighborhoods.org)

**CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training** (20 + hours) starts on September 12. This program trains you in basic disaster response skills, such as small fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members will work as a team with other Emergency Service Volunteers - neighborhood and block preparedness coordinators - in their neighborhood following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. To register and for more information, see [http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public\\_safety/get\\_involved/cert.asp](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public_safety/get_involved/cert.asp)

NEW: The Basic **Citizens Police Academy** is an 8-week FREE course designed to foster increased understanding and communication between community members and the police. Instructors are public safety employees who will present on topics such as patrol procedures, laws of arrest, search and seizure, community relations, criminal investigations, evidence collection, police accountability, use of force and officer safety, disaster preparedness, and more. Students will also be able to go on a ride-along with a patrol officer and a "sit-along" with our public safety dispatchers. For details and how to apply see, [view this message on the web](#).

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS/NOTES

VECTOR CONTROL NEWS: <http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b7704d67c212a9bf7f81ccf82&id=fd81612833&e=19942c1ec1>

CITY COUNCIL SUMMER BREAK: Council return in August

JULY 27: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 6 PM in council Chambers. Topics: Ordinance to Update the City's Below Market and affordable housing impact/In Lieu Fees for Commercial and Residential Construction and study session on second units.

JULY 28: **Historic Review Board** at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics: adoption of Professorville Historic District Design Guidelines.

AUGUST 4: **Architectural Review Board** at 8:30 AM council chambers. Projects: 639 Arastradero Road, 429 University Avenue.

Peninsula, East Bay & Monterey ICC Chapters and co-sponsored by the City of Palo Alto will offer **2016 California Code Training** at Mitchell Park Community Center. Registration is required at [www.iccpeninsula.org](http://www.iccpeninsula.org) or email Christy Manzeck at: [cmanzeck@4leafinc.com](mailto:cmanzeck@4leafinc.com)

- Sept 8: Significant Changes - 2016 California Plumbing and Mechanical Code: Half day morning or afternoon class
- November 17: Significant Changes - 2016 California Energy Code: Half day morning or afternoon class
- December 6: Significant Changes - 2016 California Electrical Code: Full day class
- December 14: Significant Changes - 2016 California Building Code: Full day class
- December 15: Significant Changes - 2016 California Building Code, Chapter 11B, Accessibility: Full day class

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### 3) LOCAL EVENTS/NEWS

**Stanford Jazz** at the Bing at 8 PM. Tickets, etc., at [www.stanfordjazz.org](http://www.stanfordjazz.org) or call 725-2787:

7/23: ¡Cuba Sí! with Carlos D'I Puerto

7/24: Hot big band! Electric Squeezebox Orchestra

7/28: SJW Saxophone Summit

7/31: Bill Hart Quartet

8/1: Yaylor Eigsti

8/3: Guitar Night: Camila Meza and Gilad Hekselman

**WEDNESDAY EVENING Music** at Town and Country- between TJs and Village Cheese House. July 27: Top Shelf's tribute to Motown.

**THURSDAY EVENINGS on the Civic Center Plaza** /City Hall from 6-8 PM: July 28: Pride & Joy R & B Party; August 4th: California Cowboys Country; August 11: Bud E. Luv Orchestra Swingin' good times

**FRIDAY NIGHT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** at Magical Bridge Playground at 6:30PM. 7/22: Celistia; 7/29: John Henry's Farm; 8/5 Red Shift Capella; 8/12 Noise Lab

**TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES: Saturdays** from 6:30-8:30 PM. FREE

July 30: The Unauthorized Rolling stones at Mitchell Park

August 20: Tuck and Patti at Rinconada Park

**Movie Night: Saturday** from 8-10PM FREE

August 4: Happy Feet at the Children's Theatre

August 13: Babe: Mitchell Park Community Center

Talking with Henrietta - "**Service Clubs: Why Do They Exist?**" – Service organizations exist all over the world. On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, representatives from three of the largest service clubs explain what they are, what they do and how they became so prevalent. This informative show can be seen over the Internet and on Comcast 30 on Sundays@5 pm, Tuesdays@8 pm, Wednesdays@2 am & 11 am, Thursdays@8 pm & Fridays@3:30 am & 12 pm and Saturdays at 10 am. Get more information about this show at <http://epatoday.org/tv.html#serviceclubs>

See all **Avenidas Activities** at <http://www.avenidas.org/>. Don't forget to PRE Register at [www.avenidas.org](http://www.avenidas.org) or by calling 289-5400. Selected events and news below. See full schedule at <http://tinyurl.com/mfhqpuv>.

- MOVIES at 1:30PM: July 28 (Hello, My name is Doris)
- Movie: Choctaw Code Talkers (2010) at 2:00PM FREE
- July 29: "POLE Walking for Balance, Exercise & Maintaining Mobility" from 9-12:30. \$28

**Deborah's Palm Events:** See all events at [www.deborahspalm.org](http://www.deborahspalm.org). Call: 473-0664. Ongoing Free Classes & Activities.

- Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 PM - Open Art Studio
- Wednesdays, 10:00Am - 12:00 PM - Knitting Group
- Fridays, 10:00 - 11:30 AM - Walking Club
- Fridays, 12:00 - 1:00 PM - Gardening Group
- July 22nd, 10:30 am - Teenage Girls in Transition
- July 23rd, 12:00 pm - Saturday Speaker: How to Date Again with Mai Vu
- July 26th, 7:00 pm - Uncover your Calling
- July 26th, 7:00 pm - Women's Leadership Workshop
- July 27th, 12:00 pm - Lunch Speaker: A Postcard to Myself
- July 27th, 7:00 pm - Job Strategy Group
- July 28th, 6:30 pm - Women's Support Group
- July 28th, 7:00 pm - Become a 9 to 5 Refugee

JULY 22: John Wick, co-founder of the Marin Carbon Project, will share the latest in research, development, and implementation. Many folks have expressed interest in learning more about **carbon sequestration practices**, what they are, what works, what doesn't work, so we've invited John back for an in-depth session on the important and exciting work of the Marin Carbon Project. At 7:30 PM -- Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto -- 505 E Charleston.

JULY 23: Common Ground's "**Annual Edible Garden Tour**" from 10 - 4. See [www.commongroundgarden.org](http://www.commongroundgarden.org). Get tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/jry58cr>

JULY 23: **Bike and Skateboard Expo** at Farmers Market at Facebook - 1 Hacker Dr, Menlo Park from 2-5 PM.

JULY 24: **Bike Repair Program** -- Tom Kabat, long time bike enthusiast, will be at Rinconada Library between 3 and 5 PM. He will give a demonstration on how to fix a tire puncture and then will do minor tune-ups and adjustments to attendees' bikes. If you enjoy bike riding or want to start up again come to this Bike Program with your bike, get some free advice, and hear about how Tom builds his own custom bikes. The library received a grant from the Pacific Library Partnership to promote biking, buy a bike mobile (coming soon!), and install bicycle repair stations at both Mitchell Park and Rinconada Libraries

JULY 27: :Fighting for Human Rights in the Age of YouTube: **How Witness works for Human Rights in a Cameras Everywhere World** at Stanford Hewlett Teaching center, Room 201, 370 Serra Mall. FREE. See [www.continuingstudies/stanford.edu](http://www.continuingstudies/stanford.edu)

JULY 28: Summer Human Rights Film Festival "**Olivriero Toscani - The Rage of Images**": 7PM at Stanford Geology corner auditorium. FREE. See [www.continuingstudies/stanford.edu](http://www.continuingstudies/stanford.edu)

AUGUST 6: Common Ground presents "**Summer Fruit Tree Thinning and Pruning for Quality**" from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/29Hh0Vi>

AUGUST 12-14: At the Art Center: The fourth annual **Mobile Digital Art & Creativity (mDAC) Summit** at the Art Center brings together artists, app developers, printers and photographers for a weekend-long festival celebrating the best mobile digital painters and photographers in the world. Learn to create on your mobile devices from industry experts Jeremy Sutton, founder paintboxTV; Sumit Vishwakarma, mobile art veteran; Yoni Mayeri, award-winning iphonographer; and enjoy the international mobile digital art show exhibiting the Top 100 artists selected by mDAC's jury panel. Register for the event online now at [www.mDACSummit.org](http://www.mDACSummit.org).

AUGUST 23 start: **Docent training for the Art Center.** Docents lead interactive tours of the Art Center galleries and provide hands-on art activities. The docent program engages docents as active participants in the development of tours and projects. New docents will participate in four mandatory training sessions on gallery tour strategies at the beginning of the school year. Docents then provide one tour per week. Tours are scheduled Tues.- Fri., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. from Sept. - May. Contact Grace Pegan Abusharkh, Director of Volunteer Engagement, for more & application at 617-3520 or [grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org). For more on the Docent Program & Project Look tours visit the Palo Alto Art Center website.

AUGUST 27: Common Ground presents "**How to Keep Your Soil Healthy**" 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/29DXcBW>

SEPTEMBER 17: Gamble Garden in Palo Alto will hold its 4th annual **Tomato Extravaganza** 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Share your harvest, taste other varieties, and meet other tomato enthusiasts. Taste dishes that include tomatoes, and learn about collecting seeds for next year. Register for the free event by going online to [www.gamblegarden.org](http://www.gamblegarden.org) or by calling the Gamble Garden office 329-1356.

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JULY 23: How to date again. At Deborah's Palm at noon. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/hb28dhf>

JULY 28: Low Carbon Living for Happiness and Health from 6:30 PM. 4 session workshop. FEE: \$100  
<http://events.stanford.edu/events/613/61301/>

JULY 28: At the Art Center—Percolate Coffee Talk: Big Clay By the Bay, 7-8 PM

JULY 28: USGS Monthly lecture: "California Volcano Observatory It's not just earthquake country!" at 7PM Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park.

JULY 30: Tree Care and Pruning Service Day from 9 - noon at Costaño Elementary School, 2695 Fordham St, East Palo Alto. Go to <http://canopy.org/get-involved/volunteer-signup/>

JULY 30: At the Bing at Stanford at 7:30 PM Bebel Gilberto, Brazilian bossa nova. See [www.live.Stanford.edu](http://www.live.Stanford.edu) or call 724.bing (2464).

JULY 30: Safe and Confident Bicycle Handling Skills Lab from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. FEE: \$35. See <https://events.stanford.edu/events/613/61303/>

JULY 30: "Theatre & Labor" Symposium at Stanford from 9:30 to 5. FEE: Lunch included. Registration and more info at [www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu/symposium](http://www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu/symposium)

JULY 31-August 7: GETEDU Summer Camp for innovators & entrepreneurs ages 12 to 16. See [www.GetEdu.net/summercamp](http://www.GetEdu.net/summercamp). Register at <http://goo.gl/forms/ZIAclCVhL1>

AUGUST 13: Canopy tree walk: "Edible Urban Forest", 10 - noon. Start: Johnson Park/Hawthorne Street. Walk from Johnson Park to Gamble Garden on Waverley. [www.canopy.org](http://www.canopy.org)

AUGUST 20: Tour de Menlo. See [www.tourdemenlo.com](http://www.tourdemenlo.com)

AUGUST 27/28: Annual Palo Alto Festival of Arts on University Ave!

AUGUST 31: GoEV Workshop: Everything You Need to Know to Go Electric from 7 - 9 PM at Acterra, 3921 E. Bayshore Rd. Free for members; \$10 public.

SEPTEMBER 16: GET READY Annual Baylands Moonlight Run at 7PM

SEPTEMBER 18: Palo Alto Public Art Program private tour of Oliver Ranch. A \$65 ticket includes shuttle transportation from the Art Center. See <http://tinyurl.com/zloabuy> to purchase

SEPTEMBER 24: Canary Challenge - Bike 5K, 50K, 50mi, 75K and 100 mi - cruising and climbing routes. Start/End in Palo Alto. Sign up today at [www.canarychallenge.com](http://www.canarychallenge.com).

#### **PALO ALTO ZERO WASTE EVENTS:**

- Compost Workshops: Turn your food scraps into soil. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/workshops](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/workshops). Upcoming events: July 23, August 6, September 3, September 15, October 5
- Document Shredding Events: Securely recycle your old paperwork. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/shred](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/shred). Upcoming events: August 27, November 5
- Repair Café Palo Alto: Repair and reuse goods instead of throwing them away. [www.repaircafe-paloalto.org](http://www.repaircafe-paloalto.org). Upcoming events: August 28, October 30
- Transition Palo Alto Share Faires: Build community, learn skills and share goods. [www.transitionpaloalto.org/sharingexpos](http://www.transitionpaloalto.org/sharingexpos). Upcoming events: August 14, October 9, and December 13