

MIDTOWN NEWS – November 18, 2016

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1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

Winter Lodge's Winter **Ice Skating Class** registration will begin Tuesday, November 15 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, in person or by phone. The Winter Classes will run 8 weeks from November 28 through February 4 (no classes December 19 - 31). The cost is \$208.00 and includes 1/2 hour group class once a week, rental skates, free practice on lesson day and 2 extra free practice passes. For more information about lessons, public sessions or group reservations please visit www.winterlodge.com or call 493-4566.

ZERO WASTE TIP Here's an addition about **lids in your recycling**: Years ago, the city did want the lids off. However, systems change and now that is not necessary. The glass gets broken in the sorting process so the lids come off there and are separated out. The metal lids will get picked up by the magnets. The plastic lids will most likely get thrown away since they are so small. For plastic bottles, leave the lids on. They will all get recycled together. The plastic recyclers have figured out how to separate the two different types of plastics. Leaving the lids on will ensure the small plastic lids get recycled.

Holiday "Waste Service" pickup: If your date is on Thanksgiving, your collection will be the next day. For those whose service is Friday Nov 25th, your service will be on Saturday.

TOYS FOR KIDS DRIVE: Sponsored by Courtyard Marriott and Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. Donate a new unwrapped toy - 4320 El Camino- through December 19th and get a free breakfast.
www.marriott.com/paocyc

Volunteers Needed: **Stanford Blood Center is looking for volunteers** to help at community blood drives in Mt View & Palo Alto. They will be at locations within 10 miles of home or work. Criteria: good customer service and communication skills to assist in our canteens. Volunteer will be socializing with our blood donors, make sure they are comfortable, serve refreshments and monitor them for possible medical reactions, alerting nursing staff if a reaction is suspected. ** Special Need for Volunteers Available during weekday hours (Monday-Friday) ** All of our volunteer opportunities include free orientation and training. Minimum age requirement is 16 years old. Must commit to 1 year or 50 hours of service. Must complete health screening and background check. For more contact Alison Hopkins Alison.hopkins@stanford.edu or 723.6795.

2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

FUNDING AVAILABILITY - Applications are now available for the City of Palo Alto's 2017-18 & 2018-19 **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) program years. The applications are for funding under the City's two-year funding cycle. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/cdbg.asp>. Applications due by January 6, 2017 at 5PM. Attendance at a Pre-Proposal Conference is MANDATORY for all applicants. Dates: Wed, December 7 at 10:00 AM or Thurs, December 15 at 10:00 AM. To request an application or more info call 329.2561 or email at eloiza.murillogarcia@CityofPaloAlto.org.

DEVELOPMENT Department enews updates. For a listing or to subscribe. see http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/ds/monthly_newsletter.asp

CITY COUNCIL

November 21: Meeting start 6 PM with a study session on rebuilding the Junior Zoo/Museum. Topic: Public hearing on the Water Public Utility health goals. Agenda
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/54686>

November 28: Meeting start at 5PM. Topics: Sustainability & Climate Action Plan and the Draft Comp Plan Element Land Use & Community Design. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/54815>

December 5: Carbon Neutral gas plan

NOVEMBER 30: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 7 PM in Council Chambers. Agenda not available at this time. Topics: BMR in lieu fees and ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). Report for ADUs at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/advance/accessory_dwelling_units_regulations_update.asp

DECEMBER 1: ARB (**Architectural Review Board**) at 8:30AM City Hall Council Chambers. Project: 799 Embarcadero - fire station replacement.

DECEMBER 1: **Director's Hearing: Individual Review 3611 Bryant** at 3PM in first floor city hall meeting room.

3) LOCAL EVENTS/NEWS

Stanford for You. Some very cool events. See <http://tinyurl.com/jftpdca>

Cantor Art Center on Stanford campus "**The Wonder of Everyday Life**" (Dutch Golden Age Prints) through March 2017.

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

- Mondays: Chinese Classical Mahjong from 1-4 PM. FREE
- Fitness class series on Tuesdays & Thursdays (Nov 1- Dec 15). FEE: \$77/\$99. First class free.
- Thursday Movies: Thursdays! Includes popcorn and drinks. Stop by the Front Desk for your admittance ticket upon arrival. 1:30 PM start, \$0/\$2. Nov 3: "Me Before You", Nov: 10 "The Jungle Book", Nov 17: "Mr. Church"
- Fridays: English Chat Club from 12:30 PM. FREE
- Fridays: "Club Avenedles" Needlework Club at 2:30 PM. FREE
- FREE Drop-in Blood Pressure Screenings: Avenidas Lobby: Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 AM. Cubberley: Wed, Nov. 23, 9:30 to 10:30 AM
- Nov 18: Dance Lesson from 3-5 PM. FEE:\$5 members/\$7
- Nov 19: Ginger Johnson Memorial Duplicate Bridge Game from 9:30-12:30. Suggested donation \$25
- Nov 22; La Comida Thanksgiving Dinner. 2 seatings: 11:15,12:30. Reservation are REQUIRED. Call 322-3742. FEE: \$3 for adults 60+/\$8 for those under 60.
- Dec 6: at 3PM FREE: Speakers of different faiths will address topics related to how religions influence everyday life, how people make room in their daily schedule for the demands of their religion, and how they negotiate possible tensions between religious practice and their working and living environment.

Deborah's Palm Events: See all events at www.deborahspalm.org. Call: 473-0664. Ongoing Free Classes & Activities.

- 11/18: Poetry at 1PM
- 11/30: Brown Bag Lunch Talk: "Holidays; Freak Out or Fun" at noon

Talking with Henrietta - "**The 2016 Election Results: What Do They Mean?**"- Three guest journalists share their perspective about the 2016 election on this edition of Talking with Henrietta. See if you agree with them. You can view this show 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. More about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html> - electionresults.

NOVEMBER 19: At Mitchell Park Library **"Colorful afternoons"** from 1-4PM. This program is designed for adults to enjoy the art of coloring, socialize with each other and just unwind.

NOVEMBER 19/20: At the Art Center: **"Ceramics and Jewelry Studio Holiday Sale"** from 10-4.

NOVEMBER 30: Special program at Avenidas: **"Toyota: Driving the Future Through Artificial Intelligence"** with Tiffany Chen, PhD, Toyota Research Institute from 3-4:30 PM.

NOVEMBER 30: **"What Makes Owls so Special"** at 7:30PM Stanford campus: Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education. FREE. www.continuingstudies.stanford.edu

DECEMBER 3: **"Christmas Festival"** Russian Orthodox Church, Menlo Park from 10-4. Russian food, gifts, live music.

DECEMBER 3: **"Christmas Market"** at Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park 10 AM to 4 PM. Various handmade holiday items will be for sale, with visits from Santa Claus between noon and 2 PM

DECEMBER 3: Bay Choral Guild Presents: **"Christmas Jubilations"** at First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave from 8:00 -10:00 PM. FEE: \$25 general, \$20 senior, \$10 student.

DECEMBER 3: At the JCC: **"Battle of the Bands"** from 6:30 - 10PM. FEE: \$12 Public| \$10 Mem| At the Door: \$15. from grades 6-12. Battle it out with other local teen bands of all music genres! Solo acts and small groups are also welcome. You'll get instant feedback from professionals, the opportunity to play in front of an audience and a chance to win great prizes.

DECEMBER 3: Annual **Buena Vista Holiday Posada** from 5-9PM. Everyone invited. FREE. As sweet as pan dulce (sugary buns), Posada is the 400-year-old Mexican folk celebration held in December wherever Latino communities are found. Its origins are in the Aztec Winter Solstice observance and Spanish Christian tradition. Palo Altans of all ages, religions and cultures will feel welcome. RSVP to winterdell@earthlink.net. Location: 3980 El Camino (cross street Los Robles).

DECEMBER 4: **Kehilla Jewish High School "Admissions Open House"**, 3900 Fabian Way, from 2-4:30PM. Reserve a space at www.kehillaopenhouse.eventbrite.com

DECEMBER 10: **Palo Alto Philharmonic** at Cubberley Theatre at 8PM with guest conductor Kujawsky.

JANUARY 14: Common Ground Classes: **"Bare-root Tree Planting"** a 2 - 4 PM at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. Feb 3 from 2-4. "Early Spring Fruit Tree Grafting." For more or to register, go to www.commongroundgarden.org

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NOVEMBER 18: At Avenidas: Annual Craft Sale! Get a start on your holiday shopping! "Club Aveneedles" has been at work since last December creating handmade items for our annual craft sale. 11:30 to 3 in the Garden Room.

NOVEMBER 19: "Teens Exploring Code" at Mitchell Park Community Center at 9Am. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/hutorws>

NOVEMBER 19: FabMo Jumbo & Home Sewing Special Sale, 970 Terra Bella Avenue, Suite 8, Mt View, from 9-3. See <http://tinyurl.com/jfltnr>

NOVEMBER 19: At Deborah's Palm: "Divorce Seminar For Men" Only from 10 AM - 3:30 PM. Buy Your Ticket at <http://tinyurl.com/zhfckl4>

NOVEMBER 19/20: Palo Alto Art Center "Ceramics and Jewelry Studio Holiday Sale!" from 11-2

DECEMBER 1: Kara's annual Service of remembrance at 7PM at Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford, (in the Stanford Main Quad)

DECEMBER 3: Common Ground Classes: "Scions: Selecting Fruit Tree Varietals for Successive Ripening" at 2 - 4 PM at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. The second part of the series "Early Spring Fruit Tree Grafting." will be offered Saturday Feb. 4 from 2 -4 PM. For more or to register, go to www.commongroundgarden.org

DECEMBER 3: Bay Choral Group present "Christmas Jubilations", the First United Methodist at 625 Hamilton at 8PM

DECEMBER 3: Cubberley Artist Open Studios, Winter 2016: from 11:00 - 3:00. See <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/studios/default.asp>

DECEMBER 3: Girls Middle School Open House from 1-4 PM at 3400 W Bayshore.

DECEMBER 3 & 4: December 10 & 11: **Rochelle Ford**, metal sculptor **Holiday sale**. Hours 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. 1155 Waverley St.

DECEMBER 10: Gamble Garden: Grow your heart 3 sizes this holiday season with Gamble Garden's GRINCH-MAS from 10:30 AM-noon--a reading of the classic story 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas', face painting, holiday treats and other fun Seuss-ical activities. FEE: Mem Child: \$30, Mem Adult: \$25; Public Child: \$35, Adult: \$30. Day of Event: \$40 general admission (subject to availability). Child/minor must be accompanied by a ticketed adult.