

## MIDTOWN NEWS – March 3, 2017

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

EPrep news: MARCH 10 **Movie Night at Mitchell Park** Community Center at 7PM El Palo Alto Room. FREE Special Showing of PBS Documentary "The Unthinkable: How the brain works under extreme duress" by Amanda Ripley. The Unthinkable bring slight into civilization's darkest moments. She reveals how human fear circuits and crowd dynamics work, why our instincts sometimes misfire in modern calamities, and how we can do much, much better. Popcorn, movie treats. FREE

**MYGYM Midtown** notes: Referral Madness! Attention Members! From today through March 31st we will be having a referral event that offers you, our members, and your friends great savings at My Gym. For every referral that enrolls, we will credit your account \$25 towards your next 4 weeks of classes, and give them \$50 off our membership fee.

Santa Clara County is accepting applications for the **2017-2018 Grand Jury**. For information, go to <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/scc/residents/Pages/civil-grand-jury.aspx>

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

Volunteer: Become a **City of Palo Alto Mediator**. 2 year term includes training. The Mediation Program assists people in resolving disputes under terms they control, instead of going to court or doing nothing. Apply by March 20 to Palo Alto Mediation Program, 1490 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Questions: 856-4062 or [PAmediation@housing.org](mailto:PAmediation@housing.org)

### CITY COUNCIL

- March 6: Study session at 5PM on Stanford Research Park TDM, Regular meeting at 6PM. Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56124>. Action items: Downtown RPP (Residential Parking Program), Stanford's General Use Permit.
- March 7: Meeting start 6PM . Agenda at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56123>. Action items: Dewatering (report at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56097>), Accessory Dwelling Units (staff report at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56095>).
- March 13: No Council

MARCH 6: Hearing on **Sand Hill Properties at Edgewood** re grocery store. Monday's hearing at 9:30 AM should include closing arguments from both Sand Hill and the City of Palo Alto, whose attorney has argued that the special PC ("planned community") zoning at Edgewood mandates there be a usable grocery store and not just a vacant building.

MARCH 7: **Finance Committee**: Cancellation

MARCH 7: **PAUSD budget study session** to discuss proposals for cuts in the 2017-18 budget to mitigate an ongoing shortfall at 8 AM at district headquarters, 25 Churchill.

MARCH 7: **PAUSD study session** re renaming 3 Palo Alto school sites at 6:30 PM at district headquarters, 25 Churchill.

MARCH 9: **Speed Survey Community Meeting**. City staff will gather community input on whether the posted speed limit should be raised to facilitate radar speed enforcement, and alternatives to increasing the posted

speed limit will be discussed. On March 9, meeting at Cubberley, Room H1, from 6-8 PM and will focus on South Palo Alto. For more information, see <http://tinyurl.com/jlcoqwh> or email: [transportation@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:transportation@cityofpaloalto.org)

MARCH 8: **Planning & Transportation Commission** at 6 PM in council chambers. Agenda <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56282>. Topics: Scoping for Castilleja School and 3877 El Camino.

MARCH 9: **Historic Resources Board** at 8:30 AM in Council Chambers. Topics: election of officers, work of the Governance Subcommittee, prioritization of projects.

MARCH 9: **Human Relations Commission** at 7 PM in first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Recommendations for Community Development Block Grant Funding, support Council's resolution for a diverse, supportive, inclusive and protective community; and the commission's work plan.

MARCH 14: **Policy & Services**: No Meeting

MARCH 16: **Director's hearing** for Property 2747 Park Ave to combine six existing underlying parcels into one parcel. Time 3PM in city hall flexible meeting room, first floor.

Public service message: **Storm Water Management Fee** Ballot: The fee proposed by this ballot measure would continue what we already pay on our utility bills to manage the City's storm drain infrastructure and programs to keep pollution out of our creeks and Bay. You can find more information here <http://www.paloaltostormwater.org/> and also in a recent article <http://paloaltoonline.com/news/2017/02/21/nature-offers-boost-to-palo-altos-storm-drain-campaign>.

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### 3) LOCAL EVENTS/NEWS

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>.

- Mar 7: Drop in workshop Rosen Movement at 11:30 AM
- Mar 9 Movie: "A Hologram for the King." FEE 0/\$2
- Mar 10: Garden Club: "Beginning Vegetable Gardening" at 1:30 PM
- Mar 13: UNA Film Festival "On a Tightrope" at 2PM
- Mar 16: Musical Jam Session at 2PM
- Mar 17: "Using Your Family Dog to Help You Maintain Independence" at 11 AM
- Mar 21: Presentation: "The Intelligent Internet" at 2:30PM
- Mar 27: Classical Chinese Mah Jong every Monday at 1PM
- Mar 29: Workshop: "Traveling Alone and Loving it!" at 9 AM
- Mar 30 Ukulele Workshops at 2PM

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

- Mar 10: Poetry Lovers Group from 1-3 PM. Come and join with others, as you celebrate and bask in the beauty of the written word.
- Mar 15: Women 50+ in Transition: New Group from 1:30-3:30 PM. Ease the feeling of "overwhelm," confusion and frustration, by taking part in this wonderfully supportive group. Register today at [donna@yourtimetoblossom.com](mailto:donna@yourtimetoblossom.com) or call: 683-0771.
- Mar 24/25: The Connection Practice - Part 1 (Fri: 6-9 PM; Sat: 9-6 PM). Discover a way to consistently connect to yourself and others at 2-day workshop To register or for more info, contact Ellen: 301/646-8281 or email: [EMAbutterflies@gmail.com](mailto:EMAbutterflies@gmail.com)
- First & Third Fridays: "Life Lessons". Explore the topic of forgiveness. Upcoming dates: 3-Mar, 17-Mar, 7-Apr, 21-Apr, 5-May, 19-May, 2-Jun, and 16-Jun. The time is always noon-1:30 PM.

**Stanford Live:** 3/19 Black Grace

Talking with Henrietta - "**Responding to President Trump's Immigration Policies**" - The City of East Palo Alto has a large Latino population and many of the city's residents are concerned and even frightened by President Trump's immigration policies. On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, East Palo Alto's vice mayor and its city attorney discuss what East Palo Alto is doing to ease the fears of some of its residents. See this timely show over the Internet and on Comcast 30 on Sundays@5 pm, Tuesdays@8 pm, Wednesdays@6 p.m., Thursdays@8 pm and Fridays@3:00 am & 12 pm and Saturdays at 10 am. Get more information about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#immigrationpolicies>. See a video excerpt from the show at <https://youtu.be/Pc-cl2JXUJ8>

31st PALO ALTO WEEKLY **SHORT STORY contest**. Stories must be 2500 words or less. Story deadline April 13, 2017.

MARCH 4: "**The Remarkable Diamond Sutra of Mt Tai and its Carved Colophons**" at 1PM at Stanford Science Teaching & Learning Center Room 111. FREE

MARCH 5: PA Historical Association presents "**Remembering 9066: The Japanese and Japanese-American Experience**" with Speakers: Yukio Shimomura and Dick Mansfield from 2 to 4 PM at the Art Center.

MARCH 5: At the JCC; **Roll it Out! | Yoga Ball Workshop** from 1:00–3:00 PM. Learn self-massage techniques using yoga therapy balls to relieve muscle tension and pain. FEE:\$35 Mem, \$45 public

MARCH 5 & 19: **Rain Barrel Installation and Drought-Friendly Landscaping Workshop** from 1- 5 PM at the Peninsula Conservation Center on East Bayshore.

MARCH 10-19: At the JCC: **Food-Conscious Series**. See <https://paloaltojcc.org/food-conscious-series>

MARCH 11: **Community Arbor Day** sponsored by Canopy & the City from 10 AM -2 PM at Mitchell Park BOWL. With 3 workshops. Full details at <http://tinyurl.com/zsn2qtp>

MARCH 14: "**Exotic and Lesser-Known Piping Traditions of the World**" at 1PM at the JCC Community Tuesdays. FEE \$15. For more info, Michelle Rosengaus at 223-8616 or [mrosengaus@paloaltojcc.org](mailto:mrosengaus@paloaltojcc.org).

MARCH 15: At the JCC -- **Israeli Hors d'Oeuvres**: Workshop& Wine Tasting from 7:30 - 9:30 PM. FEE: \$12 Mem &J-Pass; \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door, space permitting. Conference Room F401 (4th floor above the theater). Enjoy signature hand-crafted wines grown, produced and bottled according to the finest standards and presented by Fernwood Cellars. Continue the evening learning easy techniques for preparing party hors d'oeuvres Israeli-style through interactive demonstrations led by Israeli chef Guy Pinchasi.

MARCH 17: At the JCC -- New Century Chamber Orchestra presents: **Americans in Paris** from 8 - 10 PM. FEE: \$29-61. 25th Anniversary Season celebrates the return of Chanticleer, "the world's reigning men's chorus" (The New Yorker).

MARCH 22: At Mitchell Park Community Center: **Dumpling Making**: School Age Gr K-5 start at 3:30 PM

MARCH 25: Avenidas all-day conference, including lunch, titled "**Living Better with Technology**," featuring CBS technology journalist Larry Magid. He will discuss "Secrets of Staying Safe Online." Other conference topics include "New Tech for Independent Living" and "Keeping up with the Grandkids." To register, go to [www.avenidas.org](http://www.avenidas.org). \$40 before March 11; \$45 after March 1

MARCH 30: Monthly USGS Lecture at 7PM at USGS Hdq Bldg 3, Rambo Auditorium at 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. "**Brown Bears, Sea Otters, and Seals, Oh My!** Unexpected interactions on the Katmai Coast" with Grant Hilderbrand, Chief, Marine Ecosystems Office, USGS Alaska Science Center.

APRIL 12: **Art Center's 45 Anniversary** celebration with David Kelly, Founder and CEO of IDEO, and Previous Mayor Sid Espinosa. For ticket information, visit [www.paacf.org](http://www.paacf.org)

MAY 9-10: Palo Alto Seniors and the homebound may request **free assistance with household tasks** through the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors' Realtor Service Volunteer Program (RSVP). Apply for this free assistance by March 22.

Volunteers will perform various cleaning and maintenance tasks such as light bulbs replaced, furnace filters changed, windows cleaned, mattresses turned, new smoke detector batteries installed and other light housekeeping tasks.

To request an application, contact SILVAR at 408-200-0100 or see [www.silvar.org](http://www.silvar.org) to download an application. By mail, Silicon Valley Association of Realtors, 19400 Stevens Creek; Blvd., Suite 100, Cupertino, CA, 95014

13th annual **Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp!** Session 1: June 13-17; Session 2: July 31-Aug 4. The camp focuses on providing students with an introduction to speech and debate. The goal is to prepare students for competition in these activities once they go to high school. Speech and debate are both life skills. Camp teaches students to express themselves and be more articulate. Second year campers have the opportunity to be placed in a more advanced classroom setting, while first year campers receive an introduction to speech and debate. Need-based financial aid available. See <http://pasdc.weebly.com/>. Questions: [palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com](mailto:palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com).

## OLD

MARCH 4: Summer Camp Fair at Mitchell Park Community Center. With so many wonderful camps, it's hard to decide which one to pick! Attend the City of Palo Alto Summer Camp Survivor Fair & learn about the different camps we have to offer from 11-1:30 PM.

MARCH 4: Mother's Symposium at Stanford with keynote by Anne Lamont at Dinkelspiel Auditorium on the Stanford Campus. The event is from 9:30AM -12:30PM.

MARCH 4: Avenidas Open House from 10 AM to 1 PM. See what Avenidas has to offer!! Class demos, meet instructors, free treats, raffle prizes, early registration.

MARCH 5: "Soli Deo Gloria" double delight - music with double choir at 5:30PM at Grace Lutheran, 3149 Waverley MIDTOWN. FEE: \$25, students/senior \$21. In advance \$3 cheaper. K-9 free. See [www.sdgloria.org](http://www.sdgloria.org)

MARCH 5: Congress Woman Anna Eshoo "Here's What You Can do" to shape 2018 elections at Crowne Plaza, 4290 El Camino. RSVP to <http://tinyurl.com/CallToAction> or 328-3700. Doors open at 2. Program at 3 Questions [helen@annaeshoo4congress.com](mailto:helen@annaeshoo4congress.com)

MARCH 6: Jean & Bill Lane Lecture Series "**Juan Felipe Herrera**" at 8 PM at Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lausen Mall at Stanford Stanford Creative Writing Program. <http://creativewriting.stanford.edu>. FREE

MARCH 7: Home Energy Efficiency Workshop offered Acterra from 6-8 PM at the East Palo Alto YMCA, 550 Bell St., East Palo Alto (map). To sign up, please contact [violet.saena@acterra.org](mailto:violet.saena@acterra.org).

MARCH 7: Acterra sponsored: Greening the Air: Sustainability at SFO with Erin Cooke from 7:30-8:30 PM. Location TBD

MARCH 10: Avenidas Presents "Doing Good and Doing it Right: Making Tax Smart Gifts during your Lifetime" from 11-12:30PM FREE. RSVP to 289-5400

MARCH 11: Summerwinds Nursery class Vegetable Garden Preparation & Planning, at 11 AM. FREE

MARCH 11: CANOPY tree walk: Mitchell Park at 10AM

MARCH 11: Arbor Day Festival at Mitchell Park Multi-Use Bowl from 10 AM-2PM. FREE. See details at <http://canopy.org/our-work/events-and-workshops/special-events/arbor-day-festival/>

MARCH 19: iPhone Garden Photography at Gamble Garden from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. FEE \$40 mem; \$50 non-mem. See [www.gamblegarden.org](http://www.gamblegarden.org)

MARCH 21: At the JCC: Celtic Sands & lunch at noon. FEE: \$20 or two punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card

MARCH 23: Summerwinds Nursery class Greywater Laundry to Landscape at 6:30PM. Free with SCVW District presentation

MARCH 25: Canopy Tree Planting at Cubberley Community Day from 9 AM to noon.

MARCH 25: At Common Ground (687 Arastradero Road.) "Permaculture: Guilds for a healthy garden" from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2iltHOb>

MARCH 25: Cubberley Day 2017. Community members are invited to attend a variety of performances, art exhibits, music, food, and tree planting activities from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/zboqylz>

MARCH 26: 4th Annual Racing Hearts 5k walk/run and 10k run to raise funds for community AEDs 9 AM, Koret Plaza, Stanford. Register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10369/racing-hearts-5k10k-2017>

MARCH 26: Spring Family Day at the Art Center from 1-4:30PM. Enjoy an afternoon of art activities and performances to welcome spring!

APRIL 15: Homesteading 101: "Cultivate Edible Mushrooms in your own Garden" 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Register at <http://bit.ly/2jpzaAm>. Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. See [www.commongroundgarden.org](http://www.commongroundgarden.org)

APRIL 20: Acterra "Party for the Planet" honoring Walt and Kay Hays at 6 PM at the JCC. Fee: \$150 AND UP on sale in March. [www.ACTERRA.org/Party](http://www.ACTERRA.org/Party)

CANOPY tree walks: Apr 8 - Midtown Neighborhood; May 13- Southgate Neighborhood; Jun 10 - Rinconada Library and Art Center; Jul 8 - Junior Museum and Zoo.