

## MIDTOWN NEWS – May 12, 2017

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### 1) MIDTOWN TIDBITS

May 25: Confused about ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units"? Attend Community meeting on May 25th at Mitchell Park Community Center at 7PM. "[Clearing Up the ADU Confusion](#)." Sponsored by PAN (Palo Alto Neighborhoods) in cooperation with the City of Palo Alto. Learn the jargon, setbacks, floor area bonuses, parking, types of ADUs, process to create an ADU, areas of concern, special district considerations for Eichler neighborhoods and properties in flood plane and more.

CANCELLED May 30: [Town Hall](#) from 7 - 9 PM at Michell Park Community Center.

**EPREP TIP:** Disasters can happen any time. Even when we're on vacation. Here are some tips from USA Today for being prepared when traveling:

- Make copies of your passport and travel documents, Carry them with you, and make an electronic backup of them as well. If you're going to another country, note the hotline for the U.S. Embassy or consulate.
- Look into travel insurance, and read carefully to make sure that the policy covers natural disasters before you buy. Bring copies of medical prescriptions, in case you're stuck in a country for a few days.
- Read up on your destination before you go to familiarize yourself with worst case scenarios. Ask your hotel about their disaster plan and if you're renting a condo or villa, ask the management property if emergency procedures and evacuation routes are outlined in your information packet.
- If a disaster strikes, follow directions from local authorities. If you need to evacuate and it's possible, try to be self-sufficient in the moment by bringing water, snacks, any medication, and a sweater. It could be hours before you are allowed back to your room/property.
- Above all, stay positive and happy travels!

Downtown Palo Alto [Farmers' Market](#) erturns this Saturday, May 13 for its 37th season, continuing the tradition of connecting food lovers with local farmers. from 8- noon. See [www.pafarmersmarket.org](http://www.pafarmersmarket.org). Located at Gilman St and Hamilton Ave.

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### 2) CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL EVENTS

"[Know Your Neighbors](#)" Grant Program now accepting application:  
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/mgr/neighborhoodgrant/default.asp>

**ZERO WASTE TIP :** What to do with Household Hazardous Waste? Drop it off at HHW, 2501 Embarcadero Way, Hours: Saturday 9 – 11 AM, First Friday monthly 3 – 5 PM. Limitations: 5 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW per visit in containers no larger than 5 gallons. Must be a Palo Alto resident. REUSE: Take your Zero Waste efforts one step further, visit the Reuse Cabinets. Residents can pick up usable household products such as paints, cleaners and unused motor oil. The Reuse Cabinets only open during HHW Station hours. See [www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste), [zerowaste@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:zerowaste@cityofpaloalto.org) or call 496-5910.

MAY 9: RESTORATION STARTS ON [CAL AVE Underpass](#) Mural. May 9 at noon, you're invited to stop by and ask muralist Morgan Bricca questions about her techniques, process and materials as she works to enhance the California Ave bike and pedestrian underpass.

MAY 20: Community meeting - [Connecting Palo Alto - Rail Program](#) Workshop on grade crossings from 10-2 at Mitchell Park CC. See [www.cityofpaloalto.org/connectingpaloalto](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/connectingpaloalto)

## CITY COUNCIL

May 15: Start 5PM. Action items: Comp Plan update - Elements Natural Environment, Safety, & Business and Economics. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57738>

May 22: Start 5PM with Study session with Palo Alto Youth Council. Study session Parks & Rec. Action item: Parks & Rec Open Space Master Plan. <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57795>

MAY 16: [Finance Committee](#): Cancellation

MAY 18: [City/PAUSD Liaison](#) meeting at PAUSD Hdq, 25 Churchill at 8AM. See <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57797>

MAY 18: [Public Art Commission](#) : 7 PM in first floor meeting room city hall. Topics: Artist for Jr Museum & Zoo, funding to re-coat "Albuquerque", 7 pieces of art in need of restoration or deaccession; Code:ART.

MAY 18: [Architectural Review Board](#) at 8:30 AM in council chambers. Topics: pre-school at 689-693 Arastradero Road, & wireless location/siting criteria for Verizon wireless communication equipment on utility poles.

MAY 18: [Finance Committee](#) meeting at 2PM in council chambers continued from May 9th: Budget Hearing <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57739>

MAY 23: [Policy and Services Committee](#)

MAY 23: Development Services Department training "[Zero Net Energy](#) for Design Professionals" at Mitchell Park Library from 9-noon. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/l95aspd>

MAY 24: Sp. [Rail Committee Meeting](#)

MAY 25: Sp. [Finance Committee Meeting](#)

MAY 25: [Historic Resources Board](#) at 8:30 AM first floor conference room, city hall. Topics: Public Safety Bld, 303 Parkside Drive, 640 Waverley.

JUNE 6: [CDGB \(Community Development Block Grant\) hearing](#) 7PM, first floor meeting rm, city hall.

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## 3) LOCAL EVENTS

ENROLL at [Palo Alto Adult School](#): see [www.PaloAltoAdultSchool.org](http://www.PaloAltoAdultSchool.org) or 329-3752.

[Photo Contest](#). Participate in the City of Palo Alto photo contest. Upload your photos showcasing the great things that Palo Alto has to offer and win prizes! Contest to celebrate the community parks, open space, special events, public art, theaters, and museums. Submit your favorite photo by August 31st. See <https://enjoypaloaltophotocontest.wishpond.com/home/>

Weekly [Vote on Your Favorite](#) [https://www.paloaltoonline.com/best\\_of/voting/form.php](https://www.paloaltoonline.com/best_of/voting/form.php) by May 29th

See all [Avenidas Activities](#) at <http://www.avenidas.org/>. 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/mfhgpub>.

- Once-a-week options for an early morning fitness classes. 2-day per week option available at \$7/\$9 per classes in the series. Register early online on our [fitness class page](#) , or call 289-5400, or in person at the front desk.
- May 15: Medicare Fraud: Protect Your Benefits and Identity at 2PM. FREE
- May 17: Hoarding and Collecting: "The Stuff" beneath the Stuff at 3PM. FEE: \$10
- May 25: iPhone Basics Workshop at 2:30 PM. FREE

- June 9: "Making the Most of Your Long Term Care Insurance Policy." FREE at 11AM. Pre-reg is required.
- By appt: One-to-One Technology Tutoring FEE: \$5/\$10
- Thurs Movies at 1:30PM. FEE: 0/\$2. May 4: Jackie, 5/11 People Like us, 5/18 Denial, 5/25 Masterminds

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

- Thursday evenings: Women's Support Group at 6:30 PM. Contact Annette Glass at [annetteglassmfti@gmail.com](mailto:annetteglassmfti@gmail.com)
- May 20, 9-12:30 PM The Assertive Woman I.
- June 10, 9-12:30 PM The Assertive Woman II.
- Fridays: Knitting Group at 10 AM; Walking Group at 10 AM
- First & Third Fridays Monthly at Noon: Life Lessons, covering the topic of forgiveness.

Talking with Henrietta: " **President Trump's Impact on Immigrant Children**" - Pres. Trump is making dramatic changes to some of U.S. government's policies. But what impact are his policies having on the children of immigrants. Henrietta and her guests discuss the impact of his policies on this edition of Talking with Henrietta. See this eye-opening discussion 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. More about this show at <http://www.epatoday.org/tv.html#immigrantchildren>

MAY 12-14: "**Ragtime**" Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. FREE. Times: 8 PM Friday & Saturday; 2 PM Saturday & Sunday. See: [www.facebook.com/StanfordBLACKstage](http://www.facebook.com/StanfordBLACKstage).

MAY 13: **Palo Alto Flea Market** from 9 AM - 3PM at PALY High.

MAY 13: "**Meditation: The Secret.**" The practice of meditation can help us focus our attention on one object or mantra, and can give our brains some downtime. Join, Dr. Manish Saggar, an Asst. Professor at Stanford University for this 90-minute workshop at Mitchell Park Library from 2:00-3:30 PM.

MAY 13: **Facebook Farmers Market** - featuring Cars and Chili from 12-5 PM

MAY 13/14: **Friends of the Library Book Sale** at Cubberley. Featured this month: Art, The West, Mystery, Poetry, African American Studies. More at [www.fopal.org](http://www.fopal.org)

MAY 17: **Radar Glaciology: A Window Into Ice.** FREE. Stanford, at 7:30 PM Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education

MAY 18: Canopy recommends: 29th **Annual Boething Lecture:** a Conversation with Alvaro Umana, researcher and environmental leader, at 4 PM, Stanford, Geo Corner Building 320, Room 105. The lecture will focus on Umana's successful efforts to reverse tropical deforestation in Costa Rica.

MAY 20: **A Celebration of Premiers and Commissions** at First Congregational at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$26, Students Free. [www.scholacantorum.org](http://www.scholacantorum.org) or call 243-1700

MAY 21: At the Art Center. **Make your Own Batik Scarf** from 11 AM - 4 PM FEE. See <http://tinyurl.com/k68rt23>

MAY 21: **Mozart Requiem** at Grace Lutheran, 3149 Waverly, at 3:30 PM. FEE: \$26, \$21 student. See [www.sdgloria.org](http://www.sdgloria.org) or call 888-sdg-song

MAY 22: Acterra event Stanford **Electric Vehicle Class & Workshop** at 4:30 PM, 1070 Arastradero Rd, Rm 202A/B. Come see a variety of electric vehicle models, including a Tesla & the all new Chevy Bolt, with 238 miles per charge. Discussion includes leasing & purchasing options. Come have your questions answered by a panel of experts & check out 5-6 EVs before and after the workshop. Space is limited, register to reserve a spot!

MAY 25: **Energy & Sustainability Summit** : Women in Clean Energy and Sustainability: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities at Oracle Conference Center, Redwood City. Save 25% with event code ESS17A. <http://tinyurl.com/mvhbj03>

MAY 25: At the JCC: [Arts Bravura Benefit Concert](#) featuring Jake Shimabukuro at 7:30 PM. FEE: \$80 Concert, \$180 VI with Dessert Reception. Drawing comparisons to the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Eddie Van Halen and Miles Davis in his innovative approach to the ukulele. He effortlessly mixes jazz, rock, classical, traditional Hawaiian music & folk, creating a sound that's technically masterful, emotionally powerful and utterly unique in the music world.

JUNE 14: [Innovation & Impact Symposium](#) at Microsoft Mt View. <http://www.innovationandimpact.com/>. FEE: Use code ACTERRA for 10% discount

JUNE 21: At Gamble Gardens: Joan Sanders will teach a class on [how to use roses and other foliage to create a fresh arrangement](#) from 9:30-11:30 AM. FEE: \$10 mem, \$35 for nonmem. Register at [www.gamblegarden.org](http://www.gamblegarden.org)

## OLD

MAY 11-13: FABMO Selection Event, 970 Terra Bella, Mt View. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/mpz22yp>

MAY 12: Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field at 7PM at Mt View Senior Center Social Hall, 266 Escuela Avenue, Mtn View. <http://tinyurl.com/ke8w8vr>

MAY 13: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage Spring Walking Tours. FREE all start at 10 AM. May 13th - Homer Avenue (Led by Steve Emslie. Meet at 475 Homer Ave);

MAY 13: Canopy Tree walk in Southgate Neighborhood. More information about the tree walk is available at [canopy.org](http://canopy.org) from 10-noon. Meet near Palo Alto High School Parking Lot at Churchill & Castilleja.

MAY 13: "Homesteading 101: Adding Edibles to Your Garden" 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Register online at: <http://bit.ly/2mBf0n7/> at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. FEE: Early \$25, at door \$35.

MAY 16: Tall Tree Awards: from 5:30 PM (reception) 7 -9 PM dinner & awards. Register Online at [www.PaloAltoChamber.com](http://www.PaloAltoChamber.com)

MAY 16: At the JCC: "From Old World to Our World" noon-1:30 PM. FEE: \$20 or 2 punches Community Tuesday Punch Card. A hot buffet lunch is included.

MAY 18: Café Scientifique Silicon Valley: Ripudaman Malhotra, SRI, will discuss how to replace cubic miles of oil to provide energy for the 21st century. Hana Haus 456 University, 5 PM. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/knnr2n9>

MAY 18: At the JCC: 'Believing in Magic' Cookie Johnson, wife of NBA Earvin "Magic" Johnson. 7:30-9:00 PM. FEE: \$15, \$8 Students, \$12 Members & J-Pass

MAY 20: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage Spring Walking Tours. FREE all start at 10 AM. Professorville (Led by Gail Woolley. Meet at 1005 Bryant St).

MAY 20: Health Matters Day at Stanford 9-2. Register online today at [www.healthmatters.stanford.edu](http://www.healthmatters.stanford.edu). FREE

MAY 20: Midpen Media Center public reception & screening honoring winners of its annual Local Hero Awards from 7-9 PM at the Media Center. RSVPs to Louise at [louise@midpenmedia.org](mailto:louise@midpenmedia.org) or 494-8686 ext 36 S

MAY 21: Repair Café; Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer, from 11-3. Bring your broken stuff & team up with our repair volunteers to get it working. Don't toss it in our landfill. Don't go shopping. Repair it, re-use it!

May 21: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage Spring Walking Tours. FREE all start at 10 AM. Professorville (Led by Kris Zavoli. Meet at 1005 Bryant St);

MAY 21: Avenidas Lifetime of Achievement Award from 3- 5PM. Call Avenidas 289-5445 for tickets and location. Honoring: Ruth & George Chippendale, Dexter Dawes, Marion Mandell, Judy Sleeth, Carol & Terry Winograd.

MAY 22: "Women and Islam" Moderator: Supervisor Joe Simitian from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room. Please RSVP at [www.commonwealthclub.org/sv](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/sv) or call 408-299-5050.

MAY 24: Passive House California "HPWH Workshop/Training." Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heat-pump-water-heater-workshop-palo-alto-tickets-32521447525>. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3- 6 PM. FEE: \$10.

MAY 25: USGS Monthly Lecture at 7PM, Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. "Underwater Secrets of the Hayward Fault Zone: Integrated 3D imaging to understand earthquake hazards"

MAY 27: Palo Alto Stanford Heritage Spring Walking Tours. FREE all start at 10 AM. College Terrace (Led by Carolyn George. Meet at 1181 College Ave)

JUNE 3: City Wide Yard Sale 8-2. Register at [www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale) or call 496-5910. Registration deadline is May 5, 2017. Your address and sale merchandise will be included in the June 2 edition of the Weekly.

JUNE 3: 3rd Annual Self-guided Home Tour from 10 AM - 4 PM. See homes that feature cutting-edge designs and imaginative uses of materials and are sensitive to surrounding neighbors. For more: [www.aiascv.org/hometours](http://www.aiascv.org/hometours).

JUNE 3: Bay Choral Guild at All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley at 8 PM. See <http://baychoralguild.org/>

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. See <http://pasdc.weebly.com/>. For questions: [www.palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com](mailto:www.palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com)

JUNE 10: Canopy Tree walk - Rinconada Library and Art Center at 10 AM

JUNE 17: Summer Fruit Tree Thinning and Pruning for Quality from 2 -4 PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2jNEG2Z> at Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Rd. FEE: 0/\$30. [www.commongroundgarden.org](http://www.commongroundgarden.org)

JUNE 24:"Organic Gardening 101" from 2-4 PM.Register online at: <http://bit.ly/2jG1o9c>. Common Ground, 687 Arastradero Road. FEE: 0/\$20. [www.commongroundgarden.org](http://www.commongroundgarden.org)

JULY 10- AUG 4: Stanford Course on Biomedical Research for High School students from 9-12 daily. For more, go to [www.explore.stanford.edu](http://www.explore.stanford.edu)

SEPTEMBER 3: Canary Challenge bike race for early detection of cancer. Register at [www.canarychallenge.org](http://www.canarychallenge.org)

CANOPY tree walks Jul 8 - Junior Museum and Zoo;