

MIDTOWN NEWS – May 18, 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.

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.

2) CITY/COUNTY/PAUSD EVENTS

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

An update has been made to the City of Palo Alto's **Wireless Communication Facilities webpage**. To view, click www.cityofpaloalto.org/wcf.

The **Junior Museum & Zoo** is getting ready to usher in a new era as its reconstruction project nears at its current site on Middlefield Road. Earlier this month, the JMZ moved into a temporary home at the Cubberley Community Center. It will provide its museum and science programs from the Cubberley Center's auditorium starting in July. Families are invited to check the museum website for posted hours prior to visiting at: cityofpaloalto.org/jmz.

CITY COUNCIL

- May 21: Start 5 PM. Topics: Appointment of candidates to the Historic Resources Board and the Human Relations Commission; Appeals of the Planning Director's Decision to Approve Eleven (11) Tier 3 Wireless Communication Facility Permits to Establish Small Cell Wireless Communication Antennas and Equipment on Utility Poles in the Palo Verde neighborhood; Approval of a Construction Contract for the Charleston-Arastradero Corridor Project. <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/65028>
- May 29: Start 5 PM. Designating the Avenidas Building as a "Sender Site" in the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program; Connecting Palo Alto Rail Program Status Update and Initial Screening of Ideas for Further Study (Continued From May 14, 2018). <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/65109>
- 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 22: **Parks & Recreation Commission**. 7 PM in Council Chambers.

MAY 23: **Finance Committee** – Budget Hearing. 9 AM. First floor meeting room, City Hall.

MAY 30: **Planning & Transportation Commission**. 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

JUNE 5: **Finance Committee**. 6 PM. First floor meeting room, City Hall.

UPGRADE DOWNTOWN – www.upgradedowntownpa.com

- Thru June 15: University Ave between Cowper St and Waverley St. 8am-6pm. University Ave closed 24/7 between Cowper St and Waverley St.
- May 23-June 8: Hawthorne Ave between Alma St and Bryant St. 8am-6pm. The subject blocks will be closed to through traffic during the construction hours; access provided to residents along these block.
- Thru May 25: High St between Hawthorne Ave and Everett Ave. 8am-6pm. The subject block will be closed to through traffic during the construction hours.
- Thru May 22: Forest Ave between Alma St and Ramona St. 8am-6pm. The subject blocks are intermittently closed to through traffic during the construction hours
- Thru May 22: Ramona St between Everett Ave and Lytton Ave. 8am-6pm. The subject block is closed to through traffic during the construction hours.
- Thru May 25: Bryant St between Hamilton Ave and Forest Ave. 8am-4pm. The subject block is closed to through traffic during the construction hours.
- Thru May 31: Hawthorne Ave between Waverley St and Middlefield Rd. 8am-6pm. Hawthorne Ave will be closed on blocks with major construction activities during construction hours; access provided to residents along these streets.

3) LOCAL EVENTS

League of Women Voters: **Pros & Cons of the June 5 Ballot Measures**. The arguments for and against six ballot measures to be voted on June 5, 2018--plus information on California's primary and recall processes.

For a list of the ballot measures and more information, see [Pros & Cons flyer](#) or lwvpaloalto.org.

The meetings will be held at the following days, times and locations:

- Saturday, May 19, at 2:00 pm at the Downtown Library, 270 Forest Avenue.
- Sunday, May 27, 11:30 a.m., at the Kennedy Room, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave.

At the Museum of American Heritage's (MOAH) current exhibition, "**In the Groove: A History of Record Players**," visitors can encounter a variety of models of phonographs, gramophones, jukeboxes and turntables, learn about the history of the technology, and even select songs to spin -- including, with the help of a docent, the hauntingly present "Aloha Oe" recording from so long ago. Through Aug. 19; from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday to Sunday, 351 Homer Ave. Free. Info: MOAH.

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 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?

- Theatreworks - Bridges of Madison County
- May 19: "Improv Masala," Mountain View Center for Performing Arts
- May 20: California Pops - American Jubilee at 3 PM De Anza College
- Through May 20: Pear Theatre: Slices of Life
- June 2 & 3: "Jeans! The Musical" tells the story of how two immigrant men "dare to dream the American dream" and succeed beyond their wildest expectations. 2 p.m. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. \$27 adults, \$22 students/children. Info: [MVCPA](#).

Talking with Henrietta: "[Leading the Change for Social Justice](#)." What are some of the issues our young people feel strongly about? On this edition of Talking with Henrietta, two teenage activists discuss the societal changes they're trying to make through their local protests. See their heartfelt discussion over the Internet and on Comcast 30 through May 25, 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#socialjustice>

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

- 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.

MAY 19: Pop band Glass Animals will headline Stanford University's seventh annual **Frost Music & Arts Festival**. The festival will be held at Stanford Stadium, 625 Nelson Road. Chicago singer-songwriter Ravyn Lenae and hip-hop producer Monte Booker will open the show, along with student performers and visual artists. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$24 for Stanford students, \$35 for Stanford staff, faculty and alumni and \$43 general admission. Go to <https://frostmusicfestival.com/tickets>.

MAY 19-20: **Celebrating American Folksongs** - with Oxford Street Brass. The spirit of America is presented with joy and reverence in this concert of regional folk-songs. You'll stomp your foot to When the Saints Go Marching In, feel the unbridled joy of authentic Americana with Copland's The Boatman, and be moved by the spirituality and optimism of At The River. Kirke Mechem's surprising and humorous collection of folksongs will be included, as well as the world premiere of Brian Holmes' folksong suite commissioned by Schola Cantorum. The Oxford Street Brass rounds out this lively concert experience. May 19, 7:30pm First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Rd. May 20, 3:00pm, Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos.

MAY 24: The Building Division will be holding an informational workshop on the use of its smart phone inspection request app called the **Palo Alto Inspection Request** or PA iRequest. Learn how to schedule field inspections on your mobile phone without leaving your office, home or jobsite. It is easy to use and will save you time. From 8:00 am - 8:30 am in the Community Meeting room on the ground floor of City Hall located at 250 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301.

MAY 25: Zero Waste Palo Alto is pleased to join Transition Palo Alto for a special showing of **TRASH DANCE**. We all know what a problem waste is, and previous Fourth Friday films have focused on how to reduce it. But what about all the people who work tirelessly to pick up, process, and dispose of our waste? They're mostly

invisible to us, yet they perform an essential service that most of us would never want to do. Trash Dance introduces us to some of these people, adding an amazing and inspiring twist. Choreographer Allison Orr rides along with Austin, Texas sanitation workers on their daily routes to observe and later convince them to perform a most unlikely spectacle. 7:30-9:30pm, Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston, Palo Alto. View the trailer at <http://bit.ly/trashdance>

MAY 31: The Building Division will be holding an informational workshop for residents, designers and contractors interested in pulling building permits for **Residential Kitchen and Bathroom Remodels**. The Building Division staff will instruct participants on how to navigate the City's website to find the necessary forms to submit for a permit and checklists with inspector tips to pass field inspections. Get the answers to the test beforehand, so that you can successfully finish your project on time. From 8:00 am - 9:00 am in the Community Meeting room on the ground floor of City Hall located at 250 Hamilton Ave.

JUNE 6: The **Summer Reading Program Wacky Wednesday** series returns with a Caribbean music performance by Asheba. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM, Children's Library

JUNE 10: Transition Palo Alto **Share Faire**. We'll have skills to share, at tables and as classes. Already lined up for you, we have Chicken Care and Improv, Science and Crafts, and Tool Care. As always, we'll have goods to share, including garden, clothing, household, books and more. 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Mitchell Park Bowl, 3700 East Meadow Dr.

JUNE 17: **Palo Alto World Music Day**. 3:00-7:30 pm, University Avenue (**CLOSED between Webster and High**). World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year close to the Summer Solstice. Now for the 10th year in Palo Alto, 50 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres: jazz, pop, rock, classical, world music, choral, folkloric dances, etc. All performances are FREE and open to the public. For more information, or to volunteer please visit www.pamusicday.org or e-mail info@pamusicday.org.

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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.

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 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.bawsca.org/classes_2.php?id_evnt=172

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.addingspice2tolife.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. <https://stanfordjazz.org/stanford-jazz-festival-2018/>

- 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.