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Rockridge Voters Oust Incumbents In Heated RCPC Board Election

by Cy Gulassa

Rockridge voters ousted four incumbents of the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) and swept into office a slate of six candidates who pledged to return the organization to its roots and to champion community interests.

The turnout was the largest in RCPC's 21-year history, with residents braving long lines on April 19 and 21 to cast ballots in the hotly contested election. The mandate was decisive, with each of the six candidates receiving more than twice the votes of the highest-polling incumbent.

Prior to the election, residents had expressed growing concern that during the tenure of RCPC's Land Use Committee chairwoman, Hiroko Kurihara, the organization had drifted from its primary mission to uphold C-31 zoning, support residents' concerns and preserve the unique character of the Rockridge neighborhood. Many residents had complained that in development disputes, the interests of developers sometimes took precedence over neighbors' concerns. At the January town hall meeting, many community members openly criticized Kurihara's leadership and questioned her commitment to RCPC principles. Of particular concern was her prominent role in an organization promoting zoning views at odds with those of RCPC.

These and other actions prompted a revolt that swept Kurihara and three other incumbents from office. Six candidates formed an election slate and wrote a platform that included opposing out-of-scale development, restoring transparency and community access to the organization, and representing the interests of Rockridge residents.

Flyers with photos of the challengers were distributed to hundreds of homes, and volunteers handed them out at the BART station and on street corners on election day. Many residents arrived at the voting table clutching a flyer after waiting up to 20 minutes to vote in an election that made RCPC history. The incumbents also distributed flyers and e-mails.

In all, 532 ballots were cast. The final tallies were: Ronnie Spitzer 371, Ellen Peterson 369, Danica Truchlikova 362, Margaret Wahlberg 351, Peter St. John 343, Jeff Small 342, Steve Meyer 139, Jennifer Edmister 138, Grace Park 120, Hiroko Kurihara 115, Albert Hussian 59.



Rockridge residents waiting to vote in the RCPC board election formed in patient lines that filled the foyer of the Rockridge branch library, then snaked outside along the sidewalk down College Avenue. In all, 532 ballots were cast in two sessions of voting, one on Thursday, April 19, following the campaign statements of the candidates, and one on Saturday, April 21.

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New Board Off To a Fast Start

by Annette Floystrup, RCPC Vice Chair

The newly elected RCPC board of directors, whose election was certified on Saturday, April 21, got down to business on Tuesday, April 24, in a special meeting called to deal with pressing administrative and land use issues.

Administrative Steps

The board adopted a policy of roll-call voting to increase transparency and accountability to the community, with

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RCPC Seeks New Board Member

Interested in serving your community? Joining the Rockridge Community Planning Council offers you that opportunity. Currently, there is one vacant position to be filled by board appointment. Candidates for the RCPC board are invited to submit a 125-word statement describing their interest in being appointed to the board for a limited term. Please include your address, phone number and experience. Electronic copies can be sent by e-mail to ronnie@rockridge.org. Mail hard copies to RCPC, 5245 College Avenue, PMB 311, Oakland, CA 94618.

Candidates must be 18 years of age, reside within RCPC boundaries and indicate their interest in the position by June 1, 2007. (A map and description of RCPC boundaries is available online at www.rockridge.org)

RCPC Welcomes 100th Board Member Since Incorporation in 1985

The 2007 RCPC board election has resulted in the seating of the 100th member of the board of directors since the organization was incorporated, in October 1985.

A list of the directors who have served since 1985 appears below, in approximate order of when each first joined the board. The names of post-1985 directors who have served as chairpersons (either before or since the incorporation) appear in bold.

The individual with the longest record of service on the board of directors is Theresa Nelson (1991 to 2005).

(*The Rockridge News* apologizes in advance to any one whose name may have been omitted by mistake.)

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Theresa Nelson, former RCPC chairwoman and longest-serving board member, and co-founder of FROG Park.

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Former RCPC chairwoman Mary MacDonald addresses the crowd at the opening of the new Rockridge branch library, August 1996.

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Board: Fast Start

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accompanying comments for abstentions or dissenting votes. The new board elected Ronnie Spitzer chairwoman and board member Annette Floystrup vice chairwoman. Gloria Bruce was appointed secretary. The board also filled two seats recently vacated by Mike Taylor and Mike McDonald. The new appointees are Richard W. Smith and Jennifer Edmister, both past members of the RCPC board. Smith, who holds a doctorate in architecture, is an architect and urban planner who has lived in Rockridge, in the same house, since 1973, and was involved in the formation of the RCPC and *The Rockridge News*. He was an RCPC board member and chairman of the land use/design review committee. The board will solicit statements of interest from the community to fill the final vacant board seat.

An ad hoc committee of present and former board members with expertise in planning, zoning and design review, including interim Land Use Committee Chairwoman Gloria Bruce, was charged to bring recommendations before the full board for reorganizing the land use committee and related functions.

Land Use Issues

The most pressing business concerned the design review hearing, scheduled for April 25, on the Global Video/Hauser project, at 5132 Telegraph Avenue at Claremont. The proposed Clarke Street building lies inside RCPC boundaries and would affect future development at FROG park. For design review results, see the land use column on this page.

Board members Susan Montauk and Jennifer Edmister, co-chairwomen of the 2007 Rockridge Kitchen Tour, reported on the progress and needs of the Kitchen Tour. See article on page 4 for details.

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- Cohousing Plan Height a Problem for RCPC
- City Design Review Seeks Changes in Telegraph/Claremont "Creekside" Proposal

RCPC on Kingfish, Creekside Projects

by Gloria Bruce, interim chairwoman of the RCPC Land Use Committee and Ronnie Spitzer, RCPC chairwoman

Based on the recommendations of its land use committee, the RCPC board voted April 4 to oppose a proposal for a mixed-use, 33-unit cohousing community project at 5227 Claremont Avenue. The land use committee had expressed general approval of the building's Craftsman-influenced look and the cohousing concept, in which residents form a community and share amenities, but opposed the five-story height, which would set a precedent for taller development along the Claremont corridor. The board will draft a letter prior to the next planning commission meeting, expected in early June.

■ On May 2, the planning commission will hold an appeal hearing on 5253 College Avenue, a proposed six-unit condominium that neighbors have vigorously opposed.

■ The design review committee of the planning commission considered Hauser Architects' "Creekside" project, a 115-unit building at the Global Video site on Telegraph Avenue, at its April 25 meeting. The committee agreed with RCPC's view that the project had been brought before it prematurely. A less massive, lower-rise project including significant changes to the proposed Clarke Street building should emerge. Daylighting part of culverted Temescal Creek must be explored by the architect before the proposal can return to the committee.

■ Jane Brunner's office reports that Trader Joe's plans to move in at 5727 College this summer.

Next Land Use Committee Meeting

The next Land Use Committee meeting date will be announced in the June *Rockridge News*. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Rockridge branch of the Oakland Public Library.

NCPC Meeting:

Changes in Oakland Policing Designed to Brake Runaway Crime

by Cy Gulassa

The Oakland Police Department is undergoing major organizational changes that will enable it to focus more aggressively on fighting crime, according to Deputy Chief of Police Jeffrey Israel, who gave a spirited talk to a packed Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) meeting in the Rockridge library on April 19.

As part of the $10.5 million suit against the officers known as the "Riders," the police department had to shift attention and resources from protecting precincts to internal administrative procedures designed to improve police conduct and relations with the community. These reforms helped professionalize the force, Israel said, but they weakened efforts to fight crime because there was neither time nor money to do the statistical analyses of data and trends that help control crime. "We were reduced to responding to calls as best we could," he said.



OPD Deputy Chief Jeff Israel

When various strategies failed to slow the increase in crime, former mayor Jerry Brown commissioned a study by Harnett Associates, a New York team credited with helping reduce crime in New York city by 70 percent. A key recommendation of the report, delivered just last December, is to divide the city into three geographic regions and demand accountability from those assigned to these areas.

The current way the department is organized is very inefficient, according to

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Get Involved! Docents Needed For October 7 Kitchen Tour



The new kitchen of Peter Wohlfeiler & Jane Randolph's Benvenue Avenue home opens on to a spacious deck, as seen during the 2005 Rockridge Kitchen Tour.
PHOTO: SUSAN MONTAUK

by Jennifer Edmister

The 2007 Rockridge Kitchen Tour will take place Sunday, October 7. An ensemble of spectacular kitchens awaits visitors from near and far. Whether you are a kitchen enthusiast in particular or a Rockridge enthusiast in general the Kitchen Tour committee cordially invites you to participate in and support this regionally renowned event. There are many ways to participate, but one of the most enjoyable is to volunteer as a kitchen docent, guiding tour guests through Rockridge's finest kitchens. Docents, and all other volunteers, receive a complimentary ticket to the tour. Below are a few of the available volunteer positions and other ways to support the tour. For more information on how you can join the fun, please contact us.

- **Docents:** guide visitors through the homes and provide background information to tour guests. Docents are treated to a pre-tour visit of three kitchens, and will have time to visit the other six kitchens with their complimentary ticket on the day of the tour. If you are interested in being a docent, please contact Nancy Sale at 510/655-4625.
- **Set-up volunteers:** assist with pre-tour and event day preparations, including food, flowers and kitchen set-up. For more information, please contact Jennifer Edmister at 510/547-2841.
- **Publicity volunteers:** assist with pre-tour publicity. For more information, please contact Jennifer Edmister at 510/547-2841.
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This year's Kitchen Tour promises to be one of the most exciting yet, as the event grows ever more popular. As a tour guest, a volunteer or a proud kitchen owner, Rockridge is the place to be on October 7.


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Local Businesses Give Claremont A Makeover



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by Julie Harris

Claremont Middle School won M.B. Jessee Painting and Decorating's second annual Painting for Charity contest this year, receiving a free paint makeover for the art room and many of the interior hallways. Thanks to 23 M. B. Jessee crew members who donated their time, paint donated by Mark's Paint Mart, and a color consultation donated by Angelisse Karol, dingy-looking avocado green interiors were transformed into sunny yellow spaces. The painting company made Claremont this year's winner in response to a Claremont parent's entry. Claremont thanks these businesses for supporting our neighborhood public middle school.

Claremont Outdoor Festival Coming May 19

by Julie Harris

A silent auction, carnival games, food and arts booths, prize drawings, a jumper, and a performance stage! Enjoy all of these at Claremont Middle School's 3rd annual Spring Fling on May 19 from 10 to 3. The event, organized by the Claremont PTA, is a community festival and fundraiser for school enrichment programs, including a new school garden and salad bar, classroom mini-grants, school communications, special field trips and promotion activities, community-building events, and educational programs for students and families. Everyone is welcome.

Help us reach our financial goal by coming and spending (or donating) money,

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Peralta Refugees Relocate at Carter, but Kids Long for Home

by Sepeedah Zabala

More than a month has passed since arsonists struck Peralta Elementary School just before midnight on March 26, setting fire to the well-loved K-5 campus, located at 460 63rd Street in North Oakland. No one was hurt and Oakland firefighters stopped the fire quickly, but not before it destroyed the library, office and garden courtyard, and severely damaged the kindergarten classrooms, causing the school to close for extended repairs and relocate to Carter Middle School at 45th and Webster.

Volunteers arriving for weekend "work parties" at Carter, which had previously been closed, were overwhelmed by the stench of forgotten food in the freezer, cobwebs in the classrooms, dank bathrooms, graffiti-covered lockers and weedy patches of dirt. Two days later, however, after waves of staff, families and community members had worked from early morning late into the evening, the rooms were ready for the kids. They moved in April 2.

Peralta has a long tradition of parent/neighborhood involvement, led by a devoted and visionary principal, Rosette Costello, and her staff of committed teachers and administrative workers.

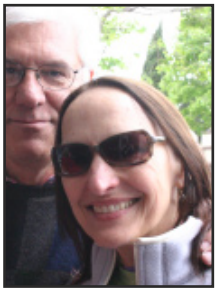
True to tradition, the Peralta Parent

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"Why do you want to spend 20 minutes in line just to vote in this election?" (Asked of Rockridge residents waiting to cast ballots in the RCPC board elections, Saturday, April 21.)



Spring Friedlander: "I'm a member of ULTRA and strongly suport higher density in a way that is appropriate and sensitive to the character of the neighborhood and is balanced with the need for open space and parks."



Aggie Brenneman: "This is the first time I'm voting because I want to maintain what I've been striving for the last 20 years. Rockridge is a place for familes."



Brooke Levin: "I'm here voting because it's important to show community interest in this issue."



Dom Dimento: "I've lived here for 21 years and I'm just as thrilled to be here as I was in the beginning. It has to do with the character of Rockridge. I'm not opposed to change, but we have to look closely at each change."



Craig Lyall: "I like the character of Rockridge and don't want to see density increase significantly."



Robin Bishop: "I'm very concerned about encroaching development and want to keep the character of the neighborhood the same."



Don Day: "I like the gradual pace of evolution I've seen in the last three decades in Rockridge. Let's keep it smooth, no sudden changes."

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Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety News

RCPC Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety (TPBS) Committee

by Steve Meyer

Oakland Bicycle Master Plan Revisions Presented

At the April RCPC Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety (TPBS) committee meeting, Jason Patton (Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, City of Oakland) presented specific Rockridge-related details of the proposed updates to the Oakland Bicycle Master Plan. Changes for the Broadway corridor and improvements to existing bikeways, particularly along Colby Street in the "Rockridge Triangle" area were of major interest.



Broadway-Keith Avenue to Broadway Terrace

Changes for Broadway, between Keith and Broadway Terrace, include resurfacing the roadway and re-striping the traffic lanes to create bike lanes in both directions, reduce motor vehicle traffic lanes to one lane in each direction, and create a center turn lane. Street parking would be unaffected. Lane configurations would vary beyond Broadway Terrace, but bicycle lanes would continue along Broadway all the way to 22nd Street downtown.

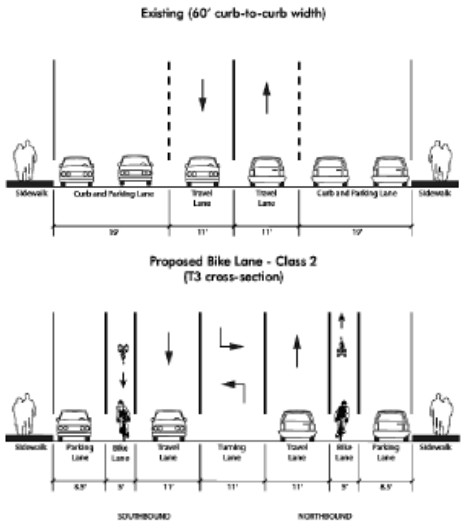
While one meeting attendee feared such changes would create traffic congestion and interfere with emergency vehicles, Patton provided evidence from the Broadway Corridor Feasibility Study to neutralize those concerns. Implementing such "road diets" improves traffic flow since left turning vehicles no longer interfere with through traffic, he said. Emergency vehicle passage is also improved, since it is more efficient for a single lane of traffic to move to the right to allow emergency vehicles to pass, as opposed to the merging and yielding of two lanes of traffic. Also, emergency vehicles can use the center turn lane to by-pass traffic.

Such lane reconfigurations also improve safety, since blind spots are eliminated and pedestrians need only cross two lanes of traffic instead of four. With four traffic lanes, vehicles stopping for pedestrians block the view of vehicles in adjacent lanes, creating a danger for pedestrians. This is the problem at the Lawton and Broadway crossing.

The Webster/Shafter bikeway, which includes Colby Street, provides an important (but less direct) alternative to Broadway and Telegraph Avenue. A new proposal in the master plan would improve this route by connecting it to the Hillegass bicycle boulevard in Berkeley. The route would serve the Rockridge BART and commercial district, Studio One Arts Center, Temescal Pool, Temescal commercial district, Carter Middle School, Mosswood Park, and Summit Medical Center. What would a "bicycle boulevard" mean to those who live in the area? Bicycle boulevards are routes on residential streets with low traffic volumes that prioritize bicycle traffic and provide direct, right-of-way travel. A key provision of the plan is traffic calming to discourage drivers from using the boulevard as a through route, a primary issue with Triangle area residents. In addition, intersections with major streets need bicycle-actuated traffic signals. The plan will

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Diagrams of typical lane configurations (below, top) are contrasted with proposed changes (bottom) that create bike lanes and potentially improve pedestrian, bicycle and driver safety.



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Rockridge Cornucopia

Barry A. Kaufman

Saucy Foods

Several years ago my daughter came home from high school, opened our full refrigerator and yelled: "There is nothing to eat! You have 10 mustards, umpteen Asian sauces and every condiment known to man, but nothing to eat." On another occasion, a poker player in our local weekly game went to get a beer and said, laughing, "You must not have young children; nothing but condiments."

Guilty as charged – my refrigerator door and pantry are filled with every conceivable condiment.

The term condiment originally meant pickled or preserved foods. Chutneys are a good example. Earliest condiments were salt, pepper, seeds, jams, mustard and molasses. In the 19th century, Americans began to use table condiments, like ketchup and mayonnaise. Today, condiments include any food item used to complement or enhance our dining experience, including spices, bread or cracker spreads, table sauces, dips, and more recently, ethnic condiments.

A visit to Market Hall's Pasta Shop is a great place to see and sample the array of new fancy condiments. A few years ago, home chefs had a choice of three types of salt: table, kosher, and sea. The Pasta Shop and other gourmet food stores now carry over a dozen different types – pink, gray, black, red and smoked, to name a few. You can even buy a chunk of a salt rock and grate your own.

Most of us grew up with the standard sauce condiments: yellow mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise. Now, my refrigerator door holds 10 different types of mustard and a myriad of Asian and table condiments: soy sauce, hoisin sauce, wasabi, Vietnamese and Thai fish sauce, Chinese chili sauces, plum sauce, and Indian chutneys. Since the Civil War, Tabasco sauce, produced by the McIlhenny family on Avery Island, in Louisiana, was the mainstay hot sauce at home and at every restaurant in America. Now there are over 500 varieties of hot sauce available to the pepper sauce connoisseur. Check out More Hotta the Betta website, www.mohotta.com.

I love having a good stock of condiments to prepare a quick but distinctive meal. Vietnamese sweet chili sauce (look for it at Yasai Market) is ideal for sautéed shrimp. I sauté a pound of shelled shrimp in canola oil with some chopped garlic and minced ginger. Once the shrimp are pink, pour in the sweet chili sauce – just enough to coat the shrimp. Serve with rice and you have a perfect Asian light supper.

Achiote paste can be found in virtually every Mexican market. Sold in small red blocks, it is a combination of crushed achiote seed, vinegar, salt, garlic and spices. A small chunk of the block, diluted with either lime or orange juice, makes the perfect Yucatan marinade for fish or pork. Marinate for about 15 minutes. Grill the fish or pork. Serve with tortillas and black beans for a perfect Sunday supper.

The widespread availability of commercially manufactured condiments has brought a revolution to the average American table. The downside of mass-produced commercial condiments, however, is standardization. This is particularly the case with ethnic condiments. As ethnic condiments become part of the culinary mainstream, they can lose their unique homemade flavor.

We all the like the convenience of twisting open a jar of Mexican salsa. But here is an easy recipe for a traditional Mexican Pico de Gallo that is better than any commercial version.

Pico de Gallo (Salsa Mexicana)

- 2 tablespoons diced white onion
- 8 Roma (Italian pear) tomatoes, diced
- 2 Serrano chilies, finely chopped (use jalapeño pepper for milder salsa)
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- 1 small garlic clove, minced (optional)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 lime, freshly squeezed

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Chill in the refrigerator for a least an hour before serving. ***Note:*** You can also use this salsa as a marinade for shrimp civiche. Let shrimp marinate for an hour. Serve with chopped avocado.

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'A Summer Miracle' in Rockridge

by Mike Taylor

For six weeks this past summer, Rockridge was temporary home to a little boy from Colombia. Cristian came to Rockridge through the "Summer Miracles Program," created by an organization called Kidsave. Kidsave's goal is to help children in orphanages and foster care throughout the world find permanent families in the U.S. Their Summer Miracles program brings children between the ages of 6 and 15 to the United States – the ones who are past the typical age of adoption. Through the program, over 90% of the children who participate are eventually adopted. This translates to over 1,300 children who have found families.

My wife, Janine, and I saw Summer Miracles as an opportunity to open up a new world to a child. While we were unsure if we wanted to adopt, we felt opening our home to an orphaned child, even for a short time, would benefit everyone involved. Because of Kidsave's commitment to their children, we felt confident that Cristian, the 11-year old boy we hosted, would eventually find a family.

When Cristian first arrived at the Oakland airport with nine other orphans and their escort/translator, he was a little shy as would be expected of any child landing in a strange new place. But he soon settled in.

Cristian has a big smile, lots of energy, and a strong desire to try anything new, and it was a wonderful and challenging summer. The language barrier was often difficult, but Cristian's English slowly got better and my Spanish improved. We also made use of internet translation sites, and neighbors fluent in Spanish helped.

Cristian loved helping make dinner and working in the yard. He was fascinated by the computer and played math games and listened to music whenever we would let him. His favorite pastime was riding a bike loaned to us by one of our neighbors; Janine, our dog Krypto, and I would run along the Berkeley shoreline while Cristian zoomed back and forth in front of us on his bike. During the week, Cristian went to Adventure Day Camp in Walnut Creek, where several of the staff members were fluent in Spanish and took him under their wing. He loved the canoes and swimming. One of his favorite moments was getting to sleep out under the stars with all the other kids on the last night of camp.

On most weekends, Kidsave arranged group events for the children to play together and for interested families to meet the kids. Since these events were spread out from San Jose to Brentwood, Cristian saw much of the Bay Area. We went bowling and swimming in San Jose, made art in Oakland, and had a Fourth of July picnic in Walnut Creek.

The children all get a great summer in a foreign place and they all return to their home country together, whether or not there is a family interested in adopting them.

My wife and I decided that we were not ready for adoption. In fact, we plan to host another child this summer. We are also still in contact with Cristian (he turned 12 last month) and continue to advocate for him. If no one has stepped forward to adopt Cristian by this summer, he'll have the opportunity to go to another part of the United States. Kidsave never gives up on their kids.

To find out more about Cristian, donating to Kidsave or hosting a child yourself, please contact me at MikeT@alumni.duke.edu. More about Kidsave can be found at www.kidsave.org

The Zoning Counter

The Zoning Counter is a compilation of recent applications filed with the Oakland Planning Department. Individuals may contact the case planner or the Planning Department for additional information by phone or on-line at www.oaklandnet.com.

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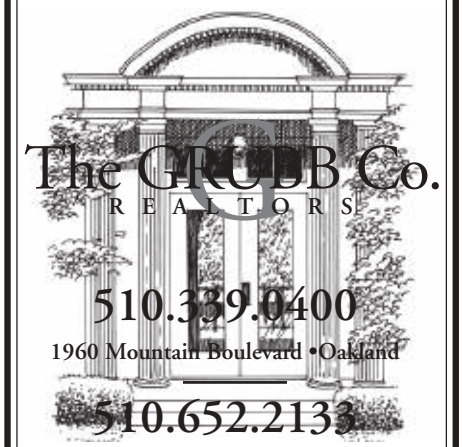
Proposal: Raise an existing 1,534 sq ft single-family (SF) dwelling up to 5' in height; create a new 1,487 sq ft first floor; add a rear two-story stair addition. Remove an existing unpermitted rear addition and existing rear porch and steps. (Total resulting size: 2,974 sq ft).
Contact: Jarvis Architects, 510/654-6755
Owner: Bill Craig and Christie Shannon
Case File Number: DV 07-106
Permits Required: Design review for additions and alterations to an existing SF dwelling; variance to raise a dwelling within the 5' minimum side yard (3'-3" existing; 3'-3" proposed).
General Plan: Detached Unit Residential
Zoning: R-30 One-Family Residential Zone
Historic Status: Not a potential designated historic property
City Contact: Ann M. Clevenger, Planner III, 510/238-6980 or aclevenger@oaklandnet.com.

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Got Potholder?

Enterprising 9-year-old sells home-made potholders for charity

by Janet Somers

On a recent sunny Sunday afternoon, 9-year-old Sarah Stuetz sat behind a table outside the Village Market, on Broadway Terrace. On the table were a handful of colorful woven potholders, and Sarah was in the process of weaving another one on a small plastic loom.

Signs reading, "Sarah's Potholders! Buy One Today! All profits go to the Susan G. Komen breast cancer fund or local animal shelters!" and, "I take special orders! No extra cost! Still $3! Hurry! I only take 6 special orders a day!" in large, multicolored crayoned lettering hung from the table.

Since the tender age of 8, Sarah has been making potholders, selling them, and giving the money away to various charities and nonprofit organizations she reads about in the newspaper. She started making them five years ago after her mother, Kathy Wheadon, bought her a potholder-making kit as a present.

"My dad does a lot of cooking, but he didn't need as many as I was making," Sarah said. So she started selling them. After awhile, she felt "not too good" about keeping the money. "There were so many other people who could use it better than I could," she explained.



Sarah Stuetz displays and sells her potholder handiwork at the Village Market on Broadway Terrace.

Photo: Janet Somers

In the beginning, she set up shop outside her house, in the hills above the market. But the foot traffic there was disappointing. So her father, Chris Stuetz – who says the whole enterprise was "absolutely her own idea" – got permission from the store management for her to move the operation there. "She makes these potholders, and she makes different patterns and different colors, and when she gets a few together, she sets up out there," he said.

The market proved a more lucrative venue. "Today I sold seven," Sarah said. "I spend about an hour a week to make three, and usually I also make them as I'm selling them. Sometimes I'll have to stop because I have no more potholder loops, and sometimes I'll stop because I have too much other stuff to do; like maybe I'll have a friend over."

Besides her mom and dad, Sarah lives with her brother, Alexander, age 12; a golden retriever named Annie; some fish; and two cats. She's a third-grader at Redwood Day School. She has raised and given away about $250 so far, said her father when pressed to give an estimate. She wants to become either a veterinarian or an activist who raises money for animal shelters when she grows up.

She makes the potholders just for fun. "I just enjoy it," she said.

To buy a Sarah Stuetz potholder, you might catch her on a Sunday afternoon outside Village Market, at 5885 Broadway Terrace. Bear in mind that all potholders are handmade, so weekly production is limited; but she does take special orders.

Rockridge's Pacific Boychoir Academy Scores Big – in Many Ways

by Rockridge News Staff

For the boys of the eighth-grade class at Pacific Boychoir Academy (PBA), the payoff just rolled in. Three years ago, their families made what may have seemed like a high-risk decision to enroll them in a brand-new boys' choir school. Now five of the seven have been accepted into several of the most prestigious high schools in the East Bay, including College Preparatory School, The Athenian School in Danville, Bishop O'Dowd, Head-Royce, St. Mary's, Bentley, and the Orinda Academy. (The other two students plan to move back to Poland and Livermore, respectively.)

Pacific Boychoir Academy, which runs out of the second floor of St. Augustine's Church, on Alcatraz at Colby, is a boys' day school incorporating a full academic curriculum with a Grammy Award-winning, professional boys' choir program. Modeled after choir schools around the world like the Vienna Boys Choir School, the school began as an afterschool choir in 1998; the day school opened in fall of 2004. Boys can still participate in the after school program without enrolling in the day school.

The group's 100+ members advance through six levels of choir, from pint-sized "minstrels" through the accomplished "troubadours." No slouches, that group will be touring Italy this summer, where they will play at the Vatican, the Spoleto Festival, and St. Peter's Basilica, among other venues.

Although auditions are required, and there are some superstars (like 11-year-old soprano Jack Lundquist of Berkeley, who recently performed as a soloist with the San Francisco Symphony), Head of School Pamela Weimer says most of the kids are "average, regular boys who like to go out and play basketball or football."

The school recently performed with the San Francisco Symphony in Berlioz's "The Damnation of Faust." The sendoff concert for the Italian tour is on June 3 at St. Augustine's.

The PBA is a nonprofit, non-denominational, non-sectarian community organization that welcomes boys of varied ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds. For further information visit www.pacificboychoir.org or call 510/652-4722.

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Peralta Update

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Teacher Group (PPTG) initiated a major post-fire fundraising drive, "Peralta Rising," to renew, rebuild and regrow the school. As the news media reported the spirited response of the school community, donations began to pour in almost immediately.

The Oakland A's donated $5,000, an anonymous donor $10,000 and the Lytton Band of Pomo Indians $100,000 toward the rebuilding. To date, they have raised nearly $150,000. But even when combined with the $750,000 OUSD has earmarked for the rebuilding, these funds still fall short.

Even though flowers bloom in Carter's courtyard and artwork decorates the newly painted walls, the transition continues to be a difficult one. Each day children and teachers struggle to make the middle school facility work for them, if only temporarily. The students miss their old campus and play structures and many don't want to go to school in the morning.

Oakland businesses, civic organizations and individuals from all over the country are helping to rebuild this wonderful school. Please visit the PPTG website at www.peraltaschool.org for more information and how to make a donation.

Claremont Fair

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renting booth space for $20 to set up shop and sell your own food or wares, or by donating merchandise or gift certificates for the silent auction. Donations are tax-deductible; donors will be acknowledged in our school newsletter, which is delivered to about 400 Claremont families and 60 staff members.

For a booth rental or silent auction donation form, stop by the school office at 5750 College Avenue, or contact Julie Harris at julieharris@pacbell.net or 510/652-2373.

Peralta Spring Festival
"Peralta in Bloom"

"Peralta In Bloom" is an end of the year spring festival that celebrates the blossoming school and the community that nurtures it. Students, teachers, staff, families and neighbors come together to enjoy fabulous food accompanied by entertainment from the students and others. Past highlights have included a climbing wall, cake walk, carnival games, and locally sponsored arts and crafts activities.

Saturday, May 12, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Note New Location: Carter Middle School, 4521 Webster Street, Oakland

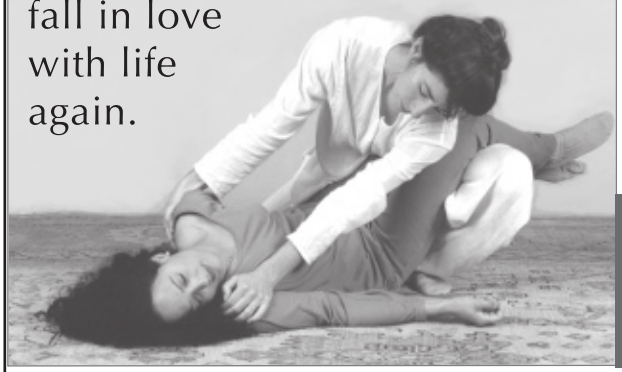
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Get a Life? Heck! *Volunteer* For a Life

by Claire Isaacs Wahrhaftig

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Crisis Support Services of Alameda County (CSS) is looking for a few good men and women to volunteer on phone crisis lines. Phone counseling is exciting, often dramatic, and always meaningful. No prior experience or training is necessary. Volunteers are asked to commit to a year of service; this includes four months of one-on-one supervised hands-on experience plus a series of weekly workshops on serving different populations, including specific techniques and how to be effective in a short or long call.

It is easier than you think. Weekly training includes step-by-step procedures that become second nature. As in learning to climb a mountain, ride a horse, scuba dive or swim, practicing each step leads to competence and security in performance. Many people report that the skills learned at CSS, which include active listening and sensing underlying themes, are useful in their everyday lives with friends, family and co-workers. Others enjoy working side by side with the lively students and interns working on psychology and counseling degrees by volunteering at CSS.

CSS volunteers represent every walk of life. Current volunteers include a gardener, taxi driver, accountant, psychiatric nurse, social worker, teacher, bookkeeper, publisher, arts administrator, writer, and more. One volunteer counselor, a software developer, said that before CSS he used to do what he termed "warm body" volunteering. He would sign up for marathon monitoring or fund drives or house building, and then, *poof*, it was over. He enjoys his shift at CSS because it is a regularly scheduled stint at which he meets people and forms relationships, simultaneously watching his own skills grow and helping individuals.

The clients who phone are undergoing all sorts of life stresses. They may be abused, addicted, lonely, homeless, enraged at injustice, unemployed, depressed, hearing voices, cutting themselves, feeling too young or too old, and on occasion, considering taking their own lives. You have probably known people with these kinds of problems. Training covers an understanding of these human conditions. Now your compassion and patience can be used to help those without friends and families to support them.

Volunteers can choose from a schedule of four-hour shifts on weekdays, evenings, or weekends and can arrange vacation time. CSS is close to BART and bus stops, has free parking, and is handicapped accessible.

Contact Crisis Support Services of Alameda County, – "healing hearts, one call at a time" – by phone, 510/420-3204, or e-mail, cwahrhaftig@crisissupport.org. (Crisis Support Services also offers a variety of other counseling and education programs. For full information on programs call 510/420-2460.)

Claire Isaacs Wahrhafitg is a writer and a former editor of *The Rockridge News*. After five years of volunteering at Crisis Support Services, she now serves as the organization's outreach coordinator.





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5533 Taft Avenue	3/1	$ 849,000	$ 960,000	4/10/2007
5581 Lawton Avenue	4/2	$ 1,350,000	$ 1,535,000	4/12/2007

With the six properties that sold in April, only one property went for under the list price. The majority were well over the asking price with a high of $200K! From January – March '07 16 SFR sold for a median sales price of $825,00, compared with the same time last year, 7 SFR with a median sales price of $815,000.

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Book Note

Cities in the Wilderness: A New Vision of Land Use in America, by Bruce Babbitt
Island Press, 2005. 216 pp.
$25.95 (hardcover), $17.95 (paperback)
Reviewed by John Gussman

Bruce Babbitt knows more than most about conserving America's resource lands, and in his recent book, *Cities in the Wilderness* – now out in paperback – he does not disappoint. The book, which leans heavily on Mr. Babbitt's experience as U.S. Secretary of the Interior from 1993 to 2001, is at once one of the best-informed, and one of the most readable and engaging books ever published on the topic of national land-use policy.

In a clear and conversational style, and taking an insider's point of view, Babbitt recounts some of the most tempestuous land-use controversies of the present era, weaving them into a broad tapestry. Among his focuses are the restoration of the Florida Everglades and the Chesapeake Bay watershed, efforts to preserve areas of biological viability for native species in Orange County, restoration of prairies in the Midwest, dam removal to bring back fisheries, and balancing energy production and environmental protection on Western lands. After the first chapter, the reader looks forward to the next vivid accounts of the author's excursions to the regions under discussion.

With deft strokes, Babbitt paints the environmental value at stake in each situation, and the economic and political background, and then goes on to show how, by the exercise of leadership, use of sound science, and a willingness to engage with the key actors, government can, or might, resolve seemingly intractable land-use conflicts in a manner protective of both environmental and human needs. His fascination with environmental problem solving is contagious.

Wilderness is the main subject of this book, with cities providing a mostly silent backdrop. Early in the book, the author writes: "Ideally, cities on the land should be visualized like an archipelago, as islands surrounded by a sea of open landscapes"; and, in a kind of summing up: "There is still time and space enough to design an appropriate separation of town and country, setting cities in a matrix of open landscapes that retain more of their ecological functions."

Anyone with an interest in preservation of the natural environment, whether a seasoned hand or a novice, will find this book rewarding.

Bicycle Plan

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be coupled with the traffic study underway in the Rockridge Triangle area (expected to be complete by the end of May), to ensure a holistic solution benefiting the safety and overall quality of life of area residents.

These are but two of the many proposed city-wide changes for the Bicycle Master Plan presented April 18 to the Oakland City Planning Commission for public comment and Draft EIR review. Jason Patton expects the final plan to go back to the planning commission in the fall of 2007, and then on to the city council by the end of the year for incorporation into the city's general plan.

Watch for bicycle plan updates in future *Rockridge News* issues and/or join the RCPC TPBS Committee Yahoo Group. E-mail your contact information (name, address, e-mail, and phone number; and your area(s) of interest) to: RCPC_Traffic_Pedestrian_and_Bicycle_Safety_Committee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

MORE Zoning Counter

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5165-67 Coronado Avenue

Proposal: Convert existing duplex to two condominium units.
Contact Person: Dennis J. Woodruff 510/625-9544
Owner: Dennis J. Woodruff
Case File Number: TPM 9380
Permits Required: Tentative Parcel Map to create 2 residential condominium units.
General Plan: Mixed Housing Residential.
Zoning: R-35 Special One-Family Residential Zone
Environmental Determination: Exempt, CEQA section 15301(k): Division of residences into common interest ownership, and exempt, CEQA section 15183: projects consistent with a community plan, general plan or zoning
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Policing Changes

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the report. The 24-hour workday is divided into three separate watches, each headed by a different captain who supervises patrol officers and 911 calls. "If a murder happens on somebody else's watch, it's not my problem," Israel said. "In fact I might not even know about it. It's even hard to hold anyone directly accountable for the effectiveness of a police response to an incident."

Israel says that poor communications affect the entire chain of operations. "We are so focused on answering calls for service that we don't have time to take a step back to analyze crime patterns." Crime reduction teams, which investigate incidents, gather evidence and track perpetrators, do not even communicate with beat patrols, officers who usually know their neighborhoods best and have valuable information, he said.

However, Israel is optimistic that changes underway will turn things around. Under the new command system now being implemented the city has been divided into three geographic areas. Each has a captain responsible to the community who will supervise all police and crime activity. "If I'm your captain and you have a concern, I'm the guy you call," Israel explained.

The new system requires that patrol officers, crime reduction teams and problem-solving officers will all communicate with each other and report to the supervising captain. This will provide a stream of coordinated information that keeps everybody aware of what's happening, gets police to know the community better, and enables the captain to plot crime patterns and develop proactive responses. "The captain will have at his command tremendous resources to help neighborhoods fight crime," Israel said.

Israel acknowledged that there are shortages of technicians and inspectors, but believes the 63 additional officers provided for by Measure Y, many of whom are now in training at the police academy, will provide a boost to community policing and assure the success of these changes.

Also at the meeting, Israel introduced the team responsible for policing the Rockridge area, including beat officer Doug Chimpky, crime reduction team officer Gonzalez, and Problem Solving Officer Everett Peterson, who said that the neighborhood crime prevention councils are the ideal way to draw on police resources to solve issues. At NCPC meetings, residents identify local problems – drug activities, for example – and the problem solving officer works to resolve them. It's win-win, he said: "We feel good that we're helping you and you guys feel good that you have ownership of police department processes."

The next NCPC meeting is scheduled for May 15. Visit www.rockridgencpc.com for meeting details.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Compiled by Jo Ellis

Rockridge Branch Library

5366 College Avenue, 597-5017

FOR CHILDREN:

Toddler Story Time: 1st and 2nd Saturdays, 10:30am: 5/5, 5/12, 6/2.

- **Pre-School Story Time:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am: 5/16, 6/6.
- **Pajama Story Time:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7pm: 5/8, 5/22.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES:

- **Celebrate Asian-American Heritage:** Make a variety of origami birds to decorate a tree in the library and extra to take home. Thursdays, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 3:30 to 5pm.
- **The Summer Reading Program** begins on Saturday, 6/9. Children of all ages, get ready to sign up and get prizes for reading.

FOR TEENS AGES 13 AND UP:

- **Anime Club:** Watch and talk about new anime (Japanese animation) with other teens. 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 5 to 6:30pm, upstairs meeting room. Film on 5/8 is *Trinity Blood.* For questions about this or any other teen event, call Susy, the Teen Specialist Librarian, at 597-5017.

FOR ADULTS:

- **Writers Support/Critique Group**. ALL writers welcome. Bring at least 10 copies of 5 pages of your prose for on-site reading/discussion. Sponsored by the California Writers Club, Berkeley branch (www.berkeleywritersclub.org/).Third Saturday of the month (3/17), from 1 to 5pm. For more information: 420-8775 or Writefox@aol.com.
- **Knitting Classes for Seniors** (50+): All levels welcome. Beginners bring light color yarn and a pair of size 8 needles. If experienced, bring projects to work on. Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 2:30pm in the upstairs meeting room.
- **Stepping Away From the Stereotypes:** *Two Latina Authors Discuss Fact and Funny Fiction,* with **Marta Acosta** and **Rose Castillo Guilbault**. Saturday, 5/19, 2 to 4pm. co-sponsored by the Amer. Assoc. of University Women, Oakland-Piedmont Branch.
- **Lawyers in the Library: Free legal advice.** First Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8pm. Advance sign-up starts 5pm. More information: 597-5017.

ART EXHIBITS:

Gallery: May: Merritt College Portrait Class, Students of instructor Sheri Kwint-Cattoche. June: **Dana Davis**, photographs.

Lobby Display Case: May: **Manga Art** by Rockridge's ***Teenscape*** participants. June: Puppets and book illustrations by **Katherine Tillotson**.

Pro Arts Open Studios

Rockridge area artists will participate in Pro Arts Open Studios June, 2-3, and 9-10. Maps and information will be available in May at the Rockridge Library.

Diesel Book/Poetry Readings

All events are FREE and open to the public

- Monday, 5/14, 7:30pm: **Amnesty International** meeting. All welcome.
- Wednesday. 5/9, 7:30pm: Reading and slide show by local author **Cheryl Koehler**: *Touring the Sierra Nevada.*
- Wednesday, 5/23, 7:30pm: Poet **Aliki Barnstone**: *Wild With it* and *The Collected Poems of C.P. Cavafy* and **Willis Barnstone**: *Sweetbitter Love: Poems of Sappho* and his autobiography, *Life Watch.*
- Thursday, 5/31, 7:30pm: **Gordy Slack**: *The Battle Over the Meaning of Everything: Evolution, Intelligent Design, and a School Board in Dover.*

5433 College Ave. For more information about other events, Book Discussion Groups and El Grupito, the Spanish discussion group: 510/653-9965 or www.dieselbookstore.com.

Rockridge Storynight

Storytelling for Grownups: Open mic personal stories, solo performance, folktales and more. 15 yrs and up welcome. Hosted by storyteller **Annie Goglia**. Tuesday, 5/15 from 7 to 9pm. Rockridge Library, 5366 College Avenue. Annie at 655-1433 or kalamari@juno.com.

Meet The Author

Ruta Kahate, local cooking teacher, will discuss and sign her new book, *5 Spices, 50 Dishes: Simple Indian Recipes Using Five Common Spices*. Get to taste spices and ingredients featuring recipes from the book. Saturday, 5/12 from 1 to 3pm. The Pasta Shop, Rockridge Market Hall, 5655 College Ave. 547-4005 or www.pastashop.net.

Family Science Night at Bananas

Lawrence Hall of Science and Bananas presents and evening of science fun designed especially for young children. Thursday, 5/31, from 6 to 7:30pm. 5232 Claremont Ave. Register on line at www.bananasinc.org or 658-7353.

"Significant Others"

Third annual art show featuring the works of 14 local artists from the LGBT community. Show runs from May 18th through June 28th. Reception on Friday, 5/18, 6 to 9pm with live music and no-host bar to meet the artists and musicians. Show and reception are free. Regular gallery hours: M – F, 9am to 5pm. Women's Cancer Resource Center (WCRC) Gallery, 5741 Telegraph Ave. Wheelchair accessible. Show co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. 601-4040 x111 or wcrc@wcrc.org.

Independent Policy Forum: Is Wal-Mart Good Or Bad For America?

A debate with **Ken Jacobs** (Chair, U.C. Berkeley Labor Center) and **Richard Vedder** (economist). Tuesday, 5/8. Wine and cheese reception: 6:30pm; program from 7 to 8:30 pm. The Independent Institute Conference Center, 100 Swan Way. Disabled accommodations available. For tickets and info, call 632-1366 or order on line: www.independent.org/events/detail.asp?eventID=125.

Carnaval De Colores: 1st Annual Fundraising Gala for Escuela Bilingüe Internacional (EBI)

Live salsa music, great Latin food, silent auction, children's activities and more. Benefit for EBI, located at 410 Alcatraz Ave (at Colby), the first Spanish-English bilingual school in the state. Sunday, 5/20, from 3:30 to 6:30pm at The Montclair Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. (Parking at Montclair Elementary). Advance tickets: $30/$5 kids; after May 10: $40/$10 kids. RSVP: 219-6186 or Lisa@lisaevents.com. Online reservations: www.ebinternacional.org.

Jazz at the Chimes

Shanna Carlson and **Cathi Walkup** in *Almost Famous.* Sunday, 5/20, 2pm. Tickets: $10 for Concert and reception; kids under 12 free. Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave. Tickets at the door (cash only). Box office opens 12:30 pm. or make reservations at 228-3218 or mdorazi@lifemarkgroup.com.

JazzCity Singers' Spring Concert

Friday, 5/19, 8:30pm. Tickets: $5 in advance, $7 at the door. The Rockridge Methodist Church, 303 Hudson St. (just off College Avenue). Refreshments available and a raffle for prizes. For tickets and more info: 658-7136.

Bicycle to Work Day

May is National Bike Month. Join residents from all over the Bay Area to experience bicycle commuting as a healthy and viable way to get to work on Thursday, May 17. Energizer Station in Rockridge at College and Claremont, and at Carter Middle School at Webster (between 47th and 48th) from 7 to 9am. Get more info and the locations of other Energizer Stations at www.bayareabikes.org, www.511.org, or dial 511 and say "bicycling."

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