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## Agenda: RCPC February Town Hall Meeting

**Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue at Manila, Community Room (Upstairs)**

### RCPC Annual Town Hall Planning Meeting

- **Become informed** on current RCPC board projects
- **Help set** the RCPC board priorities for 2008
- **Hear ideas and concerns** from the community and RCPC's board
- **Vote on proposed RCPC bylaw** change. See page 4.

Each month, the RCPC has a community-wide meeting on the third Thursday. February's meeting is another not-to-be-missed event: In addition to providing updates on current pending projects such as under-BART improvements, the Fourth Bore project, the new RCPC Website, and various commercial developments, RCPC invites the community to prioritize the issues that the organization's board will tackle in 2008. Previous such meetings have led to fulfilled visions such as the Rockridge Branch Library and FROG Park.

If you have not attended a Rockridge community meeting before, this will be a perfect opportunity to join friends and neighbors to learn what is happening in your neighborhood and to help the board set its goals for this coming year.

## Calendar: Town Hall Meetings

**21 Feb** ■ **RCPC Annual Town Hall Planning Meeting**

**RCPC invites the community** to help select issues and set priorities for the organization's board to tackle in 2008. See meeting details in box at left.

**28 Feb** ■ **NCPC Crime Prevention Panel and** ■ **Call for Executive Officer Candidates**

## NCPC Crime Panel Considers Youth Services and Reentry Programs

***by Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson***

Over the last year, Rockridge neighborhood town halls have drawn strong interest in the safety of Oakland and the future of our community. Part of a comprehensive approach to crime prevention is addressing the fundamental challenges facing our communities – particularly our young people and people re-entering the community from prison.

The February 28 town hall for the Rockridge

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**17 Apr** ■ **RCPC Board Elections: You Can Do It**

**Find the perfect volunteer opportunity** to work on community issues. Get the process started now. See page 3.



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## The Scoop on Dreyer's Ice Cream Parlor...

## Dreyer's Ice Cream Parlor on the Way

***by Jeff Small, RCPC boardmember***

When Dreyer's closed its retail ice cream parlor on College Avenue more than a year ago, the community responded passionately. The RCPC received letters and phone calls from kids and parents alike, with a number of questions:

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## Caltrans Sweep of Homeless Camps In Rockridge

***by Nila Kim, Assistant to Councilwoman Jane Brunner***

City Councilwoman Jane Brunner has announced that the city of Oakland and Caltrans have recently stepped up their efforts to clean up homeless encampments in the Rockridge neighborhood. Responding to complaints from community members, Caltrans has begun regularly scheduled

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# Patrick Daughton Named RCPC Champion

*by Ken Rice*

At its January Town Hall meeting, the RCPC honored one of its most respected and beloved Rockridge residents, Patrick Daughton, for his years of selfless service to the Rockridge community when he was presented the 2008 Rockridge Champion Award by RCPC vice chairwoman Annette Floystrup. This is one of the many well-deserved community awards that Patrick has received over the last several years.



**Newly-acclaimed Rockridge Champion Patrick Daughton, with his wife Barbara Havenar, displays the plaque presented to him by RCPC Vice Chair Annette Floystrup at the January RCPC Town Hall meeting.** PHOTO: KEN RICE

Patrick was born in Oakland and has lived here his entire adult life. He and his wife, Barbara Havenar-Daughton, have lived in Rockridge for almost 30 years. They have two sons, Colin, 30, and Brendan, 25.

Patrick has been an activist for nearly 25 years in community and city-wide issues with a focus on Oakland public schools and the youth of Oakland. In addition to being a PTA board member for most of the 17 years that his sons attended Oakland public schools, Patrick was also PTA president in all of his son's schools: Skytown Parent Cooperative Nursery School, Peralta Elementary, Claremont Middle School and Oakland Technical High.

But Patrick's involvement did not end with his support for Oakland's schools. He was also responsible for the development of youth soccer in North Oakland. He has

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# RCPC Board Thanks Retiring Board Member Stephanie Upp for Her Service

*by Gloria Bruce, RCPC secretary*

The RCPC Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and thank former member Stephanie Upp, who recently stepped down to devote more time to her family and her work. During Stephanie's two years on the board, she was an active and engaged member, contributing leadership to the Halloween parade and communicating with neighbors about proposed changes to the "underBART" plaza.

Stephanie is Vice President at EARN and EARN's policy arm: the Asset Policy Initiative of California (APIC), which aims to break the cycle of poverty by matching the savings of low-wage workers and helping them invest in assets that build wealth. As the organization expanded, Stephanie wanted to devote as much energy as possible to EARN's mission. And, as if she weren't busy enough, in October 2007 Stephanie, husband Ben, and daughter Clare welcomed baby Calder into the family.

Stephanie has remained involved in Rockridge goings-on and we send her our best wishes and thanks.

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# Green Rockridge Initiative — RCPC Dreams a Green Future

*by Annette R. Floystrup*
*RCPC vice-chair*

My sense of belonging in Rockridge is rooted in my many years of living here, but collective action with my neighbors near and far has connected me to the fabric of the community in ways that passively sitting in my house never could.

Led by RCPC, Rockridge residents have often rallied to collective action over the past decades. The two most visible efforts resulted in construction of the Rockridge Branch Library in September 1996 and the creation of FROG Park, the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt, a multi-phased project begun in 2001 and still being developed.

Neighbors have also teamed up for College Avenue clean-up days to remove weeds from gutters and tree wells and to clean graffiti tags from wherever they turn up.

Through RCPC, the neighborhood has supported good developments and helped change bad ones. Strong challenges from RCPC enforced the C-31 zoning requirement of pedestrian-oriented retail on the Dreyer's corporate headquarters building. The resultant retail shops in Dreyer's ground floor, on the College Avenue side of the building, add life to the street and business tax revenue to Oakland's coffers.

Having accomplished great things, we know that we are capable of tackling new challenges.

RCPC would like to facilitate the formation of knowledge and purchasing

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# RCPC Seeks Candidates For Board Election in April

**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.**

**— *Margaret Mead***

*by Ronnie Spitzer, RCPC chair*

Are you looking to help promote community projects that enhance the quality of life in Rockridge? Are you concerned about crime, schools, traffic, development issues, or parks? Well, Rockridge needs people like you. Serving on the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) board of directors provides you with the perfect volunteer opportunity to work on these issues and more.

RCPC, a nonprofit, public benefit corporation, represents Rockridge to the city of Oakland on such matters as zoning, development and crime. It acts as a community steward on a variety of issues, ranging from land use to traffic and schools. RCPC has also spearheaded neighborhood improvement projects such as the Rockridge Branch Library, Hardy Dog Park, and the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt (FROG Park). The Rockridge News is published by the RCPC and serves as an important vehicle for neighborhood communication. Recent RCPC Town Hall meeting topics have included discussion of the Claremont Avenue Safeway store rebuilding project, Rockridge crime and what needs to be done about it, and current ballot initiative analysis.

In April, RCPC will hold its annual election for six board directors, each to serve a two-year term. The board consists of 12 elected directors, one appointed director and the editor of The Rockridge News, who serves *ex officio* as a nonvoting board member. Prospective candidates must be at least 18 years of age, must reside within RCPC boundaries as shown at www.rockridge.org, and must inform the RCPC of their intention to run by February 27, 2008. Prospective candidates who meet the February 27 deadline are invited to submit a photo and a written statement of 125 words explaining their interest in running for the board. Statements and photos must be received by March 20 and will be published in the April issue of The Rockridge News.

At the April 17 RCPC Town Hall meeting, candidates will explain to the audience their interest in serving on the board, and voting will take place. Neighbors unable to attend the April 17 meeting may vote at the Rockridge Branch Library on Saturday, April 19. Further details will be published in the April issue of The Rockridge News.

E-mail your letter of intent by February 27 and a written statement with photo by March 20 to: rcpcchair@rockridge.org, or send your letter, postmarked by the applicable deadline, to: RCPC Elections, 5245 College Ave., PMB 311, Oakland, CA 94618. Include your address, phone number and an e-mail address.

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# RCPC Bylaw Amendment Vote at February Meeting

At the Town Hall meeting to be held on February 21, the members of the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) — including all interested persons age 18 or above, with evidence of residence in Rockridge — will be asked to vote on an amendment to Section 8.3 of the RCPC Bylaws.

The February 21 meeting will be held at the Rockridge Branch Library, at 7:30 p.m.

At the meeting, the Board of Directors will propose an amendment to modify the existing term limits for Board members. The existing provision, which was adopted by the members, on the Board's recommendation, in July 2003, provides that no person may be elected to more than three elected terms on the Board – consecutive or non-consecutive – unless: (1) at least one annual election has already been held since the end of the person's last elected term; and (2) the person's candidacy for an additional term has been approved or endorsed by at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

Based on actual experience with the term limits clause since 2003, the Board feels that term limits may be helpful in encouraging a flow of new talents and perspectives onto the Board. However, the Board views the existing clause as overly restrictive – especially with respect to persons who have been elected to three or more non-consecutive terms on the Board.

Accordingly, the Board is proposing to amend the existing term limits clause (Bylaws Section 8.3, subsection (d)), by removing the restrictions on a person's eligibility to serve any number of elected terms, provided only, that if the person has already been elected to three consecutive terms, there must have been a break of a specific period in the person's service on the board in an elected capacity (either within or after the consecutive terms to which the person was elected).

Like the existing bylaw, the proposed amendment would not affect a person's eligibility to serve as an appointee on the Board.

# Community Day Moves The Classroom Outside

***by Jennifer Edmister, RCPC boardmember***

The Rockridge Community Planning Council and the Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council, Claremont Middle School and the Rockridge District Association are proud to announce the first Claremont Middle School Rockridge Community Day. On the morning of Friday, February 22, participating business owners along College Avenue will open their doors and volunteer their time to host tour groups of eager middle schoolers as they examine Rockridge's thriving thoroughfare.

Partnered with a merchant leader and a community volunteer, groups of students will complete a quiz on the history of Rockridge as they canvass the Avenue, gathering perspective and insight into the social and economic factors that shape our shared neighborhood. The groups will then visit businesses whose owners have offered an inside look at the workings of their restaurant, retail or service-oriented

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# Letters to the Editor



*The Rockridge News welcomes letters to the editor. Your name, address, phone number and e-mail address and city/neighborhood must be included for verification. Only your name will appear with your letter. Letters may be edited for clarity and brevity.*

### Where's the Rockridge News Crime Report?

**Editor:**

Can you tell me why the crime blotter stopped running in The Rockridge News? Especially at a time when it seems more relevant than ever?

***— N. Reyes***

***Editor's reply:*** The Rockridge News and the RCPC are of course concerned about crime in Oakland and in our neighborhood. The crime report was a labor-intensive volunteer work of love by a Rockridge resident until demands on his time compelled him to give it up. Now, local blogs and community forums are available on-line and are more immediate than a monthly crime column. For example, the Oakland Police Department publishes crime statistics on its Web site at http://www.oaklandpolice.com/. Also, Yahoo! has many Oakland-based groups reporting on crime and discussing its impact: visit http://groups.yahoo.com and search "Oakland crime" in the Find a Yahoo! Group box. For general crime reporting, the newsletter covers meetings such as Councilwoman Jane Brunner's community meeting with Mayor Ron Dellums where crime was a major topic, and Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) meetings that are often attended by Oakland Police officers and staff who discuss crime fighting issues.

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operation. "This is a great way to open a positive discourse between our eighth graders and the entrepreneurs who make their living on College Avenue," says David Chambliss, principal of Claremont Middle School. "We are all looking forward to it." In the spirit of community building, the students and merchants have jumped at this opportunity to take the classroom into the real world.

To open your business to a school tour, or to volunteer your time between 9 and 11:45 a.m. on Community Day, call the Rockridge District Association at 510/604-3125.




PROJECT UPDATES

# RCPC's Planning and Project Review Committee (PPRC)

*by Richard Smith, PPRC chair*

■ **Hauser Creekside (Global Video site) — 5132 Telegraph**

The planning staff presented its Initial Study at a Planning Commission public hearing on January 16. The Initial Study defines the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will assess the project's likely influence on the environment. Written comments were presented to the Commission and a large number of residents gave spoken commentary. Commissioners agreed with a number of concerns including the shadowing of Redondo Park, the cumulative effects of traffic, assuring pedestrian safety and the relative density of the project. The comment period on the Initial Study ended January 21. Based on the comments and the Commission's directives, staff will revise the scope of the EIR. A Draft EIR is expected to be issued in March.

■ **Safeway Rebuild — 6310 College Avenue (College & Claremont)**

A preliminary application, defining the scope and intent of the project, has been filed with the city. Peterson Vollman, the city's case planner, said the document shows a total store area of 62,000 sq. ft., nearly three times as large as the current store. The application also showed 219 parking spaces on the roof of the new store. The current Safeway store has a 23,000 sq. ft. floor area; there are 106 parking spaces.

The preliminary application shows both truck and automobile traffic will enter the site from Claremont Avenue at the north end of the property where the automobiles will also exit. The current driveways on College Avenue will be eliminated. Safeway trucks will exit onto College via a new truck-only driveway at the Berkeley/Oakland border. Other features of the design include an arcade along College Avenue. Safeway's architect, Kirk Peterson, intends to make a public presentation in the near future. An appointment to review the preliminary application may be made by calling the case planner at 238-6167.

■ **Mixed Use Project — 5175 Broadway**

The project public hearing before the Planning Commission was rescheduled to Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 6pm, Hearing Room One, City Hall, One Frank Ogawa Plaza. All interested residents are encouraged to attend, and/or to submit a comment to Oakland planner Peterson Vollman (pvollman@oaklandnet.com), 238-6167, prior to February 13.

Project environmental documentation states that no significant environmental impacts were found that could not be alleviated. Residual toxics left on the site from the previous gas station will be mitigated by the applicant. Traffic and parking impacts with potential mitigations are discussed both in the documentation and at the public hearing. Contact case planner Peterson Vollman for more project information. The environmental documentation can be viewed on-line at http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/MajorProjectsSection/environmentaldocuments.html. Scroll down to item no. 42: 5175 Broadway Project and Traffic Appendix (Case number ER07-004) to open and read the Initial Study and the Traffic Study Appendix.

The public comment period closed January 9, 2008.

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## 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.

### 6426 Benvenue Avenue

Proposal: To convert 4 residential units into condominium units at an existing 4-unit building.
Contact: Morteza Javaheri
Phone: 510/910-4000
Owner: Morteza Javaheri
Planning Permits Required: Tentative Parcel Map to convert 4 existing units into condominium units.
Historic Status: Potential Designated Historic Property (PDHP) Survey
Case Planner: Ann Clevenger, 510/238-6980 or aclevenger@oaklandnet.com

### 361 60th Street

Proposal: Replace existing horizontal siding with new wood shingles, demolish an existing detached garage and replace with a new attached garage, reconstruct an existing 585 square foot outdoor rear deck, enclose an upper level deck for a new sunroom, and an upper level room expansion adding a net 132 square feet to an existing 1,952 square foot two-story single family dwelling.
Contact: Ross Fernandez, Jarvis Architects
Phone Number: 510/654-6755
Owner: Janet Winter and Michael Sloan
Planning Permits Required: Design Review for residential facilities.
Variances for west side yard setback (5 feet required, 4 feet 6 inches proposed) and east side yard setback (5 feet required, 4 feet proposed).
Historic Status: Potential Designated Historic Property (PDHP) Survey
Case Planner: Ann Clevenger, 510/238-6980 or aclevenger@oaklandnet.com

### 401-403 63rd Street

Proposal: To convert two residential dwelling units into two residential condominium units.
Contact: John Gutierrez, Esq.
Phone: 510/647-0600
Owner: David Baehrend
Planning Permits Required: Tentative Parcel Map for a condominium conversion.
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Case Planner: Jason Madani, 510/238-4790 or jsmadani@oaklandnet.com



Rockridge Cornucopia

Barry A. Kaufman

# CRAB FEED

It was tough going for crab lovers this year. The Northern California Dungeness crab season was effectively shut down because of the Bay oil spill. Bay Area crab season generally begins in early November. This year, crab lovers waited until mid-December for local Dungeness crab. I was in continuous contact with Jerry Ver Brugge, proprietor of VerBrugge Meat-Fish Poultry on College Avenue, as we waited for the first catch. Even on the Mendocino Coast where our family celebrates Thanksgiving, there was not a crab to be had. Finally, by Christmas, the cherished beast came in.

Dungeness crab is one of the true treasures of San Francisco Bay. Did you know that the crab is named after the town of Dungeness located on the Northern coast of Washington State? Dungeness crab is a winter catch. To ensure the sustainability of this delicacy, only male crabs are trapped: the females are returned to the sea to reproduce for years to come.

Around San Francisco, cracked crab has become a first course Thanksgiving tradition for many families. Further north along the California coast, crab season opens in December and peaks in January. Although you can get Dungeness crab all year, the best and sweetest crab comes during the very short window from November through January. Crabs purchased in other months are trucked in from Canada, Oregon or Washington.

The history of the Dungeness crab industry and old San Francisco are deeply intertwined. At the turn of the 20th century, Sicilian fisherman began crabbing the waters outside San Francisco Bay. By the 1920s fishermen began to sell their catch directly to the public from their boats. In 1925, the wharf area was set aside by the state legislature for the sole use of the city's fishermen and became what is now called Fisherman's Wharf. Wood-fired crab boilers were set up in small stalls on Taylor Street. By 1940 Dungeness crab became the new San Francisco gold. Freshly boiled crabs pulled from steaming cauldrons became the City's number-one attraction. By the 1950s, Dungeness crab began to appear in San Francisco restaurants as crab Louis, cioppino, crab cakes, and crab in Chinese black bean sauce. Although today's Fisherman's Wharf is only a shadow of its golden years, our love for Dungeness crab continues to part of the true Bay Area culinary tradition.

### Cooking crab at home

You can create the old San Francisco feeling by cooking live crab at home. In addition to costing much less than pre-cooked crab, the flavor is simply outstanding. I suggest buying live crab in Oakland Chinatown or at Ranch 99 in El Cerrito. An hour before cooking, place the crabs in the freezer to slow down their movement.

The succulent sweet and fatty meat with rich juices makes the perfect meal when eaten directly out of the shell of a freshly cooked crab. What could be better with crab than a chilled glass of Chardonnay or Riesling, a simple green salad, drawn butter with garlic and Semifreddi's sourdough bread?

Your pot should be big enough to completely submerge the crab, with an additional 4 or 5 inches of water on top. Plunge the crab in boiling, salted water, using about a half cup of salt per gallon of water, and cover the pot. Cook 10 to 12 minutes for smaller crabs and up to 20 minutes for large ones.

While the crab is boiling, make:

### Drawn butter with garlic:

- Place one or two sticks of butter (depending on how many are being served) in a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Boil for 1 minute.
- Set the saucepan aside and let the butter settle, undisturbed. The milk solids will come to the top of the butter and the watery whey will collect on the bottom.
- Skim off the milk solids with a spoon and pour the butter into a bowl, taking care not to include the watery liquid from the bottom of the pan.
- Crush or finely mince a few cloves of garlic and add to the warm drawn butter.
- To serve, pour the butter into individual dipping bowls.

It takes a few simple steps to get the succulent meat out of the shell. It's fun but can be messy, so a bib or apron is highly recommended. Break off the belly flap on the underside of the shell. Then, starting from the rear, pull the shell off the back. Twist the claws and legs off the body. Crack the shell and claws using a nutcracker or small hammer. Pick out the crabmeat using a metal pick, small fork, or the pointed tip at the end of the crab's leg.

Enjoy each bite with a dip in the butter and a squeeze of fresh lemon.

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# Rockridge NCPC Sets Elections! Candidates: Step Forward, Please

*by Susan Montauk, NCPC chair*



The Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), police beats 12Y/13X, will hold elections for executive officers at its February 28 Town Hall at the Rockridge Branch Library. Candidates are needed for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. A description of officers' duties as well as NCPC boundaries, bylaws, and local crime statistics can be found at the NCPC website at www.rockridgencpc.com.

Funded by the Oakland Police Department (OPD), the NCPC addresses crime and safety needs in the greater Rockridge area. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday each month, 7 p.m., at the Rockridge Branch Library. The steering committee consists of the executive board, the assigned OPD Problem Solving Officer and other patrol officers, the Neighborhood Service Coordinator and interested local community members.

NCPC members believe community policing is the best way to find local solutions to city-wide crime and a short-handed police department. Please step forward, pick up the mantle and let us know that you are interested in running for office at the February meeting. Contact info@rockridgencpc.com for further information.

## NCPC Panel

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Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), to be held at 7 p.m. in the Rockridge Branch Library, will focus on youth and re-entry services. A panel, organized by the office of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, will include experienced service providers who are part of the solution to making Oakland safer. Panel members and their organizations include:

### Conflict Intervention

Peacemakers is a new project of Youth Uprising working to intervene in conflicts before they escalate. Utilizing social services counselors and job development services, the goal is to transform individuals and neighborhoods plagued by violence. Peacemakers director Demetria Huntsman will be represented on the panel.

### Youth Development

The Mentoring Center works with young people in the state juvenile detention system and with those at risk of trouble. The staff meet with young people who are still incarcerated and encourages them to think about how and why they should do things differently upon release. Once the youth are released, the organization works with them to help them become positive contributors to our communities. Celsa Senad, Executive Director of the Mentoring Center, will join the panel.

### Youth Employment

The panel will also include Michelle Clark-Clough of The Youth Employment Partnership. This organization provides after-school training and employment to over 800 high-risk youth through "Career Try-Out," a paid internship or training program that is offered during the school year. In conjunction with the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, YEP also enrolls high-risk youth — and some who are on probation or parole — in paid summer internships in construction and paid "soft skills" workshops that offer youth training in important skills needed in today's workplace.

### Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and Job Training

Most recently released prisoners lack stable employment, a place to live or access to services that can address the causes of their previous criminal activity. According to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, over 50,000 incarcerated people will be released to California's communities over the next year, and more than 60 percent will return to prison within three years. The panel will include Tony Creer from the Alameda County Probation Department, a key county agency promoting successful re-entry, and Charles Turner of the Oakland Private Industry Council (PIC). PIC is a one-stop shop for formerly incarcerated individuals and others in need of job training and placement. Over 500 individuals benefit from employment assistance, and the recidivism rate for PIC clients is about one-third lower than those not receiving assistance.

The annual per capita cost of incarceration in a State prison is more than $43,000. Providing access to the resources needed by those who have served their time is good economic sense, and helps prevent crime.

Please join these experts in the panel discussion about a comprehensive approach to crime prevention.

# Measure Y Money Helps Fight Crime

Programs designated to receive Measure Y Funds featured at February NCPC panel

*by SusanMontauk, NCPC chair*

In 2004, Oakland voters passed Measure Y which now generates approximately $20 million annually from a parcel tax and parking tax. The income provides $4 million for fire prevention services; of the remaining revenues, at least 40 percent is for violence prevention programs and the balance for new police officers, especially for community policing. However, none of the funds collected to date for new officers have been spent because of a clause in the measure which states:

> No tax authorized by this Ordinance may be collected in any year that the appropriation for staffing of sworn uniformed police officers is at a level lower than the amount necessary to maintain the number of uniformed officers employed by the City of Oakland for the fiscal year 2003-2004 (739).

Following passage of Measure Y, the number of OPD officers dipped sharply and only recently has it inched upward, to about 734.

However, about $9 million annually has been paid for violence prevention programs since January 2006, the effective date of the measure. Grants have been made to 27 nonprofit and public agencies focussing on intervention with high-risk youth and young adults. Among these are programs providing re-entry services to newly-released prisoners, mental health services to families that experience violence and gang intervention and school based crime prevention services.

As described on page 1, the February NCPC Town Hall will host a panel of Measure Y funded program providers. Attend the panel on February 28 to hear how their programs are designed to help prevent crime.

## Green Rockridge

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collectives in Rockridge to achieve utility savings, water conservation and eco-friendly building renovations. Information gathered will be posted on the RCPC website. The dream is to get a commitment from at least 10 percent of Rockridge households to do all the things big and small that are physically and financially possible to conserve our natural resources.

Household items like energy-saving light bulbs such as Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) and the pricier but efficient Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs), high-efficiency toilets (HETs), drip watering systems, permeable paving to replace concrete, energy-wise window films or design sensitive replacement thermal windows could all be bought in quantity. For example, ten neighbors may want to replace a toilet with a HET under the EBMUD rebate program, and could negotiate fees with a plumbing company for this block of guaranteed work in a small geographic area.

Let's dream big… how about replacing outmoded tank water heaters with tankless water heaters, saving precious natural gas, and allowing our existing resources to stretch for the new neighbors added in Oakland's most recent building boom. Or how about adding solar panels to reduce our dependence on the electrical grid?

This neighborhood has creative, experienced and enthusiastic residents in all areas of green tech for the home. Let's pool that expertise and create Green Rockridge, a new committee of the RCPC, and launch the Green Rockridge Initiative.

Are you interested? Will you join us? E-mail your interest to RCPC at GreenRockridge@rockridge.org or phone RCPC at 510/869-4200.

# Rockridge News Welcomes Volunteers... and Calls for More!

*by Susan Montauk, RCPC boardmember*

Thanks to new volunteers — Eric Talley, Stephanie Forbes, Fatima Ali and Elisa Uribe — we are able to cover some recently vacated Rockridge News delivery routes and to add new ones.

### District Captain Position Open

Beginning in March, we need to fill a district captain position. The district captain delivers bundles to houses on his/her route; this particular route has seven drops along Broadway and its side streets. If you can help out please let us know and refer to the job as "district captain for route 07."

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Caltrans Sweep of Homeless Camps In Rockridge

Dreyer's Ice Cream Parlor on the Way

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## Caltrans Sweeps

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sweeps of reported homeless encampments throughout Oakland, every third week of the month. A number of locations to be cleaned include homeless encampments below Highway 24.

Recognizing that homeless persons sleeping outside need assistance in accessing services and housing resources, Oakland established the Homeless Mobile Outreach Program (HMOP). When conditions at a particular encampment location warrant action, HMOP joins with Public Works and/or Caltrans to facilitate cleanup activities, to provide humanitarian and survival assistance, and to refer homeless persons to emergency housing and other resources.

To report a homeless encampment located on Caltrans property (for instance under an overpass or along the freeway) contact Caltrans at 510/614-5942. To report a homeless encampment in the city of Oakland, please call 510/986-2721.

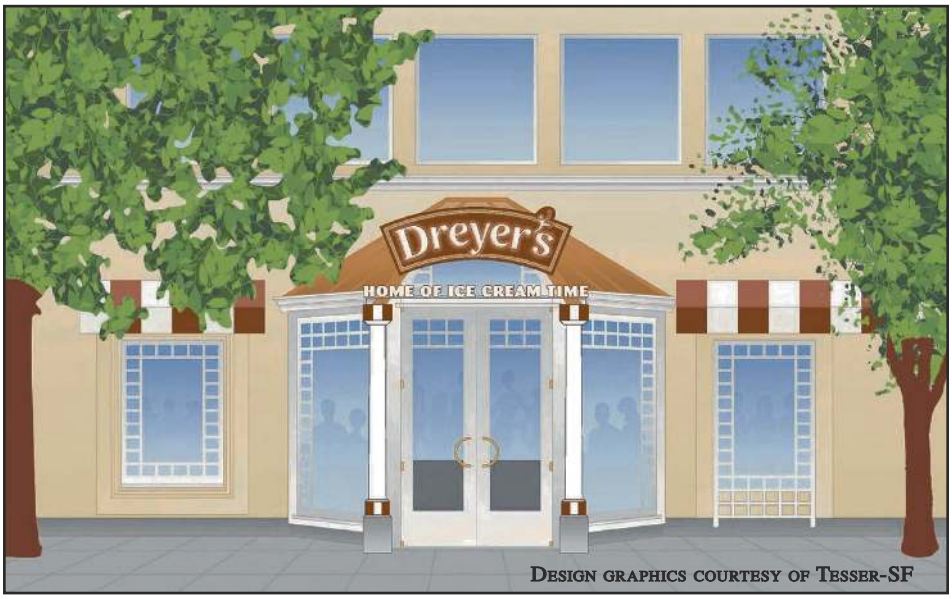
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**As the ice cream parlor design moves from concept to construction, Dreyer's has supplied the above representation of how the entry could look, as well as a view of the proposed interior, shown on page 1.**

# Dreyer's Parlor

**from page 1**

Would the parlor reopen? Would it still be Dreyer's? Would it still offer the same items?

Worry no longer. Construction has begun and the exterior façade and interior design will be getting much-anticipated improvements. Craig Whitney, Dreyer's Director of Marketing, apologized for the yearlong delay and said he was thrilled that the community thinks of the retail establishment as a major meeting place. He expects the refurbished ice cream parlor to open in about three months – just in time for the summer months.

The new design will be clean and modern with a retro twist, Whitney said, while maintaining the Dreyer's classic branding. The parlor will include a full-service custom-made ice cream counter, an expanded booth-seating area, and new freezers featuring packaged ice cream and frozen novelties "to go."







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# Patrick Daughton

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served as a board member for 20 years as well as president of the Rockridge Soccer Club, the Jack London Youth Soccer League, and the Temescal/Golden Gate Neighborhoods Youth Soccer outreach program. He has also served on city-wide committees advocating for public schools, youth programs, and open space issues and was involved with the seismic upgrading/rebuilding of Studio One Arts Center.

Patrick was one of the original group of Oakland residents that put the Kids First measure (Measure K) on the ballot in 1996. The measure, which passed, called for earmarking 2.5 percent of city funds for youth programs. For the past 10 years, almost $10 million annually has been allocated to 80 organizations serving children and youth.

In 1997, Councilwoman Jane Brunner appointed Patrick to the Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) for the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY)—the organization created by Kids First to oversee the fund. While no other original mayoral and city council appointee still serves on the POC, Patrick has remained as Councilmember Brunner's appointee in this volunteer position for the last 10 years. A leading voice on this committee, he is the glue and institutional memory bonding this important advisory body. He has also been heavily involved in numerous citywide and District 1 election campaigns as well as city-wide parcel tax and bond measures over the last 20 years.

Patrick's record of selfless community activism speaks for itself. Equally impressive is the manner in which he works with others. Patrick is one of those rare individuals who can keep focused on a group's goals and remain above narrow political differences. He is a skilled listener, communicator and mediator; he has consistently been able to bridge the political agendas of different factions for the greater good of Oakland's children, youth and families.

Professionally, Patrick worked as Operations Manager of Toot Sweets Bakery/Intermountain Trading Company in Berkeley for 25 years.

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Sadly, Patrick's health has been declining over the last few years, but he remains active in local and city-wide issues. Our heartiest congratulations to him on receiving the 2008 Rockridge Champion Award.

Ken Rice benefited from Patrick Daughton's political wisdom when Daughton was his primary political adviser and campaign organizer during Rice's successful District 1 school board campaign in 1996. Rice credits Daughton as also being an invaluable advisor during his four-year term on the school board.

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# 'Gateway' Signs for Temescal

*by Darlene Rios Drapkin, Temescal/ Telegraph BID*

You may have noticed the recently installed Temescal Telegraph District "Gateway"marking entry points to the local Business Improvement District (BID). The signs welcome travelers to the district, add to the sense of community and place, and contribute to security.

A recent security report commissioned by the BID emphasizes "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED). The idea is that when people have more of a stake and pride in their community, they also tend to look out more for one another, and generally are more aware of their surroundings, which enhances security. Signage is recommended as a way to assist awareness of community.

Gateway signs have been installed on Telegraph, southbound at Woolsey, and northbound at 40th; westbound on 51st Street and Claremont Avenue, both near Telegraph; and both east and westbound on 52nd Street at the freeway ramp.



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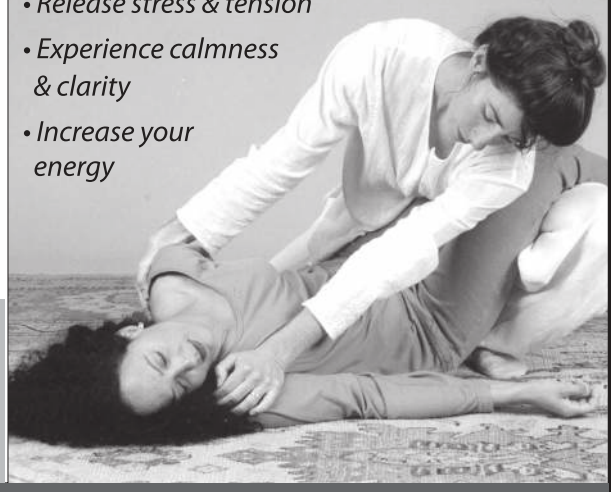
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## The Neighborhood Merchant

by Theresa Nelson

Time to visit one of College Avenue's most enticing stores: Favor. In this bright, red and white shop across from Garibaldi's Restaurant, you will find one of the most unusual collections of jewelry anywhere – because virtually everything you see is designed and made in the atelier in the rear of the store. Owner Caramina Visick opened Favor on College Avenue when she moved her Hotcakes Design studio from the West Berkeley warehouse where she sold directly to stores. The store's name was inspired by a vintage French poster of a motorbike manufacturer she first saw at age 12; she keeps a copy of the poster in the store.

Caramina Visick started designing jewelry about seven years ago, while working in restaurants after studying fine art in college. People liked her jewelry so much she would literally sell it off her arm to restaurant customers. She did a few shows, and things snowballed. She's maintained and expanded the wholesale part of the business (the full catalog is online at www.shopatfavor.com), and her designs are available in over 200 museums and 300 stores around the world. For example, her bird earrings are now available in New York at an exhibit of Audubon paintings of birds, and her line featuring Frida Kahlo imagery will be in the gift shop at the upcoming New York MOMA show. Her jewelry is sold in Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Greece, Japan, and every state in the US. More outlets are added as buyers spot her jewelry on someone and inquire where to find it. Luckily for those of us in the Bay Area, her full line is available in the College Avenue store.

The signature style of jewelry presented in Favor is of carved black resin and onyx beads with art images, often with sterling silver fittings. Caramina studied Bakelite for some time, and in her current process, she "sketches the designs, carves a metal sample to create a mold, and then casts each one – very labor-intensive," but creating a truly unique look. The pieces have a vintage look but the art images range from the 19th century to the present. Most images are available in earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings, pins and cufflinks. The cast resin beads are tumbled for five days to polish them, and the two-tone beads are cast in ivory, soaked in a darker tone (black, brown, purple), and tumbled to polish, to a stunning effect. Most earrings and necklaces include some gem drops of citrine, coral, onyx, and smoky quartz, Iolite or Amethyst. The jewelry ranges from dramatic, chunky necklaces and rings to delicate rounds on thin silver chains.

There are also themed panels of jewelry , with birds, insects, cuisine, paintings, eyes and mouths, flowers, valentines, and individual words. Travel pieces feature color and black & white scenes of New York, San Francisco, Paris, London, Casablanca, and icons like the Eiffel Tower and the Golden Gate Bridge. Artwork includes scenes of Venetian canals, folk art, Louis XIV, and Frida Kahlo. A series of smiles decorates a bracelet, while another sports images of eyes. Mexican lotteria images are popular: the heart, mermaid, skull, devil. Travel road signs from across the US and Paris are available, along with planes and trains, girls at the beach, art from old LPs, architecture, antique fruit and vegetable

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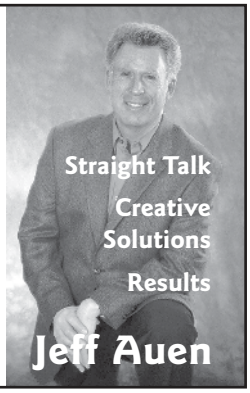
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## Favor

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prints, shoes, French words, and, as the saying goes, much, much more. She also carries solid-color necklaces in modern and vintage beads, in black (of course) and also in yellow jade, amazonite, shell pearl, ruby quartz, green apple jade and other unusual colors. A new line includes silver filigree earrings with gem drops, and laser cut medallions of images such as trees inside a circle.

Caramina can also create a custom piece from your own images. After a one-time set-up fee, you can have a necklace with Grandmother's old photos, a favorite cat or dog, children or grandchildren, maps, or almost anything you can find in the form of artwork. These custom pieces make an exceptionally personal and unique gift.



And many are customized for weddings, including cufflinks as groomsmen's gifts, with tiny maps of the bride and groom's hometowns. Favor also shows Loveshine purses and totes, handmade in New York, with playful prints in small and large bags, wristlets and makeup bags, which can also function as nice "boxes" for the jewelry.

Most of all, Caramina focuses on designing the jewelry and working directly with customers to get feedback. She personally sets all the silver used in the jewelry, working with her manufacturing staff in the rear. Her husband, a former chef at high-end restaurants, serves as finance and business manager. Caramina says she enjoys "working directly with customers, seeing how they react to certain pieces or designs" to inspire her work.

On February 9 and 10, Favor will host a pre-Valentine's Day sale with 10 percent off almost everything in the store. An email list will keep you informed of future events. The sale is just in time to catch the favor of someone special for Valentine's Day, birthdays or any other event. Enjoy Favor today!

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# End of an Era for College Ave Atty's

*by Don Kinkead*

Catapult a resident of Rockridge 2008 back in time to Rockridge 1974, and he or she would have a tough time recognizing the place. Its commercial life decimated by construction of the Grove-Shafter Freeway (I-980), College Avenue was strewn with boarded-up storefronts and desultory shoppers. Market Hall? An unpaved vacant lot. The library? A home and sales office for the cement statuary piled next door. Yasai Market? Non-descript stores in transition to specialty food shops. Ben 'n Nick's? A seedy storefront wine bar rarely frequented by unescorted women.

Our time traveler would recognize some places: Safeway was on its corner with the gas station; Eddie's Liquors marketed respectable wines; and the Rockridge Café was selling hamburgers like hotcakes.

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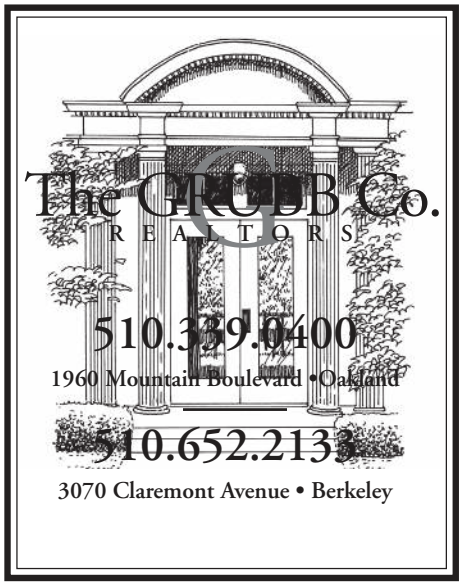
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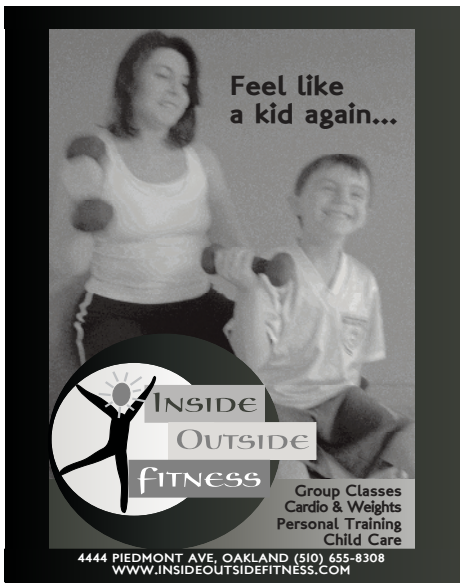
## Gardella Gardening Services

Garden maintenance, yard cleanup, new lawn, pruning, trimming, weeding, sprinkler installation, fencework, hauling and dumping. All work guaranteed. Excellent references. Luis Gardella, lgardella20@hotmail.com 510/847-0411.

## Movi-Ritmo Dance

At Jeffrey Bihr Studio resumes in February! An eclectic alternative stretch-exercise-dance workout! Great Caribbean, Brazilian & world music, personalized instruction, fun moves & loving ambience. Saturdays 10:30-12 pm. Call Lina @ (510) 658-3423.




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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Compiled by Jo Ellis**

## Councilmember Brunner's Community Advisory Meeting

Saturday February 9, 10am to noon. Peralta Elementary School: 460 63rd St. (parking on Alcatraz Ave., just east of Telegraph). **February meeting topic:** Crime in Oakland, with police Chief Wayne Tucker and others. For info on all District One issues, call 238-7001, or view Brunner Report at www.oaklandnet.com (the site for all City-related information).

## Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)

Residents and business members of NCPC's 12Y and 13X areas are invited to voice their concerns about crime and public safety. **Note new time and place:** Meets 4th Thursday each month, 7pm, at Rockridge Library, upstairs meeting room. February 28 meeting: NCPC Elections and Measure Y Panel Rockridge Library, 5366 College Ave. info@rockridgencpc.com.

## Rockridge Branch Library

5366 College Avenue, 597-5017

**FOR CHILDREN:**

- **Toddler Story Time: Note new days: now every Saturday,** 10:30am.
- **Pre-School Story Time:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am: 2/6, 2/20, 3/5.
- **Pajama Story Time:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7pm: 2/26 (see closed days at end of library section), 3/11.

**Special Events for Kids and Families:**

- **Valentine Making Workshop**: All ages welcome; kids 7 and under please bring a grown-up. Thursday, 2/7, 4 - 5pm.

**FOR TEENS:**

- **Anime Club: Teens 13 and up,** watch and talk about anime (Japanese animation) with other teens. **Note special date for February meeting: Tuesday, 2/19**, to watch the movie "Bleach." Subsequent meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 5 to 6:30pm, upstairs meeting room. More info: Susy Moorhead, 597-5017.

**FOR ADULTS:**

- **Writers' Support /Critique Group:** ALL writers welcome. Third Saturday of each month (2/16) from 1 to 5pm. Bring up to 5 pages of your prose for on-site reading/discussion. Sponsored by the California Writers Club, Berkeley branch (www.berkeleywritersclub.org/). For more info: 420-8775 or Writefox@aol.com.
- **Knitting Classes for Seniors (50+):** with instructor **Teri Barr.** All levels welcome. Beginners bring light color yarn and a pair of size 8 needles. If experienced, bring projects to work on. Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30pm, upstairs meeting room. **NOTE**: no class 2/5 (Election Day) and 2/12 (City of Oakland holiday).
- **The Science of Breath Workshop:** focuses on how breath can be an effective tool to deal with everyday stress. Presented by The Art of Living Foundation; workshop leaders **Timiza Wagner** and **Sriram Raghavendran.** Monday 3/10, 6:30 – 7:30pm.
- **Lawyers in the Library: Free legal advice. NOTE: Cancelled February** (Election Day). Will resume first Tuesdays of each month, Mar 4, from 6 to 8pm. Advance sign-up starts 5pm. More information: 597-5017.

**ART EXHIBITS**

**Gallery**: February: **Damon Guthrie:** pen-and-ink drawings and watercolors.

March: Artwork by **Oakland Public Library Staff Members**.

**Lobby Display Case:**

February: **Paul Robeson Centennial Committee** display and **Season of Non-Violence** display

March: Artwork by **Oakland Public Library Staff Members**.

**LIBRARY HOURS:**

Mon. and Tues, 12:30 to 8pm.
Wed., Thurs. and Sat. 10am to 5:30pm.
Fri., 12 to 5:30pm.
**Closed Sundays, also Tues., 2/12 and Mon., 2/18.**

## Diesel Readings and Events

**All events are FREE and open to the public.**

- Mondays, 2/11 and 3/10: **Amnesty International Meeting:** exchange information and ideas on action. All welcome.
- Sunday, 2/17, 3pm: local author **Clare Langley-Hawthorne** reads from her mystery novel, *Consequences of Sin*.
- Sunday, 3/2, 3pm: **Dan Kennedy**: *Rock On: An Office Power Ballad.*

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

## Peace Corps Information Session

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will share stories. Volunteers work in 74 countries in education, health, business, environment and more. No upper age limit to join. Learn more Tuesday, 2/26, 6 to 7:30pm, Rockridge Library, 5366 College Ave. More info: Nick Bosustow, 452-8444, nbosustow@peacecorps.gov, or www.peacecorps.gov.

## LiveTalk@CPS

College Preparatory School (CPS) Lecture Series: open to all. **Academy Awards Preview Night with Dr. Harry Chotiner**: NYU film professor (and former CPS teacher) makes his picks for the best films of the year, talks about industry trends, and invites the audience to share their opinions. An annual CPS tradition. Live music, popcorn, candy, and soft drinks included with admission. Thursday, 2/21, 7:30 to 9pm. Doors open at 7pm for complimentary refreshments. Tickets: $12.50 in advance or $15 (students$5) at the door, cash only. Proceeds support the CPS endowment fund and financial aid program. CPS Buttner Auditorium, 6100 B'way (at Brookside). Wheelchair accessible; free parking. Info: 420-2351 or www.college-prep.org/livetalk.

## Jazz at the Chimes

Concert and Artist Reception featuring vocalist and songwriter **Jacqui Naylor** and her band. Sunday, 2/17, 2pm. Ticket sales at the door begin at 12:30pm: $10-15 (cash only) for concert, reception and refreshments. Kids under 12 free. Sponsored by the Lifemark Group Arts program that features Bay Area talent. Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave. Wheelchair accessible. Info/Reservations: 228-3218. www.lifemarkgroup.com/oakland/special_events.asp and www.jacquinaylor.com.

## Wisteria Ways Concert Series

- **Grannar**: Trio plays traditional Swedish with a jazz/world twist. Thursday, 2/21, 8pm (house opens 7:30). Download sound samples at http://www.evolvingtraditions.se/default.asp?pid=52&sub=37&sub2=45
- **The Muses**: group sings and plays traditional Celtic music and original material on a variety of exotic instruments. Sunday, 3/9 at 3pm.

383 61st St. Simple refreshments provided and you can also bring something to share. $15-20 suggested donation for musicians (cash please at the door). For reservations, RSVP to info@WisteriaWays.org or 655-2771.

## California College of the Arts (CCA)

**International Exchange Exhibition:** Celebrating the art and experience of CCA's fall and spring 2007 international exchange students. February 18 – 23. Opening reception: Wednesday, 2/20, 5:30 – 7:30pm. Gallery hours: Mon.,-Fri., 8am to 4:40pm (also Wed., 5:30 -7:30pm). Oakland Campus, Irwin Student Center Gallery. Info: 415/551-9284 or www.cca.edu/students/undergradexhibitions.

- **Launch: The First Year Exhibition:** A curated show of works by first-year CCA undergraduates. March 3 -14. Opening reception: Wed., 3/5, 5:30 – 7:30pm. Preview day: Sat., 3/8, 10am – 1pm. Gallery hours: Mon.,-Fri., 8am to 4:40pm. CCA Oliver Art Center, 5212 B'way. Info: 594-3642 or www.cca.edu/calendar.

## North Oakland Senior Center

Program Highlights: Computer classes; Health Insurance counseling and advocacy program; trips, tours and theater outings; Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group; AARP driver Safety classes; Farmers Market every Wednesday from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

- Make reservations and pay deposit now for special trip to Yosemite on Amtrak: May 13 – 15.

Hours: Mon. – Fri., 8:45am to 4:45pm. 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. "The North Oakland Senior Times," provides a schedule of classes and a monthly lunch menu ($2.25 to $4.). For details about events, membership, and opportunities to become a volunteer, call 597- 5085.






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