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RCPC Seeks Community Help With College Safeway Review

RCPC secures matching grant for EIR review; funding required

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC chair

The city of Oakland will soon release a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on Safeway's proposed 62,000 sq. ft. College Avenue shopping center project.

The report will look at the ways in which the City believes the project, which almost triples the size of the current 22,500 sq. ft. store, will affect the surrounding community. Topics include traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety, air and water quality, noise, aesthetics, and perhaps land use. Once the DEIR is released, the community

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RCPC Town Hall Meeting
AGENDA
September 2010

September 16, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
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The State of the City:



Council President Jane Brunner answers your questions.

The RCPC invites Rockridge residents to ask Councilmember Jane Brunner about Oakland's current issues. Do you wonder...?

- Do you wonder how the City's budget cuts impacted its services?
- Or how the police force is faring with fewer officers?
- If or how the new zoning will affect Rockridge development?
- Will the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) provide better transportation for North Oakland?
- Can Rockridge become a greener neighborhood?

Coming in October:
RCPC hosts a special October Town Hall mayoral candidates' forum. Watch for details in the October Rockridge News.

July Town Hall: Residents Critique Revised Rockridge Shopping Center Plans

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC chair

RCPC's July Town Hall meeting hosted David Zylstra, CEO of Safeway's Property Development Centers division, presenting revised redevelopment plans for the 15.4-acre Rockridge Shopping Center at Broadway and Pleasant Valley Avenue.

Safeway plans to add about 120,000 sq. ft. to the present 185,000 sq. ft. shopping center space, including a new 65,000 sq. ft. Safeway to replace the existing 50,000 sq. ft. store. Safeway still plans to demolish the current shopping center anchor, the 80,000 sq. ft. CVS store. CVS doesn't plan to stay in the rebuilt center.

Responding to many vehement audience comments, Zylstra said Safeway is trying to retain the CVS store's many functions, especially the nursery/garden center. He admitted that it is proving hard to find a store willing to provide that function.



RCPC chair Stuart Flashman discusses the July Town Hall meeting agenda.
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Responding to earlier criticisms, Safeway added internal streets, and a new entry and traffic light off of Broadway opposite

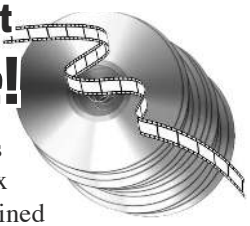
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Our Branch Library and the Rockridge DVD Project

Bigger Than Netflix! And Free!

by Annette R. Floystrup, RCPC boardmember

The nation's public libraries are loaning more DVDs each day than Netflix rents to its by-mail subscribers. According to a new survey from the Online Computer Library Center, a nonprofit national library cooperative, public libraries lend an average 2.1 million videos per day. This is more than the 2 million discs shipped by Netflix and almost the combined total of DVD rentals at Redbox (1.4 million) and Blockbuster (1.2 million).



Rockridge Branch Library Manager Pat Lichter says, "Our library users love to check out movies — and now, more than

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Private Property Meets Public Concerns

Saving the Trees Generations Have Enjoyed

by Annette R. Floystrup

When St. Albert's Priory on Chabot Road above College Avenue applied for a City permit to cut down 10 mature trees, neighbors swung into action. The removal permit included eight healthy liquidambar trees visible from Chabot Road bounding the lawns to the west. As is often the case in these times, the issue was money. It was simply less costly to cut the trees down than to prune them to ensure their continued structural integrity.

It is ironic that as a group of local residents was meeting with Oakland Unified School District to place as many trees as possible on the Claremont Middle School grounds for environmental mitigation, there was a threat to eight large, mature and healthy trees only 100 yards away which were already a great environmental and aesthetic benefit to the community.

Generations of Rockridge residents have walked past those trees on their way to school at Chabot Elementary and Claremont Middle schools, as have thousands of commuters, dog walkers and evening strollers. No one, including the St. Albert's community, wanted to see those trees cut down if it was not absolutely necessary.

An email plea to friends and neighbors went viral through the neighborhood and beyond. On August 24, the City granted the removal permit for all 10 trees, but, in response to the amount of community input, re-inspected the eight liquidambars and rescinded the permit.

Subsequently, an anonymous donor has supplied financial assistance to meet the pruning costs, and it appears that generations of Rockridge residents to come will benefit from and enjoy the beautiful liquidambar trees so visible and valuable to the community.

St. Albert's Priory

St. Albert's Priory, on property extending between Chabot Road and Miles Avenue, is the largest green space in Rockridge. The heritage buildings were built on the site of an old estate, the Perry estate – the origin of the brick pillars on the corner of Birch Court and College Avenue. The last and largest wild section of Temescal Creek flows in their back gardens along Miles Avenue. The grounds are studded everywhere with oaks predating the Spanish. Many specimen trees like the ginkos, magnolias and liquidambars on the Chabot Road side were planted by the Perry family long before the Priory was built in 1935.

Join Oakland Parks Coalition Annual Survey

by Susan Montauk, chair, Oakland Parks Coalition

Since 2006, The Oakland Parks Coalition (OPC), with the help of scores of parks stewards and volunteers, has surveyed nearly every park in Oakland to determine the condition of grounds and facilities. This year's survey event, known as Love Your Parks Day (LYPD), begins at the end of August and ends October 2 with a gathering of volunteers at the Lakeside Park Garden Center to survey remaining parks.

The surveys are analyzed and incorporated into a report presented to City Council at the

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RCPC Land Use Committee

The RCPC Land Use Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Next meeting: September 22. Rockridge Branch Library, Upstairs Meeting Room: 7:30 p.m.

Land Use Update

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC Land Use Committee chair

■ Rockridge Montessori School (6516 Broadway)

Neighbors of the Rockridge Montessori School commissioned traffic consultants Fehr & Peers to review the traffic study that had been prepared for the school's owners. The Fehr & Peers report identified deficiencies in the study that called the study's conclusions into question, and suggested there may be significant traffic and safety impacts from the school's proposed expansion.

At its August meeting, the RCPC board voted, based on its review of the report, to send a letter to the City asking that the school submit a supplemental traffic study to address the issues raised by the Fehr & Peers report before considering whether to approve the school's application for further expansion. The planner handling the case is Ulla Britt-Jonsson (238-3322, ujonsson@oaklandnet.com).

■ Citywide Zoning Update

The Planning Commission's Zoning Update Committee (ZUC) held two meetings on the proposed zoning changes in North Oakland. RCPC Chair Stuart Flashman presented several suggested changes to the proposed zoning for College Avenue. The ZUC took no action on those changes. The ZUC is continuing to hold hearings on the proposed zoning revisions in other parts of the City. After that, it will formulate its recommendations, which will then go to the full Planning Commission for consideration. That's unlikely to happen until October at the earliest.

■ College Avenue Safeway Shopping Center, (Corner of College & Claremont Avenues)

The City and its consultants are still working on revisions to the Draft Environmental Impact Report. The latest changes, according to Oakland planner Peterson Vollman, involve revising the parking layout because Safeway was uncomfortable with the number of compact car spaces that had been shown. The City is also communicating with the city of Berkeley's Transportation Division over whether the various traffic signals on College Avenue and Claremont Avenue will be coordinated.

(See front page story on RCPC's review of the Safeway EIR.)

■ Rockridge Shopping Center (Corner of Broadway and Pleasant Valley)

See July Town Hall Meeting report, page 1.

■ Kumon Math and Reading Learning Center (6019 College Avenue, former location of Synergy)

Sim Peyron seeks to locate a Kumon Math and Reading Learning Center at the former site of Synergy on College Avenue just south of Claremont Avenue. The site is a small (approximately 1400 sq. ft.) storefront. The center would serve about 200 students from preschool to high school age and would be open for students two afternoons a week.

The Land Use Committee considered the proposal and voted to recommend against approval, based on the need to continue to emphasize full-time retail uses for street-level College Avenue storefronts. The applicant was encouraged to look at other less prominent locations in the area. The RCPC board expects to take up the application at its September meeting.

■ Land Use Meeting Agendas

Contact Stuart Flashman at 652-5373 or chair@rockridge.org for a copy of the current Land Use Committee meeting agenda.

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.

Compiled by Eric Neville

5369 Locksley Avenue

Proposal: To construct a 1,170 sq. ft. second floor addition to an existing 1,200 sq. ft. one-story single family dwelling.

Applicant: Shaun Masuda; 415/314-3198

Owners: Laurent and Morgan Rouquette

Permits Required: Regular Design Review for 1,170 sq. ft. second floor addition; Minor Variances to (a) construct the addition 1'-6" and 3'-6" from the side property lines where 5'-0" minimum is required, and (b) to build the upper-story 0'-0" from the front fence face of the building where 12'-0" is the minimum required where there is a one-story context for 60% of the surrounding properties

Historic Status: Potential Designated Historic Property (PDHP); Survey rating: D2+ (Hudson and Shafter (HDS) historic district)

Planner: Caesar Quitevis, 510/238-6343 or clquitevis@oaklandnet.com

5549 Taft Avenue

Proposal: To construct a new 1,201 square-foot upper story addition and expand the building footprint 7'-0" to the rear of an existing 1,394 square-foot single family dwelling for a total 2,800 square feet of cumulative floor area, and to rebuild the rear deck and demolish the rear detached accessory shed.

Applicant/ Cari Rosner Jelen/Sogno Design Group; 510/526-2720

Owner: Kyenam Han & Kyong Hwang

Permits Required: Regular Design Review for additions and alterations of 1,000 sq. ft. or more

Historic Status: Potential Designated Historic Property, Survey rating: CD?2+

Planner: Caesar Quitevis, 510/238-6343 or clquitevis@oaklandnet.com

6207-6209 Colby Street

Proposal: Convert two vacant rental residential units into 2 residential condominium units.

Applicant/ John E. Gutierrez; 510/647-0600

Owners: Jesse M. Brill and Laran C. Brill, Co-Trustees of The Brill Revocable Trust

Permits Required: Tentative Parcel Map to convert an existing two-unit residential building into two residential condominiums

Historic Status: Potential Designated Historic Property, Survey rating: Dc2

Planner: Jason Madani at 510/238-4790 or jsmadani@oaklandnet.com

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Chabot Elementary: A New School Year; a Full, Finished Campus

by Polly Winograd Ikonen, Chabot PTA

Since June 2008, the Chabot Elementary campus has been abuzz with construction vehicles, piles of dirt, yards of temporary fencing, and almost 500 children all choreographed in a tightly synchronized schedule of lunches and recess with six grades sharing one third of a playground.

When the 2010-11 school year began on Monday, August 30, the long wait was finally over, with Chabot's new classroom building fully occupied by kindergarten through second graders, a fully outfitted multi-purpose building for lunches, assemblies and indoor play, and two brand new play structures – one on the upper yard for third-fifth graders, and one for kindergarteners in their new, dedicated play area behind the new classroom building.

"We are so excited to have our playgrounds back," said Chabot Principal Jonathan Mayer. "Our upper grade kids have their own space on the upper playground, and we have our garden back – when the new turf areas mature later this month, we'll be fully operational."

While some of the new buildings opened over the course of the last school year, it is the restoration of the upper playground that makes the campus look and feel spacious again.

The capital improvements to the Chabot campus—primarily the replacement of World War II-era portable buildings with permanent classrooms and other structures—were funded by Measure B, approved by Oakland voters in 2006. The new upper-yard play structure, the garden restoration and much of the campus landscaping was made possible through funds donated to the *Chabot: Way to Grow!* campaign launched by the Chabot PTA in 2008 to support completion of the campus master plan. The campaign reached its goal in spring 2010, thanks to the generosity of over 150 Chabot families, the greater Rockridge community, and the support of such local foundations as The Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation and The Rogers Family Foundation.

"We would like the opportunity to thank everyone in person,"continued Mayer. "So we invite the entire community to join us for a special ceremony on Friday, September 24, 4 to 5 p.m., as we dedicate these wonderful new features and facilities."

In addition to the end of construction, the new Chabot school year finds the staff and teachers of Chabot, "fortunate not to lose any teachers or staff this year – and we are grateful that our partnership with the PTA helps to maintain the level of resources, although class sizes in the lower grades have increased to 22-24 kids, to make up more of the difference."

Increasingly popular within the neighborhood, Chabot accommodates families from more than 20 ZIP codes, Mayer said.

OUSD Superintendent Tony Smith has made it a priority that schools act as a community resource center for all their families, and facilitate dialogue and learning between school communities. Mayer explained that Chabot "has been moving in that direction, with more after-school opportunities for all of our families who need additional support."

Of Special Note:

- **The Rockridge community is invited** to attend the Chabot Campus Dedication and Open House Friday, September 24, 4-5 p.m. Refreshments and music provided.
- **Save the Date:** The annual Chabot Carnival is Sunday, October 24.

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Claremont Middle School: High Energy, High Enthusiasm, High Expectations

by Shona Armstong

Principal Kenya Crockett, well-seasoned by her first year at the helm, is raring to go. Vice Principal Kevin Taylor has moved on to be principal of McClymonds High School in west Oakland. Ms. Crockett will be joined by a new Vice Principal, John Stangl. Mr. Stangl was a Peace Corps volunteer in Zaire 1989-1991. He taught in the Oakland Unified School District from 1992 to 2006. From 2006-2008 he worked as an elementary school science coach and program coordinator. Most recently, he has worked as the Assistant Principal at Korematsu Elementary School.

Claremont saw impressive gains in scores on the California Standards Tests last year and plans to keep this positive momentum. Also, Claremont increased student English Language Arts and Math proficiency by an average of 6 percentage points. The gains were so impressive that OUSD recognized Claremont as one of the most improved middle schools. Principal Crockett is particularly proud that English Language Learners posted double digit gains in English Language Arts scores and that Ms. Nagash transformed all of her summer school 2009 students, who entered the class scoring below basic or far below basic, into proficient (or advanced) mathematicians. In addition, the percentage of 8th grade science students demonstrating proficiency or better saw a stunning increase from 25% to 50%. There is still room for improvement; students, staff, and administration will continue to work together to help all students achieve at a high level.

Thanks to the efforts of Principal Crockett and parent volunteers, Claremont's unique digital media program, supported by Project 7 (www.projectseven.org), will have 30 new iMacs to support media and core curriculum instruction. The program will offer instruction in advanced 3-D modeling using "Maya," software generously donated by Autodesk. Smartboards now available in several classrooms and a mobile laptop cart used to move from classroom to classroom enable enhanced access to educational instruction using digital tools. Claremont has become a leader supporting digital media instruction and computer supported learning. To work on this amazing project, contact Mike Mages at michaelmages@mac.com.

The school has seen a large increase in enrollment for the coming year, especially in the population of incoming sixth graders. They will all need maximum community support, especially in the current climate of extreme budget cuts. Luckily, there are lots of ways to get involved. Here are a few:

The Taste of Temescal

Set for **Tuesday evening, September 14**, 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Taste of Temescal will benefit Claremont Middle School, Oakland Tech High School and some local charities. Local restaurants will provide tastes of their best dishes and great drinks. Two pedicabs will transport participants back and forth on Telegraph Avenue from 43rd to 51st streets, accompanied by live music along the route. Buy tickets to this fun event at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/123542.

Community Potluck

Claremont will host a community potluck **Saturday, October 2**, a fun, relaxed way for families, teachers, and community members to meet and mingle. To get involved in this event, watch the school's College Avenue notice board or contact Cindy Wilson at 510/387-1004.

The Claremont Auction

The Claremont Auction will be upon us before you know it! **Saturday, October 30**, party with the Claremont community at the Uptown Garage. During this "Monster Cash" event you will pick up some fantastic deals, and help fund PTA-supported enrichment programs like the Project 7 Media Lab, the library, and the music and art programs.

If you have questions about Claremont, if you want to donate to the PTA, if you want to get involved in your neighborhood school by volunteering or tutoring, or if you simply want more information about coming school events, be sure to check out the website at www.claremontms.org.





Oakland Yellow Jackets: Home-Grown Bicycle Club on a Roll



Yellow Jackets Club President Fred McWilliams (front row, right)
Photos: Don Kinkead

by Bill Kaufner, RCPC boardmember

You may have seen them: mostly clad in yellow jerseys, rolling out of Lake Merritt's Fairyland early on Saturday mornings, 40 to 50 strong, an impressive sight as they begin their Saturday ride. They are the Oakland Yellow Jackets Cycling Club. Established in 1986, the Yellow Jackets are a social, multi-cultural bicycling club for women and men of all ages and abilities. Holding monthly club meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Rockridge Library, the club is a great resource for both new and experienced riders.

The Yellow Jackets host an ambitious riding schedule each season beginning in April with an easy introductory ride for new riders, culminating in a September ride to Monterey with an overnight option at Asilomar. Winter rides are "decide and ride" on Saturdays so it really can be a year-round activity. The club has a "no drop" policy. Each ride forms into four groups: light riders, humane intermediates, advanced intermediates and advanced. Though all groups start together, there are different options and ride lengths for each group as the ride progresses. For example, the light riders might have a coffee shop as a turnaround point, while the humane intermediates use a BART station as their return point. The advanced groups will go at a faster pace and cover more ground.

The club has supported community projects such as the Susan Korman Breast Cancer rides. Plans are afoot to participate in the 2011 AIDS Ride. Club president Fred McWilliams and vice president Mary McGowan, enthusiastic about club growth, informed The Rockridge News of the current 200-plus membership, which includes road, mountain, tandem, and hybrid bike riders. The Yellow Jackets maintain a wonderful website, www.oaklandyellowjackets.org, replete with a ride schedule; FAQ's; route maps and elevations; and acute observations about ride terrain, interesting sights, and great places to stop.

The Yellow Jackets welcome interested riders. Roll on down to Fairyland next Saturday around eight in the morning, and be ready for a great time.

Community Policing After Layoff of 80 OPD Officers

The City Council voted at the end of July to lay off 80 Oakland Police Officers. What effects might this decision have on Rockridge businesses and residents?

NCPC Notes: Problem Solving Officer Unit Disbanded

The Problem Solving Officer (PSO) unit has been disbanded. PSOs were officers assigned to Oakland police beats to investigate and address public safety and traffic priorities identified by each NCPC (Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council). The Greater Rockridge NCPC encompasses Beats 12Y & 13X. Nevertheless, OPD has pledged its continuing support of community policing by having beat officers attend monthly NCPC meetings. Residents can discuss public safety concerns face-to-face with police officers.

OPD will no longer send a patrol unit out to investigate crimes, and is requesting that residents submit crime reports online instead. For a list of these crimes and a link to the online crime reporting page, go to http://www.rockridgencpc.com/. **Violent crime or any other crime that is in progress should be immediately reported**.

The Greater Rockridge NCPC meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Rockridge Library from 7-9 pm. The September meeting is cancelled: the library is closed for Admissions Day. **The next meeting is October 14**.

Newsletter Loses Ask-A-Cop Author

Letter received by The Rockridge News from Beat 12Y PSO:

Editor: I didn't get a chance to notify everyone, but with the layoffs in OPD, the PSO unit was disbanded. As a result of this I no longer work in north Oakland; I was re-assigned to east Oakland. So, it looks like the "Ask-A-Cop" column will also have to be put down. I hope the residents enjoyed it; maybe we will be able to pick it up again some time in the future.

— Patrick Gerrans, Problem Solving Officer, Beat 12Y

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FROG Park Corner

A monthly update on what's happening at the best community-built and maintained park in Oakland



Projects: Good News at Frog Park!

by Theresa Nelson, FROG chair

It's been a project-filled summer for the FROG committee (Friends of the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt), and good things are happening.

Basketball Courts and Dog Run Reopen

The BART retrofit construction has moved across the street from the park, allowing the restoration of the basketball courts. The contractor resurfaced both courts and reinstalled the three backboards and the ADA-accessible ball return. New nets are expected soon as well. Also, the entire dog park area is re-opened. Bob Franklin, the BART director who represents the neighborhood, worked actively with us to ensure the new basketball courts were fully restored, and we appreciate his assistance.

Mural Damage to be Repaired

When BART's retrofit work moved to the other side of Claremont, we worried about possible damage to the beautiful "Oceanus" mural, the first CalTrans mural in the state. FROG led the work to fully restore it in 2003, with help from the original artists and several community members who volunteered their time. We reminded the contractor to protect the mural during the retrofit, and worked with BART's community relations representatives to ensure its safety. Unfortunately, there was damage to the mural from the contractor's equipment, which BART has acknowledged and taken responsibility for. The mural will be checked by a specialist for the best restoration options. Oakland's Public Art manager, Kristen Zaremba, is working closely with us to make sure the mural is fully and properly restored.



Damage to mural "Oceanus."

New Surfacing Under Play Structures

This fall, we'll launch a community discussion about whether to change the surfacing underneath the two play areas. Currently, both have fibar, an engineered wood chip specifically designed as a resilient surface for use underneath play structures. Fibar has many advantages, but one challenge is that sand from the sandboxes mixes into the fibar area, causing the fibar to become hard and matted. Eventually, it loses its resilience and begins to rot, requiring full replacement periodically. There may be new options, and we want to hear the

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Frog Park Fall CLOSURE for Renovations

by Howard Ferrier, FROG volunteer coordinator

Every fall, Frog Park's play structures are closed for a day of intensive maintenance. Since 2001, we have collaborated on this important maintenance with a terrific group of neighborhood volunteers and students from College Preparatory School.

This fall, the park's 9th birthday, major renovations are needed; the play structures will be closed September 11-18. Pathways and swings will remain open.

Thanks to the community's donations to FROG over the years, we have sufficient funds to remove all of the fibar and replace it, and both sandboxes will have new sand. FROG is also funding replacement of the broken small green slide at the larger play area near Hardy

Your help is vital to make the renovations successful. Just as both play structures were built by the community in October 2001, we invite you to be part of maintaining this important community resource.

Work begins Saturday, September 11 at 8 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m., resuming on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed in many roles:

- carpentry skills are welcome but not required
- digging out sand and wooden footings,
- re-sealing the special wood in the structure
- sanding, and removing nails
- cleaning graffiti
- weeding and cutting ivy
- replacing rotted wood.

Snacks and some lunch will be provided, donated by local merchants.

We also need adults who can come from 8 to 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., or on Sunday morning, to help supervise our College Preparatory freshman volunteers. Just one shift is a big help.

If you use the park, you're needed to keep our park functioning and safe, since the city is limited in what it can do.

Be part of doing something constructive and important in our neighborhood. Please join us. Contact Howard Ferrier at hwferrier@sbcglobal.net to set a time for your shift. And, if you can lend a wheelbarrow or shovel, also let Howard know (even if you can't volunteer), as we need extra tools.

See you on the 11th!



FROG member Carol Behr, right, her daughter Sara, and FROG chair Theresa Nelson at the soon-to-be-replaced slide. Photos: FROG Park Committee

DVD Project

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Safeway Critique

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Coronado Avenue [Wendy's]. Several buildings will be two-story, with a three-story building at Broadway and Pleasant Valley and storefronts along both streets, possibly with direct street entry. Cars will park on a surface lot and two rooftop parking lots.

Audience members commented on the difficulty for elderly and the disabled to get to the new Safeway location at the rear of the site, and suggested the need for an internal shuttle bus. Zylstra said AC Transit staff has rejected both a bus station within the shopping center, and making the center the turnaround point for the 51A/51B bus lines. RCPC Chair Stuart Flashman promised that RCPC would pursue this issue with AC Transit.

The sense of the audience was that the project was a lot better than Safeway's original proposal, but still has a long way to go.

Rockridge Out and About

by Karen Hester, event coordinator

The 4th annual Rockridge Out and About celebrates all things Rockridge on Sunday, September 26, 12-6 p.m. along College Avenue from Alcatraz to Manila. The Rockridge District Association (RDA) sponsors the event. Meet your neighbors and make new friends on pedestrian-friendly College Avenue.

Sample delicious food and drink from local restaurants including Khana Peena, Wood Tavern, Ben 'N Nicks, Mitama, Á Côté and many more. Market Hall hosts the Chef Stage and Picnic in the Street where local chefs will fire up the grills, demonstrate cooking techniques and offer samples. For schedules of tastings, demos and menu offerings, go to www.rockridgemarkethall.com or call 250-6010.

The Main Stage near Alcatraz is sponsored by Safeway and features the dance bands SixString Band (classic rock), Chelle and Friends (New Orleans funk) and Fito Reinoso (Latin salsa).

The Rockridge Runway and New Style Motherlode stage at Forest will feature fashion shows, dance performances and DJs. The Wellness Tent, sponsored by Pharmaca and Namaste Yoga, highlights local wellness practitioners and includes free massage, acupuncture, chiropractic and facials.

The Kids Stage will delight children with live music and dance and the Kid's Court will present circus art by Kinetic Arts Center, cupcake frosting and pumpkin carving, 4-Square and hula hoops.

- Sponsors include Allstate Insurance, Crush, Tootsie's, Dreyer's, and Claremont Middle School.
- Valet bike parking provided by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. Composting and recycling by California Waste Solutions.
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- For additional details, go to www.rockridgeoutandabout.com.

Survey: Parks Coalition

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beginning of the annual budget cycle in time to influence decisions about park maintenance staffing. Staffing has declined three years running. Today there are just over 60 full-time employees, half the numbers of the 1990s, even while park acreage has increased over the years. The challenge of keeping more than 3,000 acres of parkland, medians and landscaped grounds clean and green with minimal staff is daunting ; further cutbacks would be disastrous. The survey report gives a clear picture of the condition of our parks at a moment in time. It is the only city-wide park survey in Oakland.

Surveyors are needed for the final day of the Love Your Parks Day (LYPD) event this year. The event meeting place is the Garden Center at Lakeside Park (666 Bellevue) on Saturday, October 2, at 8:30 a.m.

After a welcoming continental breakfast, surveyors are trained and sent out in teams to assess 3-5 parks.

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Wireless Antennas Are Worrisome

Editor:

The Zoning Counter column in the June Rockridge News noted a permit request to install a wireless communication facility at 5687 Miles Avenue. Studies measuring the impact of electromagnetic fields on human health have been reported as "inconclusive". ...but the fact they have not conclusively been proven harmless should provoke us to take a closer look.

Is there anyone in our community (in addition to the applicant) knowledgeable about these installations? I'd like to be relieved of my concerns or ready with information to work with other relevant neighborhood groups (like the San Francisco Neighborhood Antenna-Free Union (SNAFU, www.antennafreeunion.org/snafu.htm)

— Leslie Correll

Reply: Power Trumps Science

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC chair

You are correct that the scientific studies on health effects from the type of high-intensity radio waves associated with cell phone towers have been inconclusive. Some European studies suggest adverse health effects. However, political and financial power have trumped science.

A few years ago, Congress stepped in at the behest of phone companies worried about states (like California) threatening to limit cell phone antenna installations. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (www.fcc.gov/telecom.html) pre-empted all state and local legislation and prohibited any attempt by local authorities to consider the health effects of cell phone towers in determining whether to approve them. The act has left local authorities, like those here in Oakland, and citizens such as yourself, frustrated.

Writing to your congressional representatives would at least let them know of your concerns, but would probably not lead to changes in the law.

The following letter sent to Rocky Fernandez and Greg Harper of the board of directors of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) was also sent to The Rockridge News as a letter to the editor:

Bus Shelter too Close to School

I am writing to point out a potentially dangerous situation at the AC Transit bus shelter at Claremont School on College Avenue. It is dangerously close to the curb. Busses come right up to the curb, often very quickly. There is little room for pedestrians. When the shelter is full of students from Claremont Middle School, pedestrians or the students themselves often spill into the street due to the position of the shelter. It is an accident waiting to happen.

Moving, modifying or eliminating this shelter (there is shelter a very short distance away under the freeway at Rockridge BART) may very well save one or more lives.

This is the second time I have written AC Transit about this shelter. Then, I received a reply that staff had found that the shelter met all legal requirements.

— Spreck Rosekrans

Ed. Note: Subsequent to his letter, Mr. Rosekrans reported AC Transit representatives told him the agency would evaluate the situation after school is back in session.

Shopping Center Transit Hub Idea is Problematic

Editor:

I live off Claremont and Ashby and I depend on AC Transit to get around.

I'm a Berkeley resident who signed up for this newsletter [RCPC E-News] because of the College Avenue Safeway issue. My comment now is on part of the Rockridge Shopping Center [51st and Broadway] expansion.

A transit hub in the Rockridge Shopping Center is, in principle, a good one. However, having both the 51A and 51B go to the BART station has a clear purpose that AC should be applauded for (finally) realizing: people need to get to and from BART. A turnaround at the shopping center would cause people going to Rockridge BART to take a second, connecting, bus. For some, it would take three buses to get to BART.

Putting a loop for the 51A through the shopping center wouldn't be too bad, but the problem with this as well as a stop at the curb next to the center is that the bus needs to get into the left lane to turn onto College. Crossing that many lanes of traffic, especially at rush hour when it's dark, could be problematic.

Thank you for considering the needs of transit riders when commenting on these types of plans. We need all the help we can get!

— Rachel Resnikoff

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FROG News

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community's thoughts about this.

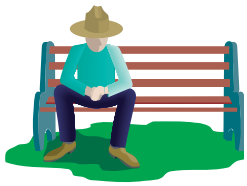
There will be a meeting at the Rockridge Library in the fall, and we invite everyone to attend to see physical samples of the options, and discuss them. There's also a survey online, where you can tell us what you think: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FROGSurvey2010

New Restroom

Construction of the new Frog Park restroom should begin by December and be finished in spring, 2011. It has taken a number of years to work through the funding and to determine the best location for the restroom. The new location will be close to the current Porta-Potty location, and balances convenience for park users and concerns of nearby neighbors. (FROG has paid about $2,000 a year for the Porta-Potty.)

We're delighted that Frog Park users will soon have a proper restroom. There will be solar panels on the roof for lighting, as well.

FROG is a group of community members who care about the park. We welcome anyone interested in being a part of our efforts to steward this community resource. Visit our website, www.frogpark.org and see "Contact Us," or send an email to info@frogpark.org



EIR Study Grant

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will have 45 days to review and comment on the report. The City must then respond to those comments in writing. The result will be a Final EIR, which the Planning Commission, and potentially the City Council, will use in deciding whether to approve Safeway's project.

An EIR is a technical document, usually requiring special expertise to determine whether its analysis is accurate.

Realizing this, RCPC applied to the Rose Foundation for Community and the Environment, whose office is, coincidentally, located on College Avenue, and received a $10,000 matching grant to pay the needed experts. However, RCPC only gets to use this money if it can be matched by community donations. That's where you, Rockridge News readers and Rockridge community members, can help.

In addition to your comments on the Safeway project, we need your donations to help fund the experts who will assure that the project's impacts on Rockridge are fully and fairly disclosed, discussed, and, where possible, mitigated. These experts will also help compare Safeway's proposal to other proposed alternatives.

Make your contribtion by credit card or Paypal at RCPC's website: http://rockridge.org/Safewayfunds.html. Donations can also be made by mail, using the coupon below.

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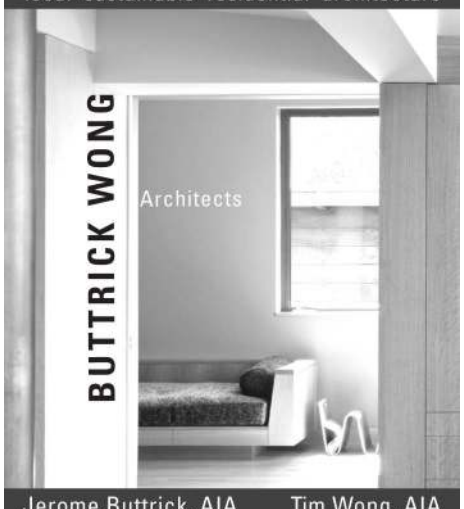
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Join Creek to Bay Day Group: Saturday, September 25

by Margaret Pinter, DMV Neighbors

In an event sponsored by the DMV Neighbors Association and the city of Oakland Environmental Services Department, DMV Neighbors will celebrate Creek to Bay Day, with a volunteer clean up at Temescal Creek. Oakland's 15th annual creek cleanup and beautification event will be held Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to noon.

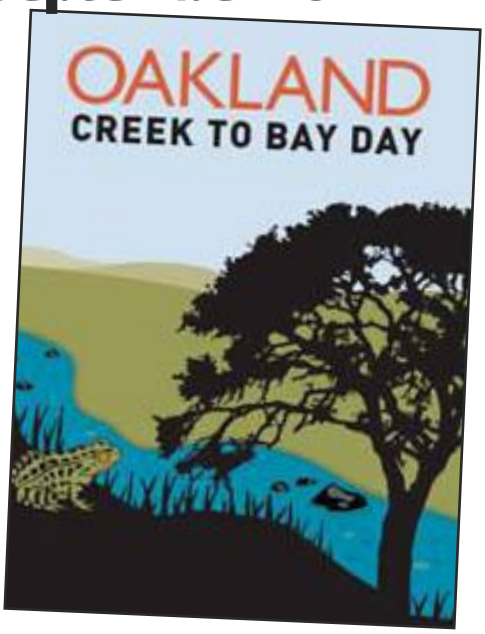
Our cleanup is part of the annual International Coastal Cleanup. Their goal is to have us remember that we are all connected to the ocean; we are all responsible for the trash we leave behind, whether we mean to or not. It's our opportunity to join the global movement of giving back to the ocean by spending one day cleaning up trash from our world's waterways and ocean. Their slogan is: We can Start a Sea Change together.

Meet across from the Claremont DMV parking lot at the corner of Cavour and Redondo. We will clean the creek bed through the Greenbelt along Redondo between Clifton and Clarke.

You are welcome to join the clean-up anytime between 9 and 11 a.m. But, there are early-arrival benefits: Come at 9 a.m. for coffee and morning snacks; reusable aluminum water bottles commemorating the event will be given to the first 50 volunteers to arrive.

Bring your own favorite gloves and tools, well-marked with your ID. We can always use wheelbarrows. Oakland Public Works staff will provide many necessary tools, including garbage bags, loppers, rakes, hoes, brooms, litter pickup sticks, and gloves.

The clean-up will consist primarily of litter removal, weed pulling and invasion plant removal (getting rid of the ivy). The result is satisfying; the creek always looks wonderful when we are finished.



Everyone is invited to join in. Kids: bring your parents to play in the creek.

Questions? Contact Margaret, 510/655-1767 or margaretpinter@aol.com.



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As you walked the neighborhood streets, you marveled at a splendid Victorian, discovered a hidden creek, touched the columns of a majestic gate or admired the magnificent row of trees lining Chabot Road. Perhaps you wondered why there are such park-like grounds and open spaces around St. Albert's Priory when Rockridge really has no public parks. Or maybe you circled around that impressive palm tree serving as a turn-around at Ivanhoe and Harwood, looking enough out of place to make you want to contact the PBS History Sleuths.

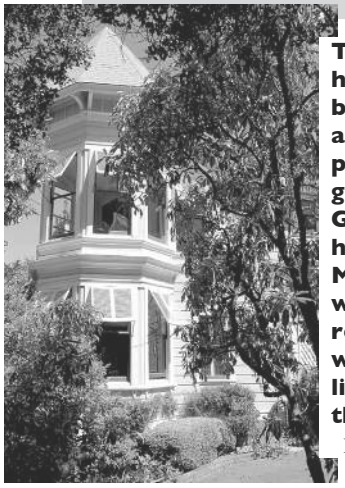
In fact, these isolated homes, great gates, trees and gardens are living reminders of an earlier Rockridge that flourished here before the age of accelerated transportation.

If you keep your eyes open, you will see these and other similar remnants of Rockridge history everywhere, markers that remain to tell the story of Rockridge over the past 150 years.

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Rockridge: From Past to Present

At the end of the 19th century, Rockridge, a place of great natural beauty and resources, was a slow 4-1/2 mile dirt road horse and buggy ride from Oakland. In fact it wasn't even part of Oakland until 1909. Between 1906 and 1915, however, the population of Oakland rose sharply from 67,000 to 150,000 as San Franciscans displaced by the 1906 earthquate chose to stay and build homes in Oakland. Rockridge had been sufficiently isolated to serve as farmland, orchards and estate properties, such as the William Perry estate (Brockhurst), which today houses St. Albert's Priory.

Between 1909 and 1920, Rockridge's lucrative real estate development was irreversibly in full swing. College Avenue became a busy commercial district and a transportation hub that included a street car commute on College Avenue to Berkeley, Oakland and the San Francisco Ferry. Rail transportation could take you from the corner of College and Shafter (Miles), past Lake Temescal and through the Old Tunnel in the East Bay Hills to as far away as Chico. Automobile travel made it easy to reach the homes on winding roads in the Oakland Hills. Schools, churches, clubhouses and libraries followed. Rockridge became a real community.

By 1911 Rockridge residents had already formed the "Vernon-Rockridge Improvement Club," precursor of RCPC, intended to provide community input to burgeoning development. Their community hall was designed by architect Clarence Tantau. Today you will know this building as The Hut on College Avenue.

BART and the freeway later replaced earlier modes of transportation, but all the factors that influenced earlier growth applied once more.

Rockridge has survived these transitions with grace and confidence in its intrinsic value as a firmly rooted, richly textured, vibrant community for all who live here or visit here to enjoy.

OHA House Tour

September 26, 1-5:30 p.m.

We are so lucky to have the 2010 Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) House Tour happen in our neighborhood this year. The focus is on the triangle bounded by Highway 24, the Berkeley border and College Avenue. This area has a history of great estates bearing such names as Pagoda Hill, Roselawn, Brower and Perry, and of architectural innovation; artistic brilliance and disruption and change. Eight homes, including a Victorian, St. Albert's Priory and gardens, and a 1913 Bernard Maybeck home will be featured. To purchase tickets, call 510/763-9218 or go to www.oaklandheritage.org/rridge.htm. Discounted advance registration must be made by September 15. Day of tour tickets will also be available at St. Albert's Priory, 6172 Chabot Road, and designated areas near BART. (You are encouraged to use public transportation to the house tour which runs concurrently with the Rockridge Annual Out and About Festival.)

Rockridge Architecture Lecture

September 6, 7:30 p.m.

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Compiled by Jo Ellis

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)

The residential and business community meets with OPD to discuss concerns about crime and public safety the second Thurs. each month, 7pm. Rockridge Library, upstairs meeting room, 5366 College Ave. **The Sept mtg. is cancelled (library closed for Admissions Day).** Next mtg.: Oct 14. **Visit the NCPC booth at Rockridge Out & About on Sept. 26**. Info: chair@rockridgencpc.com or www.rockridgencpc.com.

Rockridge Branch Library

5366 College Avenue, 597-5017

FOR CHILDREN

- **Toddler Story Time:** Every Saturday, 10:30am.
- **Pre-School Story Time:** 1st and 3rd Wed., 10:30am.
- **Baby and Toddler Story Time:** 1st and 3rd Wed., 10:30am, **upstairs**.

Special Events:

- **Papel Picado and Other Cut-Paper Crafts:** Kids 5 and older. Thurs., 9/23, 4 to 5pm.

FOR TEENS

- **Rockridge Ninjas Anime Club: Ages 13 and up**, watch and talk about anime (Japanese animation). Second Tues. each month (9/14, 10/12), 5 to 6:30pm, upstairs meeting rm. Info about teen programs: Susy, 597-5017.

FOR ADULTS

- **Writers Support/Critique Group:** All writers welcome. Bring 16 copies of up to 5 pgs. (double-spaced, manuscript margins) of any prose for on-site reading/discussion (you're also welcome to come empty-handed). Third Saturday each month, 1 to 5pm. Sponsored by the California Writers Club, Berkeley branch (www.berkeleywritersclub.org.) Info: 420-8775 or Writefox@aol.com.
- **Lawyers in the Library: Free legal advice and referrals**. First Tues. each month, 6 to 8pm. Advance sign-up starts 5pm. **NOTE: Cancelled Sept. due to Labor Day holiday**.

ART EXHIBITS

Gallery:

- Sept.: **Group Show:** mixed media paintings.
- Oct: **Rockridge Community Photography Group:** Annual exhibit. **Reception for the artists; Tues., Oct 12, 5 to 8pm.** Info: Irving Wiltshire, iswirving@earthlink.net.

Lobby Display Case:

- Sept.: **Oakland Quilters**.

Oct.: Exhibit by **Martha Snyder**.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tues, 12:30 to 8pm.
Wed., Thurs. and Sat. 10am to 5:30pm.
Fri., 12 to 5:30pm.
Closed: Sundays and Mondays;
also Tues. 9/7 for Labor Day; Thurs. 9/9 (Admission Day); and Fri. 9/10 (City furlough day).

Diesel Book/Poetry Readings/Events

All events are FREE and open to the public.

- Sun., 9/12, 3pm. **David Herlihy:** *The Lost Cyclist: The Epic Tale of an American Adventurer and His Mysterious Disappearance*.
- Mon., 9/13, 7pm. **Amnesty International Meeting** (2nd Monday each month): All invited to exchange ideas on action.
- Tues., 9/14, 7pm. Discussion with **Gwynne Dyer** (*Climate Wars: The Fight for Survival as the World Overheats*) and **Rebecca Solnit** (*Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities that Arise in Disaster*).
- Thurs., 9/16, 7pm. Publication party for local author **Skip Horack**: *The Eden Hunter*.
- Mon., 9/20, 7pm. **Brad Warner**: *Sex, Sin, and Zen: A Buddhist Exploration of Sex from Celibacy to Polyamory and Everything in Between*.
- Wed., 9/22, 7pm. **Pseudonymous Bosch**: *This Isn't What it Looks Like*.
- Sun., 9/26, 3pm. **Jory John** and **Avery Monsen**: *All My Friends Are Dead*.
- Thurs., 9/30, 7pm. Book launch party for **Leslie Brody**: *Irrepressible: The Life and Times of Jessica Mitford*.
- Sun., 10/3, 3pm. **Steven Kotler**: *A Small Furry Prayer: Dog Rescue and the Meaning of Life*.
- Sun., 10/10, 3pm. **Michael Krasny**: *Spiritual Envy: An Agnostic's Quest*.

DIESEL, A Bookstore, 5433 College Ave. Info about other events and book discussion groups: 653-9965 or events@dieselbookstore.com.

Wisteria Ways House Concert Series

Bluegrass Intentions: Special one-time only East Bay reunion featuring **Eric** and **Suzy Thompson, Bill Evans, Alan Senauke** and **Markie Sanders**. Blend of traditional bluegrass, old-time, Cajun and blues. Saturday, Sept. 25, 3pm (door opens 2:30pm). $15-20 donation for musicians (cash only at the door). 383 61st Street. Outside concert: wheelchair accessible. Bring a blanket,/lawn chair and picnic. For reservations (highly recommended), RSVP to info@WisteriaWays.org or 655-2771.

Calif. College of the Arts (CCA)

Faculty Exhibition: Works by artists, architects, and designers on CCA's faculty.

September 8-24. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am.-noon and 1-4:30 pm (closed Wed. mornings). **Reception: Wed., Sept. 15, 5:30-7:30 pm**. CCA Oakland campus, 5212 Broadway, Oliver Art Center. Info: 510/658-1224 or 510/594-3712

Rockridge Out & About 4th Annual Street Festival

Sunday, 9/26, noon to 6pm along College Ave. between Alcatraz and Manila. Events include Market Hall's annual "Picnic in the Street" at College and Shafter, with local top chefs and mixologists offering demos and comparative food and wine tastings. Enjoy the Cookbook Exchange; live music and dancing; fashion shows; lots of kid's activities and much more. Organized by the Rockridge District Assn. (RDA). Info: www.rockridgeoutandabout.com. **See article p. 8**.

Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) Rockridge House Tour

"A SLICE OF ROCKRIDGE" will feature eight vintage homes in Upper Rockridge, as well as Saint Albert's Priory. Sunday, 9/26, 1 to 5:30pm. **How to sign up for the tour: see item in "The Rockridge Muse" p. 13**.

2nd Annual Volunteer Fair for Oakland Schools

Work with students of all ages. Get full training and support for a program that matches your interests, abilities and schedule. Sample programs include reading tutors; science coaches; teacher's aids and library assistants, garden and art projects; after-school homework helpers and much more. Saturday, 9/11, 1 to 3pm at Westlake Middle School (cafeteria), 2629 Harrison St. (at 27th). **Free parking**; entry on 27th St. Sponsored by Montclair Community Action Group in partnership with OUSD and other school-based non-profits. More info at http://www.montclairaction.com/volunteer-fair-2.

North Oakland Senior Center

Programs include: Arts and crafts; health Insurance counseling; dancing and exercise; trips, tours and theater outings; Alzheimer's caregivers support groups and more.

- **"Generations on Line":** New **free** on-line program to assists seniors new to computers; set up email, explore the internet and more.
- **Annual Trip to Apple Hill:** Mon., Sept. 27, 7am to 6pm. Travel by luxury motor coach to Placerville apple country. BBQ lunch with fresh apple pie. Sign up at registration desk. More info: 597-5085.

New hours: Mon. – Fri., 8:30am to 4pm. 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Subscribe to "The North Oakland Senior Times" for classes/events, lunch menus, membership, and volunteer opportunities. Info: 597-5085.





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