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May Town Hall: Enhanced Cycling Routes

by Ronnie Spitzer, RCPC boardmember

Audience members at the May RCPC Town Hall meeting heard the latest news on bicycling in Oakland. Jason Patton, Oakland's Bicycle and Pedestrian program manager, described new bicycling improvements in Oakland and Rockridge. Dave Campbell, East Bay Bicycle Coalition's (EBBC) program director, discussed EBBC's riding and safety programs and requested input on possible Rockridge bicycle route improvements (http://www.ebbc.org/). Richard Oelerich, co-owner of Tip Top Bike Shop on Telegraph at 48th Street, spoke about bike maintenance and good riding habits.



Richard Oelerich, l., Jason Patton, and Dave Campbell spoke at the well-attended Town Hall meeting.

According to Patton, the city adopted an updated Oakland Bicycle Master Plan in 2007, and has been working to upgrade existing routes and install new ones since then. As of December 2011, 109.6 miles of the proposed 218 miles had been marked.

Take advantage of upgraded routes while running errands, and stay tuned for a fuller description of planned Rockridge routes. Look on College Avenue and other commercial districts this summer for new on-street bike parking. Exciting times are here for bicycling advocates.

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June 2012 RCPC Meeting

Preparing for the Big One

No one knows when the next widely destructive earthquake will hit the Bay Area, but emergency preparation is always important.

At the June Town Hall meeting, RCPC will present a discussion and review focused on resources for earthquake preparedness and that are applicable to other emergencies.

■ **Resource topics will include:**

- Oakland's Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE)
- Earthquake retrofits for homes.
- Earthquake insurance.
- Other earthquake and disaster safety issues.

We look forward to seeing you on June 21.

RCPC Town Hall Meeting:
Thursday, June 21 | 7:30-9 p.m.
Rockridge Branch Library
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Picturing Rockridge



Construction begins at redesigned BART Plaza.
/Chris Jackson



Ride for a Reason takes its message to Sacramento
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Enjoying Peralta School's SpringFest
/Ian Martin



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RCPC Board Transitions: Election and Retirements

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC chair emeritus, and Don Kinkead, editor

RCPC's April elections for members of its board of directors resulted in a new board line-up, and marked the end of an era as two boardmembers completed their service.

Joining the board as elected members are Christopher Chin, James Kachelmeyer, Alex Naughton, Laura Schlichtmann, and Bernie Baltaxe. (The first four had been previously apppointed to fill board vacancies.) After the election, the board appointed Doug Oliver as the 13th voting member. (Rockridge News editor Don Kinkead is a non-voting board member.)

The new board elected the following officers: Chair, Andrew Charman; Vice-Chair, Christopher Chin; Treasurer, Cesar Angobaldo; Secretary, Laura Schlichtmann; Chair Emeritus, Stuart Flashman. The board also chose John Gussman, the board's legal advisor, as RCPC historian.

Two long-serving members left the board as their terms ended. Jon Gabel finished his second term and opted not to run for re-election. Annette Floystrup, after three terms on the board, was termed out. (RCPC's bylaws limit board members to three successive elected terms.)

Each departing board member served long and notable terms with RCPC on behalf of the Rockridge community.

■ Longest serving was Annette Floystrup, recently interviewed about her time on the board.

"Community service provides a righteous way to be selfish," she said, "because doing good makes you feel so good."

Annette, whose involvement with RCPC stretches back more than 30 years, retired from the board in May with the completion of her latest stint of service of six years.

Overall, she says, her involvement was a way to keep alive the promise of the pedestrian-friendly, people-centric neighborhood first envisioned by RCPC planners in the late 1970s. "Along the way, some of the nicest people I have known I met through our common work on RCPC projects."

One of the authors whose writing for the biennial RCPC Kitchen Tour booklet helped bring tour kitchens alive for tour guests over the years, Annette shouldered other duties as well. Most recently she worked with retiring boardmember Jon Gabel in the purchase and preparation of more than 3,000 DVDs to stock the Rockridge Branch Library in a project sponsored by RCPC. It was a fitting coda for a career of community service: Annette had played pivotal roles in the 11-year community process of funding, designing and building the Rockridge Branch Library.

"The neighborhood is better because RCPC exists," Annette said.

■ First elected to the RCPC board of directors in April 2008, retiring member Jon Gabel was reelected in 2010, completing four years of service. Declaring at the time of his election, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," Jon's goal in board membership was to

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RCPC Land Use Committee

The RCPC Land Use Committee generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Rockridge Branch Library, Upstairs Meeting Room, 7:30 p.m. This month's meeting: Wednesday, June 27. *Subject to change. Check* rockridge.org *the preceding week for the full meeting agenda.*

Committee Notes: June meeting agenda topics include updates on the Rockridge Shopping Center and College Avenue Safeway projects. Contact Stu Flashman, 652-5373 or stuflash2@gmail.com, for a copy of the agenda. Land use committee meetings are generally open to the public.

City Planners Now Moving Fast on Safeway EIR Review Dates

July Date Likely for College Avenue Safeway EIR Release; Planning Review Date Could Crimp Community Response

■ **College Avenue Safeway Shopping Center Project**
College & Claremont Avenues

This project would replace the current 22,500 sq.ft. Safeway store with a 62,000 sq.ft. shopping center, including a 50,000 sq. ft. Safeway "Lifestyle" store. The latest update from Oakland planner Peterson Vollman (pvollman@oaklandnet.com; phone 238-6167) is that he expects to release the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), including the responses to comments, at the beginning of July. The Planning Commission would then consider certification and project approval later that month. (Just in time to conflict with people's vacation plans!) Thus far, Mr. Vollman has shown no inclination to delay the Planning Commission hearing until the fall.

Likely Late Summer for Rockridge Center Draft EIR

■ **Rockridge Shopping Center Rebuild Project**
Broadway & Pleasant Valley

Daren Ranelletti (DRanelletti@oaklandnet.com; phone 238-3663), the Oakland planner handling this project, says that Safeway's revised plans for the major expansion of this retail center will be submitted shortly. RCPC has, as yet, received no response from Safeway to the list of 10 issues that North Oakland community groups asked it to consider in its revised plans. The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project will likely be published some time later this summer. Watch for details.

RCPC Launches Legal Defense Fund

Are you worried that the proposed Safeway project is just too big for the beleaguered two-lane College Avenue? Are you afraid it will overwhelm the neighborhood, threaten nearby small businesses, or worsen already congested traffic flows?

The RCPC board shares your concerns, and suspects the issue may ultimately play out in the courts. This could be expensive.

To plan for this possibility, RCPC is establishing the Rockridge Legal Defense Fund. If Safeway's plans and power concern you, consider sending a check, or using the donate button on the RCPC website. Donations are tax deductible, and all donations are welcome.

The board anticipates that donations will be used to help support the fight for a Safeway store of appropriate size and scale for Rockridge. Funds not fully used for legal fees connected with this project will be retained for future cases in which RCPC may need legal help to uphold meaningful zoning regulations and to maintain and enhance the livability of our mixed-use neighborhood and the pedestrian-oriented shopping options along College Avenue.

In the past, RCPC used legal means to push for a better design for the Dreyer's building, and to help win funds for the community and public schools to mitigate impacts from the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore project. Similar steps may be necessary to encourage Safeway to listen to community concerns; your help will be critical.

Checks may be sent to RCPC, 4123 Broadway, PMB 311, Oakland, CA 94611. Online donations may be made at www.rockridge.org. (Tax ID no. 94-3011284)

The Zoning Counter

5409 Belgrave Place

Proposal: To construct a 488 square foot Secondary Unit in the basement of a 2,710 square foot single-family residence. The project includes removal of the rear detached garage in order to provide a total of three uncovered parking spaces at the rear of the property.

Applicant: Cindy Chan / Jarvis Architects

Phone Number: 510/654-6755

Owners: Richard Knight & Joshua Gamson

Planning Permits Required: Regular Design Review for a Secondary Unit; Minor Variance to allow a portion of the Secondary Unit to maintain a 3'-8" side yard setback where 4' is required

Historic Status: Potential Designated Historic Property; Survey Rating: C2+

Case Planner: Mike Rivera at 510/238-6417 or mrivera@oaklandnet.com

6309 College Avenue

Project Name: Rockridge Bottle Shop [RCPC Remarks Follow Below]

Proposal: Allow Alcoholic Beverage Sales (bar and retail sales of bottled beer and wine)

Contact Person/Phone Number: Aaron Porter, 510/409-3427

Owner: John Chalik Trust

Case File Number: CMV12-047

Planning Permits Required: Major Conditional Use Permit to allow an Alcoholic Beverage Sales Activity (bar and retail sales of bottled beer and wine), 800 square feet in existing multitenant market; open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., 7 days a week, approximately 27 seats

General Plan: Neighborhood Commercial

Zoning: CN-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District

Environmental Determination: Categorically Exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15303

Historic Status: Potential Designated Historic Property, C3 rating, secondary importance

Case Planner: David Valeska, 510/238-2075 or dvaleska@oaklandnet.com

■ **RCPC Comments on Proposed Rockridge Bottle Shop**
6309 College Avenue (former site of The Meadows Flowers)

A proposal has been submitted for a second on-site/off-site beer and wine sales store, this one at the other end of College Avenue from the beer emporium that the committee considered last month. This proposal differs in three significant respects: 1) it would sell both beer and wine; 2) it would have a ▸ Bottle Shop, page 12

Supermoon and Super Neighbors

by Christopher Chin, RCPC boardmember

On May 6, clear skies over Oakland allowed us to witness a spectacular celestial event right here in Rockridge.

As many of you probably know, the moon's orbit around the earth is elliptical. As a result, at one end of the orbit, the moon is further from the earth (apogee), and at the other end, it is quite close (perigee). In addition, the orbit varies slightly (about three percent), so sometimes that perigee moon is even closer than during other orbits. This past month was one such occasion, and the moon's perigee was closer than it would be at any other point in the year.

What made this event so amazing was that it coincided closely with the full moon cycle. While we have a full moon approximately once per month, the full moon coincides with the perigee only once per year or so, dazzling us with perigee-syzygy, or what's commonly referred to as a "supermoon." The fact that this year's supermoon occurred at the year's closest perigee provided a full moon that seemed up to 16 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than other full moons.

This was an event worth noting, and even those who don't watch the news or read a newspaper couldn't help but notice. Shortly after the moonrise (which appeared just behind the Rockridge Library), people could



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be seen standing around on the sidewalk gazing skywards. Cars stopped or slowed as the view opened up and they witnessed the giant orb, which, even to the naked eye, beckoned for attention.

I set up my tripod and camera on Hudson Street and pointed it east and skyward. It had been a busy weekend, and I'd forgotten to go to my favorite camera shop to rent a telephoto lens to capture the event. I figured I would still take a high resolution photo, and then just crop down to emphasize the tiny bright spot that appeared in my 50mm lens.

A few people gathered around to take in the sight, and perhaps curious about the big tripod and camera, it seemed that even more vehicles and pedestrians were stopping to enjoy the view down Hudson. One driver stopped and said, "What a great idea. I've tried that handheld, and usually only end up with a blurry little dot." I replied, "Well, my dot will be sharp, but it will still be tiny. I'm kicking myself because I forgot to rent a long lens for this."

Then, as if a genie were granting wishes, the gentleman standing behind me chimed in. "Oh, you need a long lens? Is that a Nikon?," he asked as he peered quickly at the front of my camera. "I've got a long lens you can use. I'll be right back." He returned with a lovely Nikkor 80-400/4.5-5.6 lens. It was almost too good to be true, but I gladly accepted the offer. We swapped lenses, and it made a world of difference! I snapped away, capturing some lovely shots of the moon within minutes of its perigee.

Afterwards, I thanked him profusely and introduced myself. His name was David, and while he looked familiar, we had never actually met. Yet this man was perfectly willing to hand over a precious and fragile piece of equipment to someone he didn't even know. It's a rare thing when camaraderie, trust, and community all come together. This is Rockridge.

Remembering the Frog Park Earth Day and Anniversary Celebration

The photos at right highlight FROG's celebration of Earth Day and the park's 10th Anniversary.

Many community volunteers, public elected officials and big build captains participated in the festivities alongside family-friendly entertainers and activities. The May 2012 Rockridge News lists extensive thank you's and acknowledgments. (Find it online at rockridge.org.)

— Carol Behr, FROG chair

Next FROG Meeting: June 14

Rockridge Library,
Thursday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.
Join with neighbors
who care about FROG.



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Join DMV Neighbors Ass'n for Temescal Creek Work Party, June 16





DMV Neighbors invites friends and neighbors in Rockridge and Temescal to join in the Earth Day momentum to help keep the section of Temescal Creek between Clifton and Cavour clean and attractive. Join Lee Patterson, left, Iris Odonata, Linda Carroll and young Lila, and Leonora Sea Saturday, June 16, starting 9 a.m. /Don Kinkead

by Leonora Sea, DMV Neighbors

Ever notice the Adopt-a-Creek signs by Temescal Creek? There's one at Clifton and one at Cavour.

The "DMV Neighbors Association" (DNA) on the signs names a group of Rockridge and Temescal neighbors who live in the vicinity of the Claremont Avenue DMV office. We deal with local neighborhood issues and, since 2000, organize creek cleanups between Clarke and Clifton streets in conjunction with the city of Oakland's Adopt-a-Creek program. The DNA had a great turnout for our cleanup on Earth Day and got lots of work done on our adopted stretch of Temescal Creek. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and to neighborhood businesses: Alem's Coffee for morning coffee, Café Mariposa for pastries, and MailMax for printing services.

Let's keep that Earth Day momentum going! The DNA tends the creek year round, and all are welcome to join us from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16.

We'll meet at the corner of Redondo and Cavour to fan out along the creek between Clifton and Clarke to pull weeds, pick up litter, clear more of the creek channel, and maybe do some planting. Tools and gloves will be provided by the city of Oakland (or bring your own, well-marked). We'll have water, coffee, and snacks for volunteers.

For more information, contact Leonora Sea, leonorasea@yahoo.com. To hear about more Temescal creek volunteer opportunities and the DNA annual National Night Out block party in August, let us know; you will receive an invitation to join our email list.

Highway Commuter Advisory

Ashby Avenue Repaving Begins This Summer

In a $1.4 million repaving project, Ashby Avenue from Hiller Drive to San Pablo Avenue will be dug out and re-paved beginning in mid-June and ending sometime in the fall, according to a Caltrans bulletin.

Work will begin on the Tunnel Road section of the highway, and procede west down Ashby. One lane in each direction will be open to traffic at all times. Day work will be done Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Night time work may consist of repairs at the intersections of Ashby Avenue at Telegraph and Ashby Avenue at Shattuck. Permanent striping for the project may also be done at night, Caltrans said.

Find more details at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/13ashbyresurface/

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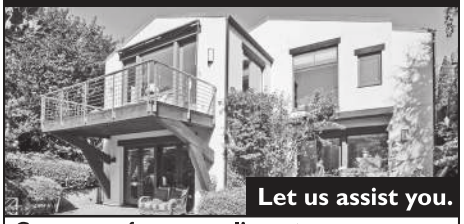
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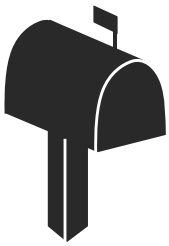
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Uphill, Freeway Noise is a Constant Presence

Editor:

In response to the article "On Soundwalls" in the May 5 Rockridge News, I want to say that I've lived in Rockridge for a couple of decades. For some years, I lived a half block from Hwy 24. But the freeway, approaching and crossing College Avenue, was above ground for some tens of blocks, and above my home as well, though but a half block away. Freeway loud noise was occasional, yet the constant freeway noise was a distant purr, easy to ignore.

Then I moved uphill, below the Claremont Hotel and above College Avenue. I am now ABOVE the freeway. And the freeway noise is a constant presence. Rolling, rolling, rolling up and on through double window panes, not at all the distant purr I'd heard in my home a few houses from the freeway. Now, nothing stands in the way of freeway noise, as if the hill's rise draws that noise upwards.

The Rockridge News article notes: "Most freeway noise starts near the roadway surface. When it hits the sound wall, it's going up.

"When it bounces off the soundwall, it keeps going up. By the time it gets to the other side of the freeway, it's many feet above the freeway. That reflected sound generally dissipates harmlessly."

NO, gol durn it, that freeway noise does NOT dissipate harmlessly off a soundwall, unless perhaps in Florida where the land is ironing-board flat. Annoying freeway noise gets worse the higher you are, because higher indeed is where the freeway noise heads in a hilly area. Up. And if the soundwalls make the noise rise, perhaps they make the residential area close to the freeway a bit less noisy, but they are also making the extended areas ABOVE the freeway much more noisy.

Soundwalls, alas, are not a simple removal of noise. They merely redirect the noise.

— Mary Lamprech

RCPC Chair Replies

Ms. Lamprech's letter highlights important issues about soundwalls that will be explored during the continuing public process, particularly at an official informational meeting on soundwalls to be held in late September.

If residents, the city, and ACTC decide to move forward with a noise barrier scope summary report (NBSSR), acoustical effects both behind and opposite any proposed soundwall will be modeled by Caltrans. With elevated roadways, on-ramps and off-ramps, historic residential blocks on both sides of the freeway, and multiple walls in play, Caltrans knows it would confront a delicate design task to balance carefully the structural, reflective, absorptive, and aesthetic properties of any noise barrier.

RCPC emphasizes that all interested residents should attend the meeting in September to hear from Caltrans directly about these questions. Watch for date, time, and location to be announced.

— Andrew Charman, RCPC chair

Rockridge Citizens Deserve Quiet; US Soundwalls Lag Europe's

Editor:

Thanks to The Rockridge News for a great series of articles on soundwalls. It is a shame the general poor quality of soundwall construction in the U.S. has led to so much public misperception.

I travel to Europe and Asia for business and see high-function soundwalls that separate highways from residential and retail areas (required by law). Citizens in the Rockridge area absolutely deserve the same level of protection from Highway 24. They absolutely deserve a quiet cup of coffee at a College Avenue café and the quiet enjoyment of their homes.

Yes, retrofitting the elevated sections of Highway 24 with soundwalls will involve some extra challenges, but they are not insurmountable. And as for glass soundwalls, the Europeans already have solved

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Ride for a Reason Does... Hello, Sacto!

by Mike Napolitano, Mike Mages, and Becki Couch Alvarado, co-organizers, Ride for a Reason

One hundred seventy-five cyclists, ages 9 to 75, pedaled to Sacramento in mid-May with a message for legislators: Schools need better funding.

Supported by a crew of over 50 volunteers ready to provide outstanding support throughout the day, the riders left Oakland in weather that was foggy and about 50 degrees. They found clear weather at 95 degrees when they arrived in Sacramento to deliver their message.

The weather presented an extra challenge to this year's riders, causing a few related medical incidents that Ride for a Reason volunteers and riders resolved effectively.

To date, the group has raised approximately $56,000 that will be split evenly among Claremont Middle School, Emerson Elementary, Oakland International High, and Oakland Technical High.

Our cyclists, volunteers and community sponsors are wonderful people. The event affirms our belief that when the community comes together we can do great things. Their education is our future. We must provide adequate resources for our schools; there really is no alternative.

Ride for a Reason cyclists cheer their arrival in Sacramento. At left: Noah and Steve. Below: Jennifer, Grace, Sonia, Lucy, Sophie.



All Ride Photos/ Sarah Mages

In Full Bloom: Peralta Elementary's SpringFest Celebration

by Daniel Brownstein, Peralta parent

On a breezy May Saturday, the community came together for the 10th annual spring festival at Peralta Elementary School. More than 600 people attended the four-hour carnival of games, barbecue, fresh foods and live music.

This year's theme, "Cultivating the Local," showcased the school's arts-based teaching and cooking programs and involved the generous participation of local businesses. Teens who had graduated from the school ran 12 hand-painted carnival games. Parents manned many craft stations, including bookmark making, jewelry making, silk-screening and henna arts, as well as a karaoke sing-along, all examples of Peralta's broad range of arts teaching.



/Ian Martin, Peralta parent

Parents baked and decorated over 45 cakes for the festival's hours-long cake walk contest where participants danced around folding chairs to music by Prince and Earth Wind and Fire for the chance to win a prized homemade cake.

The edible riches at SpringFest demonstrated the school's care for its gardens by promoting local foods and healthy eating:

- A Smoothie Station, run by independent vendor Purple Plant Smoothies, used organic oranges from Visalia and strawberries from Watsonville.

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Market Hall to Host Chef-Author Events

In a series of free "Conversations, Tastings and Book Signings" beginning June 9, The Pasta Shop at Market Hall presents three chefs discussing their recipes, techniques and new books. Come for the conversation, have a taste, get a book signed. There is no charge except for purchases.

Saturday, June 9, 12-2: Chef Erik Cosselmon, "Kokkari, Contemporary Greek Flavors."

Meet Erik, talk about, and taste recipes from Kokkari, the popular San Francisco restaurant. This book, like the restaurant, is committed to using local and seasonal ingredients and inspires the home cook to recreate the delicious flavors of Kokkari and Greece.

Saturday, June 30, 1-3: Ice Cream Social with Anne Walker, "Sweet Cream and Sugar Cones: 90 Recipes for Making Your Own Ice Cream and Frozen Treats from Bi-Rite Creamery."

Join The Pasta Shop and Anne in celebrating this new book from the founders of Bi-Rite Creamery. Anne and co-author Kris Hoogerhyde opened the creamery in 2006, and it quickly became a San Francisco favorite, known for its full-flavored ice cream, made from responsibly sourced ingredients.

Friday, July 20, 4-6:30: Ruta Kahate, "Quick Fix Indian: Easy, Exotic Dishes in 30 Minutes or Less."

Welcome Ruta, chef, cooking teacher, author, and culinary travel guide, as she returns to the Bay Area with her latest cookbook. In "Quick Fix Indian," Ruta shows how easy it is, with a well-stocked Indian pantry, to make flavorful meals in 30 minutes or less. Ingredients and recipes will be available for sampling and purchase.

The Pasta Shop 5655 College Avenue, Oakland. 510/250-6005 www.pastashop.net.

Eyes on Rockridge

Loyal Neighbors Love Living on Lawton

by Judith Doner Berne

It's nearly a year since we moved to Rockridge where we've probably experienced more "neighborliness" than in nearly 40 years living in the suburbs of Detroit.

Various neighbors have invited us for cocktails, dinner and even a Christmas party. They've brought us home-made jam, just-picked peaches, and asked us to cart our wheelbarrow over to share in a load of woodchips. The Cal Berkeley law students (now graduates) next door delivered a tray of tantalizing desserts after one of their (not loud) parties. And we've been both directed and/or accompanied to a number of local restaurants to be sure we fully understand that Rockridge is the real Gourmet Ghetto.

Even though we find our street special, it doesn't appear unique. After nearly a year of interviews for this column, everyone has spoken of his or her attachment to both Rockridge and their immediate neighborhood.

For example, there's a stretch of Lawton Avenue where families play musical chairs, moving in and out of houses within the confines of College Avenue and Broadway.

Here are some stories…

Story 1: Ron Kriss and Susan Peck bought a tiny Craftsman bungalow on Lawton in 1987, and set about restoring it. Next door neighbor Lou Lovotti was doing the same thing.

Kriss and Lovotti ended up opening a real estate firm together which they named for their street. Yes, that's Lawton Associates, atop Noah's Bagels on College in Berkeley, which Kriss took over when Lovotti retired.

As their family expanded to include Reed, now 18, and Jack, now 16, Kriss and Peck needed more space than the two-bedroom, single bath house allowed.

But, "I didn't want to move off Lawton," Kriss said. "I love my neighbors. We had child care on the street. We had Chabot Elementary School. Why would we move away?

"My whole market place was 40 homes. So I was pestering my neighbors, but no one wanted to move."

When a duplex came on the market, just 10 houses away on the other side of the street, "I started thinking about it as a single-family home," Kriss said.

Soon Kriss, Peck, their small sons, plus two cats moved into the upstairs space. "And we spent the next nine years remodeling."

Nearly every summer Friday night, someone sets up a folding table in a driveway and neighbors gather for a potluck-style cocktail party, Kriss said. "These are the kinds of things that happen on a regular basis."

Story 2: When Luann DeVoss, a psychologist with Children's Hospital, and Michael Tompkins, a psychologist in private practice, bought "one of the traditional little bungalows" on Lawton in 1993, "we had no concept what a fantastic neighborhood we were moving to," DeVoss said.

They soon learned to relish their leafy street of architecturally interesting homes, the friendly front-porch atmosphere and their proximity to College Avenue and BART.

As the two contemplated buying a bigger home for their expanding family, Marianne Wood was thinking about downsizing. Both wanted to stay on Lawton.

It depends whether you ask DeVoss or Wood as to what happened next.

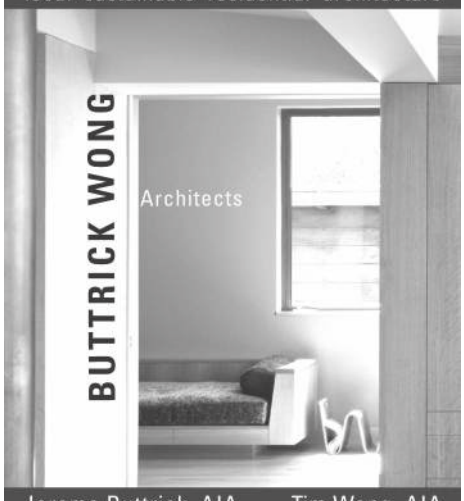
According to DeVoss, "I'm down on College getting my hair cut and this woman, who looks vaguely familiar, walks in." As they started to talk, she discovered that they both lived on Lawton.

DeVoss explained she wanted to find a bigger house in the same neighborhood. Wood mentioned she wanted to downsize now that her children – Nate, Sarah and Ruth – were off to college, but also stay on the street. "We laughed and said we should just trade."

Wood remembers it differently. "I knew her from our street parties. I saw LuAnn and Michael walking their child on the street, so I approached them. "Were they

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willing to buy a bigger house?"

No matter. Whichever way it went down, the two families – aided and abetted by Kriss – worked out a deal to buy each other's houses. They moved in and out on the same day, their moving vans passing on the street.

"We love our house and have done a ton of renovation," said DeVoss, whose children Madeleine and Olivia are now 16 and 12, respectively. "Because of the neighborhood structure, you make best friends."

"It was one of the best decisions I ever made," said Wood, a labor and delivery nurse at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. "I really just love this little house."

STORY 3: David Meckel also has strong feelings about "the little house." He and his late wife, attorney Lonnie Browning, rented it from the owner, a friend who lived next door.

That was back in 1987. "It needed to be improved and so part of the deal included sweat equity," said Meckel, who is director of campus planning at California College of the Arts."

But, once again, as their family grew to include Matthew, now 24, and Adam, now 21, the 900-square foot house became too small. So, five years later, they moved across the street, paving the way for LuAnn and Michael to buy the renovated little house.

"We didn't even have movers," Meckel recounted. "We bought ramps and hired a couple of college kids and just pushed everything out of one house and into the other."

What helps to make Lawton special, Meckel said, are the canopy of sycamore trees planted as a community project – not by the city – 30 years ago and the mixture of house sizes.

And who knows, if he ever decides to downsize, "I might become victim to reverse engineering," swapping for another house on that stretch of Lawton.

It adds up to "a nice community of folks."



It's a Lawton Avenue tradition to snap a "kids generation" photo at the annual Labor Day block party. This is the 2011 version taken on David Meckel's front porch and provided by his next door neighbor David Bond. It includes "the Lawton Avenue kids" and a few of their friends ranging in age from 1-year-old to over 21. /David Bond

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Rockridge Cornucopia

Barry A. Kaufman

It's All About the Sauce

I'll soon be traveling to the Outer Banks of the Carolina coasts. In South Carolina, I'm looking forward to the region's famous low country cooking. Low country food is a simply prepared local seafood boil known as Frogmore stew. For North Carolina, it's all about the barbecue and the iconic sauce.

As with barbecue itself, BBQ sauce is highly regionalized throughout the South. "Q" pit-masters often keep their prized sauce recipes as a family secret.

The origin of BBQ sauce is unclear. Early colonial cookbooks usually did not include recipes for BBQ sauce; it was assumed families had their own concoction. The recipes might vary, but most included tomato ketchup, vinegar, spices, and sweeteners. Different geographical regions have allegiances to their particular styles and variations for BBQ sauce.

Most American BBQ sauces can trace their roots to sauces common in North Carolina. Food historians agree that early BBQ sauces were made by African slaves. The sauce is made with vinegar, ground pepper, and hot chili peppers. In North Carolina, the sauce is used as a "mop" to baste the slow cooking meat and as a dipping condiment when served. North Carolina sauce is characterized as thin and hot. There is little or no sugar in this sauce. For North Carolinians the saying goes: "Mo hotta, da betah."

Kansas City sauce is thick, brick-red ketchup based with sugars, vinegar, and spices. Different from its North Carolina cousin, it is thick and sweet and does not penetrate the meat. Kansas City BBQ is the most common and popular sauce in the U.S. Hunt's BBQ sauce is a nationally distributed Kansas City style sauce. Americans tend to like the sweet smoky flavor.

Texas BBQ sauces are heavily seasoned with traditional Tex-Mex flavors such as ancho chili powder, lots of black pepper, fresh onion, a touch of tomato, smoke flavor, and little or no sugar. Texas BBQ sauce is medium thick and best used as a mop because the chili easily penetrates the meat. In Texas BBQ restaurants, bottles of sauce often contain meat drippings to provide the deep smoke flavor.

Oklahoma, St. Louis, and Memphis also claim to have the best BBQ sauces.

I never get into an argument over regional differences when it comes to food. I let my Chicago friends argue for having the better pizza than New York's. It all boils down to individual preference.

In recent years, cities like Chicago and Los Angeles have also developed unique styles of BBQ sauces.

Regardless of your preference, making your own sauce is the way to go. Commercial BBQ sauces tend to lack a distinct flavor and don't quite hit the mark when it comes to a balance of hot and sweet. Although the ingredient list for homemade BBQ sauce tends to be long, most just require a mixing together with very little, if any, cooking time.

I hope to have a lot to report and recipes to share when we get back from our trip. The following recipe has become my go-to sauce.

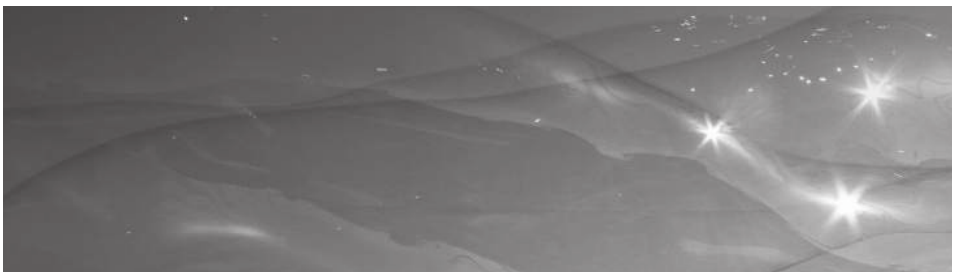
All Around Great BBQ Sauce

Mix together:

- 1 teaspoon: sea salt, chili powder, ground cumin, sweet paprika
- ½ teaspoon: ground allspice, cinnamon, nutmeg, black pepper, cayenne pepper, Tabasco sauce
- 2 cups ketchup
- ¾ cup molasses
- ½ cup vinegar

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Project Number and Description		Est. Cost
1	Tunnel Road/SR 13/Hiller Drive Intersection Improvements	$ 950,000
2	Pedestrian Facilities, Caldecott Lane/Tunnel Road	$ 850,000
3	Bicycle Facilities, Caldecott Lane/Tunnel Road	$ 290,000
4	Caldecott Lane/Kay overcrossing Intersection Improvements	$ 100,000
5	Bike facilities on Broadway from Brookside Avenue to Kay OC	$ 410,000
6	Jogging/walking path on Broadway from Golden Gate to Lake Temescal	$ 275,000
7	Soundwall study: Eastbound between Vicente Way and Broadway	$ 554,000
8	Soundwall study: Westbound between Ross Street and Telegraph Avenue	$ 628,000
9	Broadway/Keith Intersection Improvements	$ 840,000
10	College/Keith Intersection Improvements	$ 235,000
11	Bike Route Signage at Rockridge BART	$ 20,000
12	Broadway/Lawton Intersection Improvements	$ 400,000
13	Broadway/Ocean View intersection improvements	$ 400,000
14	Broadway/Brookside/SR 24 On-ramp Intersection Improvements	$ 295,000
15	Rockridge BART Bicycle Parking	$ 100,000
16	On-street Bicycle Parking in Commercial Areas	$ 30,000
17	52nd/51st/SR 24 ramps/Shattuck Intersection Improvements	$ 635,000
18	Soundwall study: Westbound between Patton Street and Ross Street	$ 179,000
19	Alternatives Analysis of Lake Temescal - Tunnel Rd Bike/ped connections	$ 200,000
20	College/Miles Intersection Improvements	$ 160,000
21	Claremont/Hudson/SR 24 On-ramp Intersection Improvements	$ 180,000
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22	College/Manila intersection improvements	$ 200,000
23	Pedestrian Scale Lighting on Telegraph from 42nd Street to Berkeley border	$ 240,000
24	Soundwall study: Eastbound between 40th and 52nd Streets	$ 425,000
25	Soundwall study: Westbound between Telegraph Ave. and M.L.K. Jr Way	$ 306,000

by Ronnie Spitzer, Fourth Bore Coalition

During 2010 and 2011, the city of Oakland developed, through public meetings, a ranked list of projects to fund with the $8 million Caltrans paid Oakland in a settlement reached over the adequacy of environmental reports which studied effects on the neighborhood of the Caldecott Tunnel's fourth bore construction.

The ranking process included meetings with the Fourth Bore Coalition; a series of walking tours of the North Oakland Hills, Rockridge and Temescal areas; and more than 250 comments from a community meeting held in November 2010. The final list of 37 projects is available online at http://tinyurl.com/7na7jhj.

The following report discusses the status of projects 1 through 21 which are above a funding cut-off line based on the $8 million available. The line could move up or down as project details evolve. Projects are sometimes referred to as "above-the-line" or "below-the-line."

■ Projects 1 through 6

City staff and Caltrans staff and consultants developed designs of the first six projects which were presented at a community meeting at Kaiser Elementary School March 26, 2012 (Rockridge News, April 2012). Projects 1 through 4 lie completely in the North Hills area. Projects 5 and 6 lie partially in Rockridge. The city is reviewing public comments, and is hopeful these projects will be under construction by summer 2013.

■ Developing remaining projects

Projects 7 and 8 are Highway 24 soundwall studies. The city has hired consultant Victoria Eisen of Eisen|Letunic, who managed the public process to develop the ranked list, to coordinate an informational public meeting at which the soundwall study process prescribed by ACTC will be presented, along with other relevant information. The meeting is tentatively planned for late September. Watch for more information in The Rockridge News.

Projects 9 and 14 involve Caltrans right-of-way and will be managed under a consultant contract expected to begin in fall 2012. Above-the-line projects entirely on the city's right-of-way (**projects 12 and 13**) will be designed by the city. Designs of all projects relating to each other will be coordinated, regardless of who handles the design work.

Oakland staff will begin refining the conceptual designs of the other above-the-line projects in early 2013, once final designs of the first six projects are complete.

Construction of projects on city streets is expected in late 2013 or early 2014. Construction of those that modify a Highway 24 ramp will likely take place later in 2014.

■ The Movable Funding Line

Below-the-line projects are worthy projects on the city's Fourth Bore Caldecott Tunnel Settlement Agreement Project List which are not currently funded from the $8 million settlement fund. Essentially, projects 22-37 are the "wait list" which evolved out of the public process. These projects include: 22-25, as shown, and additional soundwall studies and intersection improvements in Rockridge and Temescal.

Note: The complete list of 37 projects was also published in the May 2011 Rockridge News. The first 25 projects are included in the accompanying table.

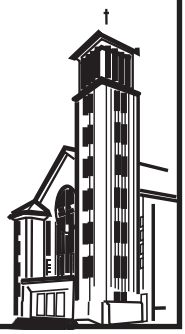
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SpringFest

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■ The centerpiece of a barbeque featured only sustainably farmed and locally raised pork from Stone Valley Farm in Alamo; pulled pork sandwiches flew from the BBQ pit.

■ Peralta students had studied local fruits and made marmalades for sale at the fair. "We were jammin'!" said Ellen Oppenheimer, who sold 50 jars of preserves.

■ Sixty tomato and sunflower plants were sold to folks who toured Peralta's gardens.

■ Hodo Soy's Minh Tsai contributed **v-EGG-an** salad for non meat eaters.

Compostable plates, silverware and cups were recycled, leaving only one bag of trash at the end of the day.

Donations by local merchants helped fuel the fun. Stone Valley Farm provided two hogs, partly butchered by Peralta parent Scott Gottesman. The generosity of Star Meats on upper Claremont Avenue, owned by Peralta alum Sarah Ryan and Joe Cates, was complemented by donations from Marin Sun Farms and Berkeley's The Local Butcher, as well as chicken from Ver Brugge Meats on College Avenue. Donors supporting the fair believe in ensuring the availability of a quality education for all.

Thanks to all our neighborhood and wonderful community sponsors.

Revenues from advertisements in the festival's pre-printed program and attendance at this year's event grossed $15,000, no small feat for a public school of 300 at a time of cuts to public spending.

See you again next year!

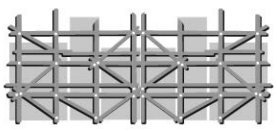
Soundwalls Lag

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the problem with glass panes that block, absorb, and disperse.

The current noise exposure in Rockridge from Highway 24 is simply third-world. Time for this long-standing wrong to end. I encourage all to press Caltrans for full soundwalls.

— Ray Perman



Members Retire

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maintain the essence of Rockridge. To that end, he encouraged RCPC to ensure that the principle stipulating use of ground floor, street-front commercial space only for retail business was applied to Red Oak Realty, which wanted to put a street level office in the Dreyer's Building. This restriction is now included in the new zoning regulations for Rockridge, he said in a recent interview.

Jon also served as chair of the Web site committee, led the successful effort to limit increases in Residential Permit Parking program fees, and founded the Rockridge DVD project that brought the collection of DVDs into circulation through the Rockridge Branch Library.

"I enjoyed my time on the board, and am pleased I could help to maintain the character of Rockridge for all to enjoy," he said.

The Bottle Shop

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seating capacity of 27, as opposed to the "small tasting area" at the beer emporium, and 3) it would be open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., later than the emporium. More so than with the emporium, the committee felt neighbors' concerns would be of great importance here since, by its seating and hours, the proposal seems to be more like a traditional bar.

Neighbors can address any concerns to the planner handling the case, Dave Valeska (238-2075, dvaleska@oaklandnet.com) or to RCPC at info@rockridge.org.

A major use permit is required for the sale of alcoholic beverages, so the proposal will be heard by the Planning Commission, probably in June. (See permit filing abstract, page 3.)

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5/10/12	2	1	5371 Shafter Avenue	$789,000	$789,000	9	$805,000
5/11/12	4	2.5	5581 Lawton Avenue	$1,450,000	$1,450,000	14	$1,580,000
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The $5,100 raised by this event will be dedicated to the support of school programs focusing on music, fine arts and the state-of-the-art computer lab. The breakfast also serves as an important community builder, as people from the school, residential and business communities eat together.

This year the Claremont School String Ensemble performed in the second floor lounge of the lodge building under the direction of music teacher Renae Briggs.



The Lee family (Nathan, Caitlin, Jenny and Kenton) digs in to pancakes and OJ. .

Trader Joe's staff enjoy the feed: Melvin, Naja, Chanel, Lalita and Lavel.



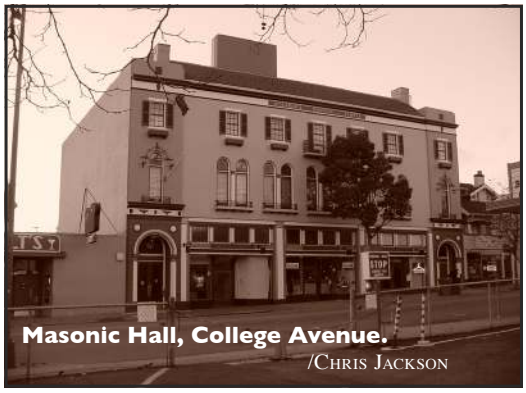
The Dad's Club worked with Claremont Middle School faculty to distribute 80 tickets to deserving Claremont Middle School students who otherwise might not have been able to attend.

The Masons put on a great feed again this year, serving more than 400 hungry people and graciously opening up their beautiful facility to the community.

This event would not have been such a success without the efforts of so many who volunteered their time and energy. Special thanks go to the following: Chris Ellis and the other Rockridge Masonic Lodge members who made this possible. Thanks also to Captain Jeff Jones of Trader Joe's and their generous donation. Many thanks to Chris Jackson and the participating merchants of the Rockridge District Association (RDA): Agatha Rainford; Bosko's Picture Framing; DHR Investment Counsel; Fit; Market Hall; Rockridge Cleaners; Rockridge Rags; Strahan Insurance; and Tip Top Bike Shop of Temescal.

We appreciate those merchants who showed their support by displaying the striking poster designed by Claremont parent Paul Kagiwada.

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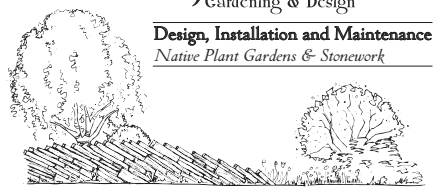
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E-mail *Rockridge News* Community Calendar items to: joellis1@hotmail.com, phone 653-3210 (after noon), or mail to: *Rockridge News* Community Calendar, 4123 Broadway, PMB 311, Oakland, CA 94611. Deadline is the next to the last Tuesday of the month.

Compiled by Jo Ellis

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)

Residents and business members of NCPC's 12Y and 13X areas can voice their concerns about crime and public safety. 2nd Thursday each month, 7pm. Rockridge Library, upstairs meeting room, 5366 College Ave. Confirm mtg. info at www.rockridgencpc.com or chair@rockridgencpc.com.

Rockridge Branch Library

5366 College Avenue, 597-5017

***FREE LUNCH* this summer from noon to 1pm for kids to age 17.** Dates will coincide with Summer Reading Game dates.

FOR CHILDREN

- **Pre-School Story Time:** (ages 2 to 5) Every Thurs, 10:30am.
- **Toddler Story Time: (up to age 2)** Every Thurs, 10:30am, upstairs (followed by Playtime).
- **Family Story Time:** Stories/songs/rhymes (to age 5). Every Saturday, 10:30am.

SPECIAL EVENTS: all ages invited.

- **Unique Derique** performs hambone, body drumming and circus comedy to celebrate Juneteenth and the start of Summer Reading Events. Tues, 6/19, 7pm.
- **Lawrence Hall of Science – Festival of Science:** explore various experiments. Sat, 6/23, 2pm.
- **Jean Paul Valjean – Magician Extraordinaire:** wondrous tricks and amazing feats! Tues, 6/26, 7pm.
- **The Bubble Lady:** Thurs, 6/28, 11am.
- **Zoomobile:** visit by the animals from the Oakland Zoo. Thurs, 7/12, 11am.

FOR TEENS

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS WANTED — ages 11–17. Call Erica for details: 597-5017.

- **Teen Advisory Board:** (ages 14-18) Advise the library how to better serve teens. Get community service credit for school. **Snacks provided.** First Saturday each month, 1 to 2pm.
- **Rockridge Ninjas Anime Club:** Watch and talk about anime (Japanese animation). Second Tues. each month, 5 to 6:30pm.

FOR ADULTS

- **Writers Support/Critique Group:** All writers welcome. Bring 17 copies of up to 5 pgs. (double-spaced, MS margins) of any prose for on-site reading/discussion (also welcome to come empty-handed). Third Saturday each month; 1 to 5pm. Sponsored by the California Writers Club, Berkeley branch. Info: 420-8775 Or writefox@aol.com.
- **Lawyers in the Library: Free legal advice and referrals.** First Tues. each month, 5 to 7pm (advance sign-up starts 4:45pm at adult reference desk). Volunteer lawyer leaves before 7pm if no more people present. **Note:** Because of the Wed. July 4 holiday, call in advance to make appt. for Tues, 7/3.
- **East Bay Chronic Pain Group:** 1st and 3rd Tues. each month from 3pm to 5 pm. **Free**. Susan Malley: 655-3278 or susanmalley@yahoo.com.
- **Social Security and Retirement Planning:** Tues, 6/12, 7 to 8pm. Presented by West Coast Financial and Insurance Services. Info: Joseph Karni, 869-9990.

ART EXHIBITS (call to confirm)

Gallery:

June: **Oakland Art Assn.;** paintings.

July: **Martha Snider;** digital prints on canvas.

Lobby Display Case:

June: **Rob Anderson Atelier;** student work.

July: TBA

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 Wed, July 4th.

Diesel Book/Poetry Readings/Events

All events FREE and open to the public.

- Mon, 6/11, 7:30pm. **Amnesty International Meeting (2nd Mon. each month)**: All invited to exchange ideas on action.
- Tues, 6/12, 7pm. Publication party for **Amy Reed:** *Crazy.*
- Fri, 6/15, 7pm. **New Bay Area Voices.** Seven graduating MFA students, representing California College of the Arts, St. Mary's College, San Francisco State, and University of San Francisco will each read from a recently published book. **Channing Allen, Peter Burghardt, Liz Demi Green, Gillian Hamel, Robert Andrew Perez, Mary Paynter Sherwin,** and **Jeff Von Ward**.
- Sun, 6/17, 3pm. Poetry Flash with **Michelle Bitting, Brendan Constantine,** and **Joseph Lease.**
- Wed, 6/26, 7pm. Publication party for local author **Colleen Morton Busch:** *Fire Monks: Zen Mind Meets Wildfire.*
- Thurs, 6/27, 7pm. **Natalie Serber:** *Shout Her Lovely Name.*
- Fri, 6/28, 6:30 – 8:30pm. **Live Music** by **Smooth Toad** (local acoustic band)**.** Hear the sweet sounds of these grizzled veterans of three art-forms: music, poetry, and theater.

DIESEL, A Bookstore, 5433 College Ave. More info (and other events and discussion groups): 653-9965 or events@dieselbookstore.com.

Square Dance in North Oakland

Music by **The Squirrelly String Band.** Calling by **Jordan Ruyle** (with occasional guest performers). 1st Fridays each month, 8-10pm. All levels welcome; all dances taught on the spot. $5-10 sliding scale donation. The Niebyl-Proctor Library, 6501 Telegraph Ave. Info: http://squirrellystringband.com.

Wisteria Ways House Concert

- **Red Hot Chachkas:** Klezmer fusion and dance music. **Sat, June 9**. Info: www.redhotchachkas.com.
- **Laurie Lewis and the Right Hands:** Quintessential Bluegrass. **Sat, June 24**. Info: www.laurielewis.com.

Both concerts are at 3pm; doors open 2:15pm (outside venue; wheelchair accessible). Bring a hat, sunscreen and a picnic. $15-20 donation for musicians (cash only at the door). 383 61st Street. For reservations (highly recommended), RSVP to info@WisteriaWays.org or 655-2771.

Pro Arts East Bay Open Studios

Over 400 artists participating (including many Rockridge artists). June 2-3 and June 9-10; 11am to 6pm. Directories at the Rockridge Library or go to info@proartsgallery.org. for artists' info and maps.

Temescal Farmers' Market

Open Sundays, 9am to 1pm (all year). Locally grown fruits and vegetables; fresh ranch eggs; home-made bakery items; fresh cut flowers; unique prepared foods, fresh locally caught fish, handcrafts and more. Sample the goods; meet the grower; learn about unique food varieties and cooking tips; and listen to live music. **Bring your own reusable bags**. 5300 Claremont Ave. (off Telegraph) at DMV parking lot. More info about Certified Farmers' Markets at www.urbanvillageonline.com.

★Studio One Art Center

Wanted: community members to participate in an Advisory Council open to the public at large. Meetings 4th Wednesday each month (June 27, this month), 7-8pm, 365 45th St. For more info: Director Karis Griffin, 597-5096.

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