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College Avenue as Retail Hub and Neighborhood Spine



/DON KINKEAD

RDA: "Thank You for Shopping Here"

by Rockridge District Association board of directors

The Rockridge District Association (RDA) is a Rockridge Business Improvement District (RBID) and a 501(c)3 organization. The RDA was formed by a vote of our business owners in August of 2000. It was preceded by merchant groups with the same purpose: to create a safe, clean and family-friendly shopping destination. This is a testament to the strong dedication and desire to make Rockridge great.

We want to thank the RCPC and The Rockridge News for the opportunity to highlight our new businesses on a regular basis in the newsletter. The current Rockridge News series celebrates the "Business Side of Rockridge." We also want to thank every single person who has walked

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Studied: Much Change for College?

by Zabrae Valentine, RCPC chair

Over the past few months, the RCPC board of directors has detected a rising community concern regarding the number of vacant storefronts on College Avenue and an apparent significant increase in personal grooming salons and higher-end restaurants at the expense of ground floor retail shops.

In response, the board surveyed current College Avenue ground floor occupancy types and compared this to a similar survey included in the 1994 Rockridge Area Plan (RAP).

Significant changes in the use of College Avenue ground floor retial space could be viewee as weakening the character of the commercial area, as codified by its CN-1 zoning designation. (CN-1 is based on Rockridge's

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On the Way in October

Rockridge Out and About– a day of Live Music, Street Entertainment, Gourmet Food, and more; sponsored by the Rockridge District Association (RDA) and Market Hall. Sunday, October 12, 12-6 p.m.

Rockridge Halloween Parade– sponsored by RDA, participating merchants and the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC). Sunday, October 26, 11:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

Details in the October Rockridge News

18 AGENDA September 18 RCPC Town Hall Meeting

Join us for pizza | RSVP: rockridge.org | Come at 7 for pizza and friends

The September and October town halls will provide voter information for the November 4 election. Ballot measures to be reviewed include • Measure Y Reauthorization, • the Ethics Commission Reform Measure, • the Oakland Redistricting Reform measure, and • the Minimum Wage Measure. Selected candidate races will be covered with an emphasis on races not featured in other forums. More info (including Mayoral debate times and locations) will be available at:

• Postings on the RCPC web site at rockridge.org

• The Rockridge E-News. Not yet subscribed to the E-News? Sign up at http://bit.ly/1tUwtXG, or e-mail your name and address to info@rockridge.org. (Your information is never shared.)

Thursday, September 18 | 7:30-9 p.m. Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College at Manila
Pizza and Friends: 7 p.m. | Program: 7:30 | RSVP ▶ info@rockridge.org

New Leadership for Claremont Middle School



/Don Kinkead

Newly appointed CMS Principal Jonathan Mayer, left, Assistant Principal Tonia Coleman and Teacher on Special Assignment Matthew Smith, took time out from preparations for the new school year for a photo for The Rockridge News. Writing in the Knightline, Claremont's on-line newsletter, Mayer said, "We feel honored and humbled to be the instructional leaders of such a warm, caring community school." Read his full remarks, and more, at www.claremontms.org/

RCPC Land Use Committee

The next Land Use Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. in a meeting room at the Rockridge Branch Library. **Topic: Presentation on the Nautilus project,** Telegraph between 51st Street and Claremont Avenue (formerly Civiq/Creekside projects). Check with the chair (652-5373 or stuflash@aol.com) for updated agenda. Meetings are open to the public.

Land Use Update

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC Land Use Committee co-chair

Ramen Shop Use Permit Modification – 5812 College Ave

Use permit modification to expand into adjacent storefront (previous retail tenant evicted to make way). Expansion would increase neighbor problems, including noise, cooking odors, parking. Restaurant owner Sam White presented proposal and explained efforts to address concerns. Committee recommended building-wide mitigations, which RCPC board will consider at its September meeting. Planner is Aubrey Rose (238-2071; arose@oaklandnet.com). Comment period closed September 5, but FAST comments may be considered.

Merrill Gardens at Rockridge – West Side of B'way, North of 51st Street

Project has city approval; construction to start later in fall. Project website: www.srmdevelopment.com/rockridge for construction updates.

Rockridge Shopping Center Rebuild – Broadway and Pleasant Valley Ave

Demolition begins in November; construction shortly thereafter.

College Avenue Safeway Project – College and Claremont Avenues

Construction continues. Call RCPC (869-4200) with any problems. Safeway has modified its sign programs. The result, while not perfect, is far better than initial proposal. Proposed large sewer line in middle of College Avenue could be highly disruptive! RCPC, Safeway, and the city are urging East Bay MUD to modify design to reduce impact. Projected opening date for the new store still mid-November.

Nautilus Residential Project – Telegraph Ave (East side) between 51st St & Claremont Ave

Proposed residential/mixed use project to replace two approved but unbuilt projects, Civiq and Creekside, involving over 200 residential units. Presentation at the September Land Use Committee meeting. (See box above.)

See full report: www.rockridge.org

Meeting Notice: Telegraph Bicycle Plans

The City of Oakland has DRAFT recommendations for redesigning Telegraph Avenue as a safer street. The recommendations were created based on your ideas as well as technical design requirements. We want your input.

Public Open House(s)

(Same material at each event)

Thursday, September 11
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Beebe Memorial Cathedral
3900 Telegraph Avenue @ 40th Street

Saturday, September 13
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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College Avenue: Vitality; Endurance; Excitement

Art on the Avenue: CCA Sets a Pace

by Carl Schmitz

In response to recent concern for College Avenue's future as a retail center and the related issue of neighborhood sustainability, the Art on the Avenue column will promote Rockridge's contributions to culture and commerce by highlighting the people and places within the unique visual arts community on College Avenue.

'A casual visit to the splendid site of the California School of Arts and Crafts at College Avenue and Broadway will show the steady progress being made to prepare buildings and grounds for Oakland's new Art College. The school's four-acre site, with its background of hills, its outlook over Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco and the Golden Gate, and its splendid trees and vistas, offers endless subjects for art study."

— Oakland Tribune 8/3/1924

With September's arrival, the fall term is now underway at schools across the Bay Area. At the intersection of Broadway and College, it's been over 90 years since California College of the Arts (CCA) held its first classes in Rockridge. Like the development of the neighborhood itself, CCA was created in the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, when German-born craftsman Frederick Meyer looked to the East Bay for a temperate environment in

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Years of Service by Many Merchants

by Kevin Faughnan, RCPC boardmember

Recent discussion about businesses on College Avenue highlighted an important aspect of its merchants: their longevity. Many in business today located here long before the avenue became as popular as it is now. These merchants toughed out some difficult economic times – along with residents – but they kept their doors open, contributing to the economy and success of Rockridge. They have earned our support and patronage.

We want to give these long time businesses their due, and offer the following opening list. There is no particular order. The only criterion is that they have been here longer than 25 years. The number that meet that standard is surprising, and it will take several issues of the newsletter to cover them all. But you don't have to wait to read about them to visit. The next time you are out and about, stop in these shops, enjoy their services and tell them you appreciate their being here.

One of the oldest is **Dreyer's Ice Cream**, founded in Oakland in 1928 by Joe Edy, a candy maker, and William Dreyer, an ice cream maker. Both names were used to market the ice cream, depending on the sales location in the U.S. A year later, they introduced the classic "Rocky Road" flavor to echo the economic times, and still serve this flavor at the counter. In 1981, the company went public and expanded its offices despite some local opposition. It was well positioned for an improving College Avenue. If you haven't walked your kids down to Dreyer's on a warm summer evening to enjoy a scoop or two, you are missing one of life's treats. Wait no longer.

Across the street, **Stauder Automotive,** also known as Sheaff's Auto Repair, is located in a building built in 1953 by the

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Rockridge Rocks Oakland Mag's Best of the East Bay

by Lauren Herpich

For Rockridge residents, it should be no surprise to hear that the neighborhood and many of our local haunts captured the eye of editors and readers of Oakland Magazine for its annual "Best of Oakland and the East Bay" list. Earlier this summer, the magazine published what has become its largest list ever with 169 winners, 24 of which are found right here in Rockridge.

Situated along the main artery of College Avenue, these local shops, restaurants and services not only were named "Best" in their specific categories, but also helped contribute to Rockridge being named the Best Shopping District.

Fit (5707 College Avenue) won the Best Women's Clothing Readers' Choice award and was noted by editor Elise Proulx as carrying "a selection of sophisticated garments for women who've gained enough life experience to know what not to wear." Fit sells American and international designer clothing and shoes as well as everyday pieces that Rockridge women – and other shoppers – can dress up and dress down.

It is also that established knowledge and commitment to the community that brought honors to some of Rockridge's most popular businesses. For instance, **Ver Brugge Foods** (6321 College Avenue) was named Best Butcher Shop. "We are very honored and grateful to be nominated once again as the best butcher shop. It is especially meaningful this year as we celebrate our 35th year serving the Rockridge community," Ver Brugge owner Michael Balliet says. In addition to its selection of high-quality meats

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original C-31 zoning, the creation of which was a motivating driver of RCPC's formation over 40 years ago. CN-1 zoning stands for "Commercial-Neighborhood, level 1," and signifies: ground-level retail that promotes pedestrian-oriented comparison shopping; a building height limit of three stories; and conditional use permit (CUP) requirements for uses other than retail, such as restaurants, grooming salons, gyms, and banks.)

The findings of RCPC's current analysis of ground floor uses are at right. Interestingly, little change was found overall. The proportion of restaurants, retail, personal services (including grooming) have changed, but only slightly. There are fitness services and preschools today that aren't listed at all in the 1994 data. There also appear to be more ground-floor professional services. The total number of businesses is greater today, about 228, compared to 198 in 1994 (excluding residential units). Finally, at the time of this survey there appeared to be one fewer vacancy than in 1994.

What we don't know is whether Rockridge residents were actually happy with the distribution of shops and services in 1994. (Readers who lived here then are invited to share their memories via email to info@rockridge.org.) The fact of little change means just that; things are probably about what they were 20 years ago.

The data for 1994 was fairly general; this time we collected more detailed information, including the range of average restaurant costs and more specific information on types of retail and personal services. Lacking those details for 1994 means, for example, we can't see whether there are more higher-end restaurants today than 20 years past.

The best part of this exercise, however, was the opportunity to walk the full length of College, more than once, deliberately and observantly. Board members noticed shops and signs not noticed previously. We enjoyed talking to people who asked what the heck we were doing. And in the time we were collecting this data, new shops were filling the vacancies: I Do Bridal Boutique, Floracultural Society, the old Bella Vita in a new, larger location, to name a few.

As businesses and services come and go, we have opportunities to consider what we love about Rockridge and how we can support and nurture it as one of Oakland's great places.

Please tell us what you think via this survey: surveymonkey.com/s/RR-VISION. Four survey respondents will be randomly selected to receive gift certificates redeemable at Rockridge stores or restaurants. Details coming soon in the Rockridge E-News.

☛ If you are not a subscriber, go to: http://bit.ly/1tUwtXG, or e-mail your name and address to: info@rockridge.org. *(No subscriber information is shared.)*

Ground Floor Uses Along College Avenue: 1994 vs. 2014

Business/Use Type*	Total			
	1994	%	2014	%
Restaurants and Bars	45	23%	52	23%
Retail Food	21	11%	19	8%
Service Stations/Auto Supplies**	2	1%	0	0%
Other Retail				
Apparel	13	7%	26	11%
General Merchandise	1	1%	0	0%
Drug Stores	1	1%	2	1%
Home Furnishings	6	3%	13	6%
Rugs	3	2%	2	1%
Antiques	4	2%	1	0%
Galleries	7	4%	0	0%
Building Materials/Hardware	1	1%	0	0%
Other Specialty Stores	27	14%	22	10%
Total Other Retail	63	32%	66	29%
Personal Services				
Hair Salons	18	9%	23	10%
Cleaners/Alterations	8	4%	5	2%
Printing and Photocopying	5	3%	3	1%
Other Personal Services	24	12%	27	12%
Total Personal Services	55	28%	58	25%
Other				
Professional Services	8	4%	19	8%
Public Facilities	4	2%	4	2%
Fitness	0	0%	6	3%
Preschools	0	0%	4	2%
Total	**198**		**228**	

Notes:

*The 1994 data did not include places of worship, so we didn't compare that category; we counted 3 in 2014.

**Stauder and Germany's Best are recorded in the 2014 data as auto repair shops and, as such, are included under Professional Services.

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Creek to Bay Day; Revive Temescal Creek

by Leonora Sea, DMV Neighbors

Creek? What creek? Temescal Creek in the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt has gone AWOL this summer. Due to potential toxins in the water from an algae bloom in Lake Temescal, Alameda County Flood Control has turned off the pumps that make our wonderful little neighborhood creek happen. Although the lake is not the only water source for the creek, it is the major one; better to be safe than sorry.

The turnoff left a creek bed that is moist, soft, and the perfect environment for weeds. Our greenbelt and creek now look more like they do at the end of winter, with nutsedge, kikuyu grass, and other invaders spreading where flowing water normally keeps them in check.

The DMV Neighbors Association, sponsor of Creek to Bay Day along the creek and greenbelt this and every year, especially needs your enthusiasm and help to revive Temescal Creek's creek bed and banks. Join your neighbors and friends on September 20, 9 a.m. to noon, for coffee, pastries, and juice at sign-in, for a morning of weeding, pruning, trash pickup, raking and sweeping; snacks and cold drinks to follow at noon. Meet at the big eucalyptus at Cavour Street and Redondo Avenue. Families and groups are welcome. Students needing service hours for school will receive a signed letter verifying their participation. Tools will be provided, or bring your own, well marked.

For more information, contact Leonora Sea, DMV Neighbors Association, LeonoraSea@comcast.net, or find Temescal Creek on the city's Creek to Bay Day web site: www.oaklandcreektobay.org.

Learn more about where Temescal Creek originates and its flow through the Rockridge and Temescal neighborhoods. Visit the Oakland Museum of California Creek and Watershed maps at museumca.org/creeks/1160-OMTemescal.html and museumca.org/creeks/MapOak.html.

'Unleashed by Petco' Donates $10K for Hardy Dog Park Work

by Nancy Schaaf, Rockridge resident

A pledge from Unleashed by Petco has put the long-awaited community renovation of Hardy Dog Park back on track. The project stalled last fall when city planners mandated ADA upgrades costing $10,000 more than anticipated.

"When we heard of the budget problem, we wanted to assist," says Natalie Behlman, Regional Marketing Manager for Unleashed by Petco. "We are thrilled to help renovate such an important amenity for Oakland and make it more accessible to everyone." The company opened a store at 3300 Lakeshore Avenue earlier this year, filling a void left by the recent closing of Red Hound, College Avenue's upscale pet supply store.

The pledge puts the project's budget on solid footing, says Peter Lund, founder of Scenic Streets, the group leading the renovation. Volunteers are now refining plans to be submitted for approvals in the coming weeks.

The review process may be lengthy; a long list of stakeholders needs to weigh in: Caltrans owns the land and provides the city an easement to operate the park; BART has pylons in the area and will coordinate repairs with the park renovation; Councilmember Dan Kalb's office has been assisting coordination among departments at City Hall; and, patrons, neighbors and community groups including FROG, ODOG (Oakland Dog Owners Group) and RCPC are being consulted. Scenic Streets shared updated plans at a community meeting August 18 at The Colombo Club, receiving lots of encouragement and some good recommendations.

The goal is to make the dog park more accessible, functional, safe and pleasant, says Lund. Planned improvements include greenery, a play space for small dogs, updated seating, sanitary watering stations, ADA-compliant gates and pathways; and a new play surface less likely to form the park's infamous muddy puddles.

Additional improvements, including upgraded safety lighting, will take more time. Scenic Streets encourages patrons to form an advisory team to advocate for the park. Learn more at scenicstreets.org.



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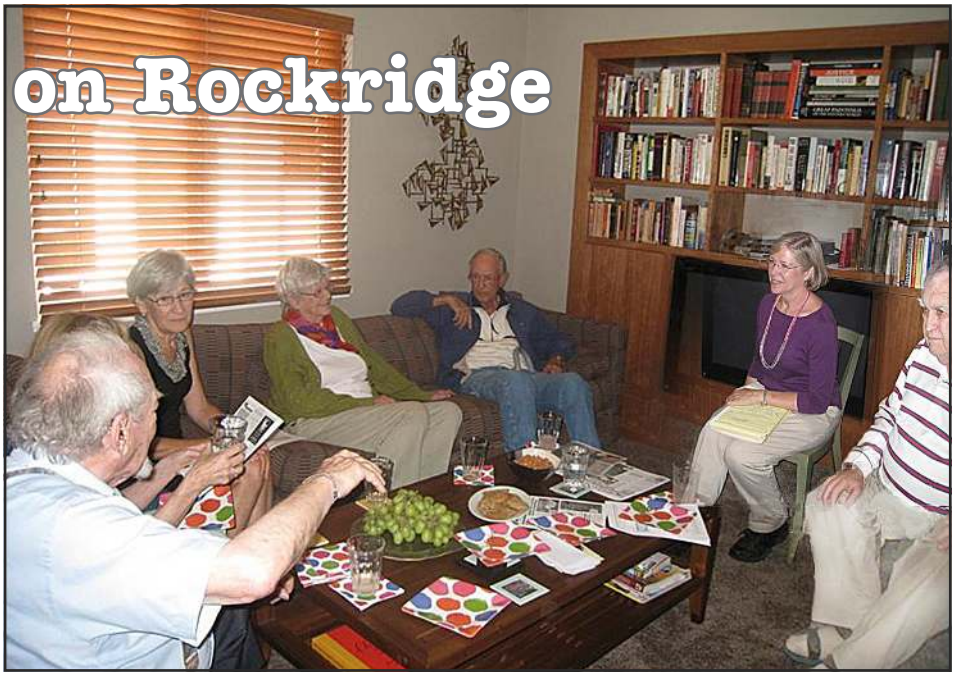
by Judith Doner Berne

Two physicists, two psychologists, a non-profit housing developer and a physician – all retired – showed up at my house on a July Monday afternoon.

Rockridge residents all, they gathered to talk about the experiences they have had through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Berkeley. OLLI @Berkeley, as the program is known, is part of a network of Osher educational programs for "seasoned adults" – those age 50 and over – based at colleges and universities throughout the country. (See "About OLLI," page 12.)

My visitors were among the approximately 100 Rockridge residents enrolled in the 2013-14 curriculum, which drew a record 2,000 participants, according to Satya Levine, the program's communications coordinator. Classes cover an array of subjects and can be large lectures or small seminars – with no grades, ever. They meet in various Berkeley venues and at the Lafayette Public Library. Despite being one of the newer OLLI affiliates – the current program began in 2007 – "we are one of the larger programs," she said.

I took my first OLLI @Berkeley class shortly after moving to Rockridge in 2011 and have taken one each semester since. Subjects included renowned East Bay architects Bernard Maybeck and Julia Morgan, the 2012 Presidential race as it was happening, six world cities when each was at the height of its power, music history, international film documentaries and, most recently, an amazing history of baseball, given by Mick Chantler, who will teach "Six Key Players of the Civil War" this fall.



Roy Kahn, left, Margaret Barbee, Nancy Moore Wright, Marian Whitehead, Lee Cohn, Laura Schlichtmann, and Burns Macdonald discuss the benefits and fun of OLLI continuing education at writer Judith Doner Berne's home. /Judith Doner Berne

But the crew at my house, which also included retired lawyer and RCPC board member Laura Schlichtmann, made me realize that I am a dilettante when it comes to OLLI classes.

Over tall glasses of lemonade and San Pellegrino, I learned that most take more than one course each term. For instance, Schlichtmann has taken as many as four in one semester, and Margaret Barbee has taken three at a time over the last four to five years.

For Barbee, an industrial psychologist, "I've liked almost every class I've taken." Her favorites are on dance performance given by Kathryn Roszak. She gravitated to the Performing Arts Enthusiasts OLLI Interest Circle, in which participants attend various music, theater and dance performances together.

"OLLI permits self-organization and we'd love to have new members," Barbee

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NCPC Names New Chair, Sets Board Elections

Plus: Meet BART's Police Auditor

Mike Ubell, active with Make OaklandBetterNow!, has volunteered to be Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) chair. His offer was accepted by the board, pending confirmation by NCPC members during elections at the September meeting.

NCPC bylaws require an annual election of officers. September meeting attendees will be asked to confirm the board's acceptance of Ubell as chair, and to vote on current board members continuing in their positions. For a valid election, a quorum of 15 must be present and voting. **Attend the September meeting and take part in selecting your NCPC representatives: Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m., Rockridge Library, College and Manila**.

Also, **Anita Grayson of BART's Independent Police Auditor's office**, responsible for effective and independent oversight of the BART police, will discuss her office's role and how the public can benefit. Visit www.bart.gov/policeauditor for more information prior to the meeting. Find more information about NCPC, including how to volunteer to help, at http://www.rockridgencpc.com.

— Material from NCPC secretary Karen Ivy

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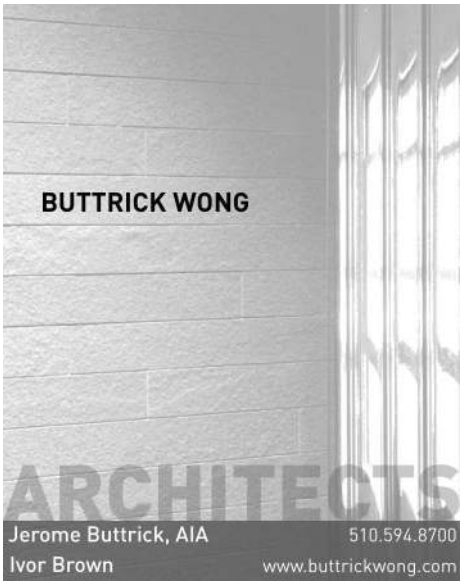
Sheaff family and still owned by them. The Stauder brothers, Mike, Bob and, until last year, the late Jim, all Oakland natives, learned the business from their father, who owned the Chevron station at 55th and Telegraph. The brothers moved to the current site in 1998. John Sheaff still works there. No need to drive downtown for service when it is so close to home.

Just up the street toward Claremont Avenue, you'll find **Bosko's Gallery and Framing**, serving us from the same site at 6038 College Avenue since 1945. John and Lynne operate the business started by their father Peter after he returned from WWII. Custom framing has always been the main service, but John enjoys vintage prints and Lynne has some personally made pottery in the windows.

A little further north on College Avenue are the two "pillars," **La Farine Bakery**, 6323 College Avenue and **Ver Brugge Meat-Fish and Poultry**, 6321 College. La Farine opened its first store in Oakland here in 1977 and now has four; Jerry VerBrugge took a chance on the location next door two years later.

At the time, the neighborhood was plagued by drug traffickers and boarded-up store fronts. Jerry said the location across from Safeway offered plenty of foot traffic. He was confident that with hard work and catering to residents' needs, the business would be successful. He was right. La Farine has those incredibly attractive fruit tarts and, some say, the best rustic baguette in town. At Thanksgiving, while you wait in that long line at Ver Brugge's to pick up the bird, La Farine can ease the wait with croissants and coffee.

More next month…





Frog Park Cleaning, Closure; Swings Funding – No Cold Water Required

by FROG Steering Committee

The viral "Ice Bucket Challenge" that swept through social media this summer generated millions in donations to the ALS Association. Frog Park isn't asking you to dump ice cold water on your head (we're in a drought, people!), but we are asking for your support to help make an enhanced park a reality for the Rockridge community.

We are almost halfway to our goal of $50,000 to add more swings, a set of toddler bucket swings, a merry-go-round climber and see-saw to our popular park.

Here's what you need to know about the community fundraising drive:

- You can donate online with PayPal or credit card at www.frogpark.org/swings or drop a check in the mail to FROG c/o RCPC, 4123 Broadway, PMB 311, Oakland, CA 94611.
- All donations are tax deductible. Donations of $250 or more will be recognized on park signage.
- You or your company can sponsor.
- All current play features will remain where they are; we're just adding more fun.

So put down the bucket and make an impact right here in your backyard by donating to Frog Park today: www.frogpark.org/swings.

Frog Park Named One of Bay Area's Best Playgrounds

Inside Bay Area News recently listed Frog Park as one of "five Great Bay Area Playgrounds," the only Oakland park with

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which to establish a "practical art school." After a succession of temporary homes in Berkeley, Meyer purchased the former Treadwell family estate in 1922. The original mansion, now known as Macky Hall, and its Carriage House are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Despite a shortening of the California College of Arts and Crafts name that was in use from 1936 until 2003, CCA has a continued commitment to crafts through an inclusive vision of the arts. In addition to Ceramics, Painting and Drawing, Printmaking, and Sculpture, fine arts degree programs are also offered in Furniture, Glass, Jewelry and Metal Arts, and Textiles. Further courses of study include Animation, Architecture, Interaction Design, Photography, and an array of innovation-based MBAs. CCA was the first art school on the Pacific coast to offer academic degrees, decades before its counterpart across the Bay, the San Francisco Art Institute. Notable alumni include ceramicists Robert Arneson, Viola Frey, and Peter Voulkos, painters Robert Bechtle, Nathan Oliveira, and Raymond Saunders, sculptor Manuel Neri, and conceptual artist David Ireland.

CCA's artists of today can be seen in exhibitions at the Oakland campus and just across the street at their College Avenue Galleries. Of particular note from CCA's September exhibitions in Rockridge are the fall show of faculty work, "Making _____ that Matters," and "The New Look," which is the annual showcase for new students. All galleries are free and open to the public.

Through CCA Extension, community members can also develop their own talent in classes ranging from fine arts to digital tools, with additional opportunities for high school students. Daily tours of the Oakland campus are open to prospective students and the public, with a virtual tour at www.cca.edu/#virtualtour available online.

Although a second campus in San Francisco was completed in 1999, CCA remains rooted in its Rockridge home. One tangible marker of this mutually beneficial relationship is the positive economic impact to area businesses that the students bring into Rockridge, 220 of whom will be living on-campus this term with others living off-campus in the surrounding neighborhood. And as CCA President Stephen Beal says, there are many points of connection between the college and the community: "For 92 of its 107 years, California College of the Arts has been an important part of the Rockridge community. In addition to our degree programs, we engage local citizens through classes for youths and adults, free public exhibitions, lectures, and other events. Our residential community brings a lively presence to this end of College Avenue, and our outreach programs through the Center for Art and Public Life serve diverse communities in Rockridge and beyond. We take great pride in being part of this vibrant neighborhood."

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Rockridge Rocks a List

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and seafood, Ver Brugge is expanding its selection with a new *sous-vide* prepared food line for Rockridge residents who are on the go and don't have much time to cook.

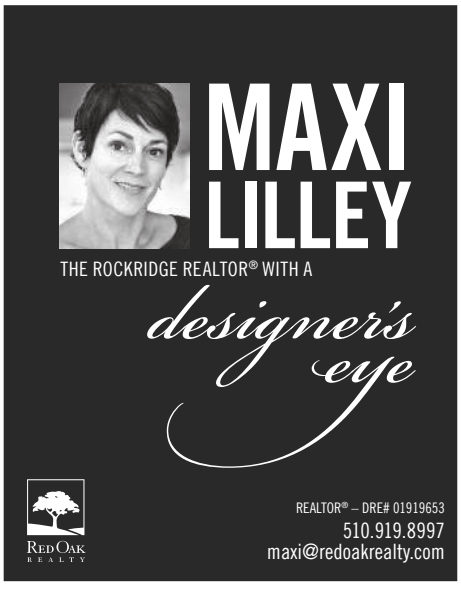
There were even some shops like Seven 7 Salon (5358 College Avenue) who clearly own their local industry by picking up all category-related awards. Seven 7 Salon won the Best Hair Salon, Best Adult Haircuts, Best Kids Haircuts and Best Place for a Facial awards.

According to Oakland Magazine editor Sara Lavender Smith, "Transports (6014 College Avenue) serves runners better than any other East Bay sports store" because of its expert staff members who are also top-level competitive runners and the store's consistent support of local running events and organized group runs.

Clearly, Rockridge is a must-do destination for everyone in the East Bay. Fortunately, that destination is in our own backyard.

To see the full list of Rockridge businesses that made Oakland Magazine's "Best of" list, go to www.rockridge.org.

Lauren Herpich is the owner of the new Rockridge Neighborhood Heritage & Walking Food Tour. To schedule a tour, go to www.rockridgefoodtour.com





Letters to the Editor

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Dangerous Street Paving Under BART Walkway Still Rankles

Editor

Following up on M.C. Haug's letter in the July issue, I can confirm that in addition to bicycles, the deplorable condition of the College Avenue street pavement beneath the Rockridge BART station and freeway overpass is a safety hazard for cars and pedestrians alike.

For several years, cars have had a rough, bouncy ride there that often leads to dangerous maneuvers as drivers try to avoid the deteriorated pavement in this very dark location. The danger brought on by cars suddenly braking and changing lanes is often compounded by pedestrians jaywalking there and bicyclists trying to get through this irregular stretch of pavement.

A good deal of the damage to the road took place during the recent retrofitting of the BART and highway overpass when part of the roadway was used for material storage and parking heavy trucks and equipment. The same happened during the retrofitting of the Telegraph Avenue and Patton Avenue/Broadway overpasses. In each of these cases, the road suffered as much damage as College Avenue. However, the Patton Avenue/Broadway roadway was partially replaced, and the Telegraph Avenue area was replaced almost immediately after completion of the retrofit.

It seems fair to ask why the College Avenue roadway did not receive the same treatment by the construction contractor, Caltrans, or the city of Oakland as these other locations. Could it be the prominent and heavily used College Avenue location was left unrepaired to encourage Oakland residents to vote for increased road repair funding this year?

— Chuck Byrne

Rockridge Needs Another Good Dog Park

Editor:

I have talked to many Rockridge dog owners and I am sure they agree with me that we need another good dog park, similar to Ohlone in Berkeley.

Following how Albany partitioned a dog area from the athletic field behind Albany High School, a part of the Chabot soccer/baseball field could accommodate a fenced-in dog run or dog park area. The back of the field is not really used by the sports teams and would be a perfect place for a dog run or a dog park. This would serve multiple purposes:

1. Sport teams and Chabot participants will not have to share the field with dog owners and dogs.

2. Dogs and dog owners will no longer have to "disobey" the no dog sign.

3. Separate areas will keep the children and the dogs safe and separated.

4. Dog owners will pick up after their dogs.

5. Dogs grazing from left-over snacks on the field would no longer be a problem.

— Paula Li

Keith Avenue Bike Lane Problems

Editor

I have lived on Keith Avenue for the past 7.5 years. I was surprised to see my street go from two lanes to one lane in the course of a day to provide a bike lane – without public notice. I'm all for more bike lanes, but this was a terrible decision. Now there is backup on Keith that lasts well beyond 7 p.m., and impatient drivers with no regard for public safety drive IN THE BIKE LANE and way above the speed limit.

If the city wants revenue, start ticketing these drivers driving in the bike lane. Keith Avenue was dangerous enough with the way people drove, now it's even more so.

Reducing a feeder road between a BART station and a major highway to one lane is probably the stupidest decision the city could've done with this settlement money.

— Joyce Bairum

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Rockridge Cornucopia

Barry A. Kaufman

ICE CREAM – NOT JUST FOR SUMMER ANYMORE

As a child in the '50s playing on the streets of Brooklyn, summer for me was a time for hanging out on the stoop, playing New York City street games, and, most of all, waiting for the Good Humor ice-cream truck.

In the '50s, most neighborhoods had corner candy stores on every block. Candy stores were a neighborhood hub for buying daily newspapers, comic books, candy bars, fountain sodas, and of course hand-dipped ice cream in a sugar cone. But during the summer, it was the sound of the Good Humor truck bells that brought everyone out on to the street to buy their favorite ice cream treat.

Drum roll please: Now in Rockridge we have Smitten Ice Cream. Smitten brings a whole new meaning to the idea of "made from scratch." Most commercial ice creams contain preservatives, emulsifiers, and stabilizers to prolong shelf-life. Once, though, there was a time when ice cream was hand-churned and actually melted if not promptly eaten.

Smitten is based on a simple idea: use modern technology to create old-fashioned ice cream. Smitten uses liquid nitrogen at super-cold temperatures to make ice cream that reproduces the hand churning process to create ready-now ice cream cones and cups. The ice cream is extraordinarily smooth, dense, flavorful and made from scratch. You can watch as your order is created in front of your eyes at 5800 College Avenue at Birch Court.

Our other neighborhood favorite is of course Dreyer's Ice Cream Parlor at 5925 College Avenue. Originally located on Oakland's Grand Avenue, Dreyer's was founded in 1928 by the Dreyer and Edy families. In 2002, the company was acquired by Nestlé and is now the largest ice-cream company in the world.

Dreyer's uses a slow-churn process that does not require the ice-cream to be frozen. This produces a very smooth ice cream. The company offers a large selection of flavors including frozen yogurt, albeit made with emulsifiers and stabilizers.

For purists, Tara's Organic Ice Cream is the place to go. Tara's offers hand-churned ice cream made in small batches. No emulsifiers or stabilizers are added. Tara's uses fresh herbs, spices and pure organic cane sugar for each batch. In addition to ice cream, they offer a variety of sorbets, also made daily. Tara's has two locations: 3173 College Avenue at Alcatraz and 4731 Telegraph Avenue at 47th Street.

For a throwback to an earlier era, there is Powell's Sweet Shoppe at 3206 College Avenue. Powell's is a nostalgic recreation of the classic candy store and is the proverbial "kid in the candy store" kind of place. It is truly a Willy Wonka world. In addition to basic sweets and gums, Powell's offers a good selection of Italian style gelato. If you want a little nostalgia with your gelato, Powell's is the place.

French Chocolate Ice Cream
(makes 1 quart)

This month's recipe is a classic preparation for a French chocolate soft ice cream. Our family has been making this recipe for over 45 years. It's easy and yummy.

Ingredients

¼ cup sugar
1/3 cup water
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
3 eggs separated, yolks only needed
1-½ cups whipping cream, whipped

Preparation

In a small saucepan, combine sugar and water. Bring to boil and boil rapidly for 3 minutes.

In a blender, put: chocolate chips and add the hot syrup. Cover and blend on high speed for about 20 seconds or until the chocolate sauce is smooth.

Add 3 egg yolks. Stir to combine; cover, and blend for 10-15 seconds.

Fold chocolate mixture into the whipped cream. Make sure it is well-folded in and completely blended (no white or chocolate showing).

Spoon mixture into a shallow bowl, cover with waxed paper and freeze for 2-3 hours. Don't stir. Will not form ice crystals.

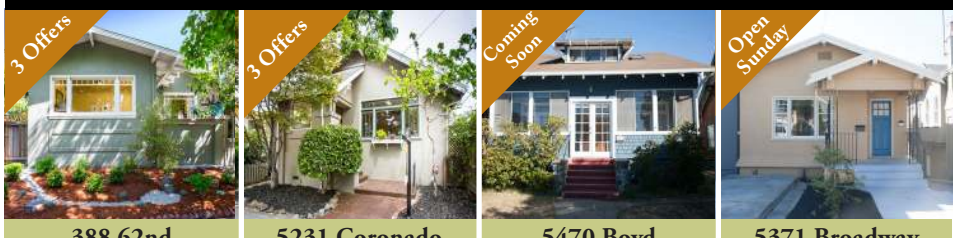
Remove from freezer and let it soften a bit before serving.

Top with whipped cream if you wish.

NOTE: If you prefer not to use raw eggs, you can use pasteurized eggs which can usually be found with the "regular" eggs at the grocery store.

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'Books for Wider Horizons' Celebrates 20th Anniversary; Seeks New Volunteers

by Rochelle Venuto, Coordinator, Books for Wider Horizons, Oakland Public Library

Oakland Public Library's Books for Wider Horizons program is celebrating its 20th year of bringing storytime to the children of Oakland.

The program, begun in 1994 as a cooperative effort between the Library and partnering Head Starts, trains and places volunteer story readers in Head Start centers and preschools in specific Oakland communities. It aims to extend the reach of the library, to promote reading readiness and library awareness, and to create and sustain a love of reading in Oakland's children. Many of these children have few books in their home and may not have much opportunity for adults to read aloud to them. Each week they look forward to the visit of the storyreader, who is often treated to hugs, and "treated like a rock star" (according to one volunteer).

Each new volunteer is assigned a preschool, and commits to six months of weekly storytimes with a particular class. Many volunteers find it so rewarding that they return year after year. Our longest-serving volunteer has been with the program for 19 years.

In the 2013-2014 school year, Books for Wider Horizons served 33 centers with 58 volunteer readers resulting in 86 story times each week for 1,380 young children. Though the program reaches many children, more volunteers are needed to help meet demand.

To volunteer to be a storyreader, call or email Rochelle Venuto, Books for Wider Horizons Coordinator, at 510/238-7453 or rvenuto@oaklandlibrary.org. Our training begins October 7 at the Rockridge Branch Library over six evenings (October 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, and 23) and one Saturday (October 25). Nationally renowned storyteller and Oakland Public Librarian Gay Ducey leads the training, with some help from current volunteers.

Calling Past Readers! The Anniversary Celebration is in January. We hope to invite everyone involved in Books for Wider Horizons, including past volunteers, but our records are incomplete. If you or someone you know has previously been involved in the program, contact Rochelle with their information so we can send invitations.



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More Frog Park

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that honor. Called "a magical little bubble of neighborhood delight," Frog joins Blue Goose Park in Brentwood, Oak Meadow Park in Los Gatos, Emma Prusch Farm Park in San Jose and Arbolado Park in Walnut Creek.

Update on Frog Park Pond

If you have visited Frog Park late this summer, you have seen the dry creek bed and empty pond. The city shut the water off due to the blue-green algae contamination in Lake Temescal, one of Frog Park's pond and creek sources of water, and it will remain shut off until water quality is back to proper levels. For updates, visit www.frogpark.org or "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/frogpark.

Important: Note that the water in the pond and along the creek – before this incident and after – is neither treated nor tested for recreational contact. If your children play in the water, always wash their hands and faces afterwards.

Fall Maintenance & Closure of Frog Park: September 20

Frog Park was built, and has been maintained for more than a decade, by volunteer support. Next up is our Fall Maintenance Day, Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We need adult volunteers to prune, weed and clean the structures and reseal them. College Preparatory School's freshman class will be there with their advisors to assist. Bring hand tools and rakes if you can to lend a hand and keep our beloved park in tip-top condition.

*** *NOTE:* The Frog Park play structure will be closed all day Saturday, September 20, for fall maintenance. ***

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OLLI @Berkeley

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says. "I've made friends especially in the performing arts group… I've also encouraged several of my friends to go to OLLI. That's how I started."

Meantime, Marian Whitehead and husband Burns Macdonald, the two physicists, have been involved since a predecessor OLLI program in 2003. "We take two classes," Whitehead said. "We always take one course together." She particularly enjoys those on foreign policy. Macdonald, who used to coach the Cal handball team, likes the "great courses on the Supreme Court."

Psychologist Roy Kahn has taken two "absolutely excellent" writing classes through OLLI @Berkeley. But he enrolls more often in the Cal State East Bay OLLI program in Hayward, he said, since the Berkeley classes cost more than twice as much.

"We know our membership expects a high quality program," Levine said. "Our payment fee and structure reflect that. And we have been working to increase the faculty pay."

Nancy Moore Wright, the housing developer, also represented her (coincidentally named) husband Ollie. "I love Bruce Elliott (who taught on world cities and dressed up in the garb of each). He's an entertainer." One of her husband's favorites was "Proust and His World" given by KPFA/Pacifica Radio national affairs correspondent Larry Bensky.

The Wrights, who moved to Rockridge five years ago, sometimes walk to their OLLI classes from their lower Broadway Terrace condo. "We also like taking the bus alongside the Cal students. Aside from the classes," Nancy said, "I like being able to feel like I'm part of college life, but still being with my peers. We like being part of the fountain of youth that is Berkeley." Others mentioned that there is general campus access via AC Transit bus lines 51, 29 and 12, as well as by BART.

I agree. I did take one class at Lafayette. And although it was great (music history with John Prescott) and parking was free, I missed the Berkeley vibe.

Lee Cohn, the physician who had a family practice in Berkeley for 40 years, has generally taken two classes each term over his three years at OLLI @Berkeley. The long-time Upper Rockridge resident (the 1991 firestorm came within 100 yards of his house) is a fan of musicologist Prescott, calling his course on Gilbert & Sullivan "just wonderful." Another seminar-style class Cohn enjoyed was "The Art of the Puppeteer."

Rockridge is also represented among those teaching in the OLLI @Berkeley program. Longtime Rockridge resident, artist and retired San Francisco State art department chair Sylvia Solochek Walters taught "Appreciating Prints and Printmaking" – her first OLLI class ever – this past spring.

"The people were so appreciative," the well-known printmaker said. "It was absolutely delightful to teach the class. I took them around to different print shops and galleries in the East Bay. Because they enjoyed it, I enjoyed it."

Although I haven't attended OLLI with

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About OLLI

OLLI – the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes – is a network of education programs for members 50 years old and up. Students choose classes "for the love of learning" – no exams, no grades, no credit. OLLI @Berkeley, housed at UC Berkeley, is one of nearly 120 OLLI programs nationwide – at least one in every state plus Washington, D.C. Two dozen operate within California.

OLLI is the creation of the Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in the Bay Area. The Foundation aims to improve the quality of life by supporting higher education and the arts, through a variety of program initiatives. Bernard Osher, a Maine native, was inspired to create OLLI by education programs specifically designed for seniors at the University of Southern Maine (USM) and USF's Fromm Institute. Key elements were to include provision of a variety of intellectually stimulating courses; a university connection; and strong volunteer involvement by participants. (For more information on the nationwide OLLI network, see usm.maine.edu/olli/national; on the Osher Foundation, see www.osherfoundation.org.)

About 75 weekly two-hour courses are offered per year, divided among three 6-week "semesters" and a smaller 4-week June term. Classes – encompassing the humanities, sciences, law and public policy, international affairs, and politics – include a mix of large lectures, seminars, and workshops; there are also special lectures once a week, and occasional class-related travel. Most sessions are conducted in downtown Berkeley, primarily at Freight & Salvage, and also at the new Magnes Museum and University Hall. A few courses are also scheduled every term at the Lafayette "satellite," in the Lafayette library.

Members can take from one to five or more courses per term, on variable payment schedules. More information on OLLI @Berkeley is available at olli.berkeley.edu.

Other OLLI programs within driving distance of Rockridge include Cal State-East Bay; Dominican University (San Rafael); San Francisco State; Santa Clara University; UC-Santa Cruz; UC-Davis; and UOP. Information on these programs is available through their websites.

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friends, in my international documentary film class I spied Rockridge author Chana Wilson, who I met when our neighborhood book club read her 2012 memoir, "Riding Fury Home." Wilson was taking the course for her work on a documentary. Lecturer Michael Fox's focus "was on shifting from the context of the film to pay attention to the choices of the filmmaker in shaping the story," she emailed me. "The class deepened my understanding of the art of documentary filmmaking."

Another Rockridge friend, Joe Lindsay, turned up in the baseball course. "That was my first class," he said. "I enjoyed Chantler's manner and the way he interacted with class members."

Joe was familiar with OLLI through his wife, Dodie Lindsay, a retired San Francisco State teacher who jumped at the chance to take "America in Crisis from the Civil War to 2012" taught by Leon Litwack. "He (Litwack) was teaching when I was at Cal in the '60s," she said, "and I couldn't get into his class. I finally got to take it. He was fabulous." In both her OLLI classes, "I ran into very good friends," Dodie told me. After years of teaching undergraduates, "I'm happy to be in a class with white hair," she said.

Get the scoop on the fall schedule at olli.berkeley.edu or by calling 510/642-9934. Open houses for faculty presentations on this year's courses are 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, September 9, at Freight & Salvage in Berkeley, and 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, September 11, at the Lafayette Library. As always, your comments and suggestions for columns are welcome by emailing judyberne@att.net.

RDA: "Thank You"

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into a Rockridge establishment and spent money. "Shop Local, Shop Rockridge" is the core of our survival, and the benefits of our success filter into our community in many ways. We are all proud to be in the Rockridge Business District. Please, let us celebrate together: Join us at our "Rockridge Out & About" from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 12. It will be a day of live music, street entertainment, gourmet food, and more.

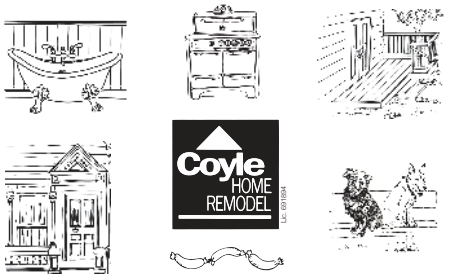
Coming Up: Safeway/College Construction Notes for September

Beginning with the area around the store, in September you'll see the construction of public improvements beginning. This includes new ADA wheelchair ramps where the sidewalk meets the street across from Cole Coffee and Yasai Market on 63rd St. You'll also see the construction of new, wider sidewalks on College, along with a new sidewalk on the Claremont side of the store.

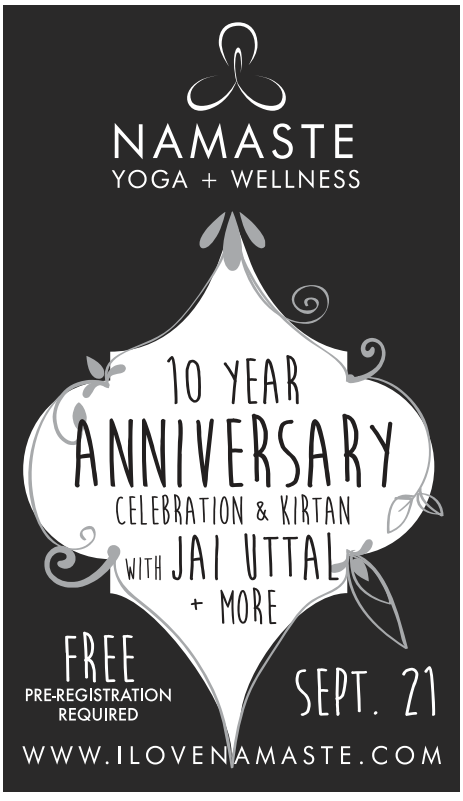
The retail shops building at the corner of College and Claremont is framed, with exterior finishes being applied. Interior framing is done, with roof construction to follow.

The parking deck is about 80 percent complete. Pouring concrete on the ramp to College and the entrance on Claremont comes next. The interior of the store is coming together quickly. The concrete floors are being polished, the ceiling and lighting are going up, the refrigerator cases are being installed, stock room and employee areas are being framed, and the wall finishes are going on. **— Elisabeth Jewell**

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Closing date	BR	BA	Address	Original price	List price	DOM	Selling price
8/4/14	4	2	5339 Thomas Avenue	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	14	$1,210,000
8/5/14	2	2	5342 Miles Avenue	$849,000	$849,000	10	$1,075,000
8/7/14	1	1	250 Whitmore Street	$255,000	$250,000	40	$245,000
8/8/14	2	1	335 Clifton Street	$749,000	$749,000	17	$921,000
8/22/14	2	2	5416 Broadway	$589,000	$589,000	11	$695,000
8/22/14	3	2	5842 Virmar Avenue	$1,049,000	$1,049,000	8	$1,455,000

Average original list price to sales price is currently 121% · Currently a 2 week supply of inventory
Median sold price is currently $998,000 vs. $800,000 last August·
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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)

Discuss crime and public safety with representatives of OPD. 2nd Thurs. each month, 7 to 8:30pm. Rockridge Library, upstairs meeting room, 5366 College Ave. Confirm mtg.at www.rockridgencpc.com or chair@rockridgencpc.com. **See story, page 7.**

Rockridge Branch Library

5366 College Avenue, 597-5017

FOR CHILDREN

- **Family Story Time:** Stories/songs/rhymes (to age 5); Saturdays, 10:30am.
- **Pre-School Story Time:** (ages 2 to 5); Thursdays, 10:30am.
- **Toddler Story Time:** (up to age 2); Thursdays, 10:30am, upstairs.

All story times followed by Play Time; parents and caregivers invited.

NOTE: Story Time will go on a brief holiday in the first week of Sept, and resume on Sept. 11.

FOR TEENS

- **College Admissions Workshop:** Get answers to common questions and share strategies with high school students **and their families** about the college admissions process. October 4, 1:30 to 3:30 pm.
- **Teen Poetry Workshop:** Youth Speaks presents writing and performance workshops. Every Wednesday, 4-5:30pm for ages 13 -19.
- **Teen Advisory Board** (ages 14-18): Advise the library how to better serve teens. Get community service credit for school. **Snacks provided.** 1st Sat. each month, 1 to 2pm.
- **Rockridge Ninjas:** Watch Anime, 5 - 6:30 pm; 2nd Tues. each month.
- **Teen 'Scape:** Play video & board games, make crafts, enjoy light snacks. Every Wednesday, 1:30 to 3:30pm.

FOR ADULTS

- **Writers Support/Critique Group:** All writers welcome. Bring 15 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). Lawyer leaves before 7pm if no more people present.

ART EXHIBITS (subject to change; call to confirm)

Gallery:

Sept: Oakland Art Assn. photography exhibit.

Oct: Oakland Art Assn. painting exhibit.

Lobby Display Case:

Sept: Oakland Art Assn.

Oct: Oakland Art Assn.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tues, 12:30 to 8pm.
Wed, Thurs & Sat: 10am to 5:30pm.
Fri, 12 to 5:30pm.
Closed: Sun., and Mon also Tues. 9//9.

Diesel Book/Poetry Readings Events

FREE and open to the public.

- Sun., 9/7, 3pm. **Poetry Flash** with **Marcia Falk** and **Steven Rood**.
- Tue., 9/9, 7pm. **Robert Cohen:** *The Essential Mario Savio: Speeches and Writings That Changed America*.
- Thurs., 9/11, 7pm. Local author **Meena Srinivasan:** *Teach, Breathe, Learn: Mindfulness In and Out of the Classroom*.
- Thurs., 9/18, 7pm. Fall Issue Release Party for the SF literary journal **ZYZZYVA**. Featured readers: **Jill Logan, Paul Madonna, Kelly Cressio-Moeller, Joseph di Prisco,** and **Troy Jollimore**. **Free snacks and wine.**
- Wed., 9/24, 7pm. **Naja Marie Aidt:** *Baboon*.
- Fri., 9/26, 9pm. Live Bluegrass music with **Avram Siegel** & guest performers ($10 cover chg.)
- Mon., 9/29, 7pm. **Michael Cho**: *Shoplifter*; (in conversation with editor **Chip Kidd**).

NOTE: Celebrate our 25th Anniversary: 25 hour party over 3 days (during business hrs.), starting 3pm, Fri, 9/26 thru Sun. 9/28. Live music, free food & drinks, games, raffles, prizes & more.

DIESEL, A Bookstore, 5433 College Ave. More info: 653-9965 or events@dieselbookstore.com

Book Signing at the Pasta Shop

Tanya Holland: *Brown Sugar Kitchen: New Style, Down Home Recipes from Sweet West Oakland*. Free tastings, Sat, 9/13, 2 – 4pm. The Pasta Shop in Rockridge Market Hall, 5655 College Avenue, Oakland. Info: 250.6005 or www.rockridgemarkethall.com.





6th Annual Volunteer Fair for Oakland Schools

Find a volunteer program that's right for you to help Oakland students. Meet the new Superintendent of Schools. Get linked to school-based volunteer opportunities that match your interests, schedules and abilities. Volunteers fully trained before they begin a program. Sept.13 from 10am to 1pm at Lakeview School Auditorium 746 Grand Avenue (at MacArthur Blvd., across the street from the Grand Lake Theater). **Free Parking** in lot behind school. Presented by Volunteering for Oakland, in partnership with OUSD. More info: Natalie Van Tassel, 339-9785 or www.volunteeringforoakland.org or contact@volunteeringforoakland.org.

Jazz at the Chimes

The **Pacific Mozart Ensemble (PME)** will present unplugged, **"Jazz Expressions,"** the "best-of" arrangements of jazz charts from their acclaimed *A Cappella Jazz& Pop Concert*. Sunday, 9/21, 2pm. Tickets at the door (cash only) beginning 12:30; doors open 1:30pm: $15 general; $10 seniors (60+) and students. More info and music clips at www.pacificmozart.org. The concert series features Bay Area jazz musicians in a landmarked Julia Morgan venue: Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave. Wheelchair accessible. **Free parking**. Info: www.jazzatthechimes.com, chimesjazz@gmail.com or 654-0123.

Wisteria Ways House Concert

- **Big Bad Gina** (genre-hoppin', folkin'-rockin' brilliant acoustic to radical electric) with folk/funk diva **Laura Love**. Sunday, Sept. 14, 3pm (house opens 2pm). **Outside venue; wheelchair accessible.** Bring a blanket, lawn chair and picnic. Hear them at bigbadgina.com/home and lauralovemusic.com.
- **Oscar Reynolds & Karumanta:** Bolivian folk & fusion: unites the black rhythms of Bolivia and Peru with Andean music traditions of the Quechua and Aymara Indians. Sat., Sept 27, 3pm (house opens 2pm). **Outside venue; wheelchair accessible.** Bring a blanket, lawn chair and picnic. Hear them at www.karumanta.com.
- **Cindy Kallet & Grey Larsen:** Traditional and contemporary folk and world music. Sun.,Oct 5, 3pm. **Inside venue; not wheelchair accessible.** Hear them at www.kalletlarsen.com.

$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.

Square Dance In North Oakland

Music by **The Squirrelly String Band.** Calling by **Jordan Ruyle** or **Evie Ladin** (with occasional guest performers). **1st and 3rd 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/.

Seniors: Free Scam Prevention Seminar

How to recognize and protect against internet, Medicare, and prescription drug fraud. Presented by the Alameda Co. District Atty's Office of Elder Protection Unit. Thurs., Oct.2, 10am to noon.

No. Oakland Sr. Center, 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, 597- 5085. More info: Cheryl Poncini, Deputy Dist. Atty., 268-7554 or Cheryl.poncini@acgov.org.

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; live music. **Bring your own reusable bags.** 5300 Claremont Ave. (off Telegraph) at DMV parking lot. More about Certified Farmers' Markets at urbanvillageonline.com.



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