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You Wanted It? *You Got It!* Cole Hardware to Open in Rockridge

Hello, Rockridge....

by Adrianna Karp, Cole Hardware

We at Cole Hardware are thrilled to announce that we are setting up shop at 5533 College Avenue. We can't wait to get to know our new neighbors – so, let's start with introductions. We are a family-owned local hardware store, with four locations in San Francisco. The patriarch of our stores is Dave Karp. Today, at 98 years young, he is still a beloved figure among Cole Hardware customers and crew, and likes to stop by the stores to visit and show off his signature card trick. Dave's son Rick is Cole Hardware's President and Keeper of the Karma, and grandkids David and Adrianna can also be found bustling about the stores.



Cole Hardware president Rick Karp, left, with daughter Adrianna, Housewares Buyer and Marketing, and son David, Inventory Manager. At rear, Chris Jackson, RDA Operations Manager. /Kevin Faughnan

Though much has changed in the stores since Dave first opened his doors for business, the motto that guides us today is the one he hung over the front door on day one: "There are no strangers here, just friends we haven't met."

Cole Hardware's top priority in striving to provide unbeatable customer service is rooted in this very attitude. Our goal is to provide what we like to

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Be Very Afraid of Little Goblins

22nd Annual Halloween Parade Oct 26



Continuing a spirited neighborhood tradition of trick-or-treating, live music, and spooky storytelling, the Rockridge District Association (RDA) and the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) invite you to celebrate Halloween on College Avenue from 12-2 p.m. Sunday, October 26. Participating merchants will host trick-or-treating along both sides of College Avenue, from Alcatraz to Broadway. Join the Halloween festivities and the costumed procession. Meet at "Halloween Central" in front

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8th Annual Out & About Fest Celebrates Rockridge Vibe

The excitement is building as we approach the 8th Annual Rockridge Out & About. Attracting thousands of people from all over the Bay Area, the popular street fair – set for Sunday, October 12, noon to 6 p.m. along College Avenue between Alcatraz and Manila – showcases all that makes Rockridge a great place to live, work, shop and play.

Under new management, this year's festival blends annual favorites with new activities.

Highlights include: Three great music stages hosted by Musically Minded Academy, 57th Street Gallery and Elevate

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16 Town Hall • AGENDA • October 16

What's In Your Ballot Box?

- **The League of Women Voters and other experts will discuss the pros and cons of local and statewide ballot measures, including:**
  - Measure CC: Public Ethics Commission Reform
  - Measure DD: Oakland Redistricting Reform
  - Measure FF: Minimum Wage Increase
  - Prop 1: Water Bond
  - Prop 2: Emergency Budget Reserve

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

7 p.m. – Come for Pizza and friends

7:30 p.m. – Program Begins

Thursday, October 16 | 7:30-9 p.m. Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College at Manila
Pizza and Friends: 7 p.m. | Program: 7:30 | Please RSVP ▸ info@rockridge.org

■ November Town Hall: Disaster Readiness Best Practices ■

'Fevered Pitch' for Safeway on College Construction

by Elisabeth Jewel, AJE partners

The construction of the new Safeway at College and Claremont has reached a fevered pitch.

October will be an intense month of completing street improvements such as sidewalks and storm drains; finishing the plaza and entrance; building out the interior of the retail spaces; paving the rooftop

Safeway/College Update, page 11

New Leadership for Chabot Elementary



Principal Jessica Israel Cannon

In her introductory letter to Chabot Elementary School families, newly-appointed principal Jessica Israel Cannon wrote, "The years your children spend with us build the foundation for who they are as learners and, just as importantly, as citizens of the world." In addition to support for classroom teachers to help students feel "welcomed and included," she emphasized the role of involved families helping children learn, and pledged to "prioritize building strong partnerships with all of our families."

— Photo, Courtesy of Morgan Rouquette

RCPC Land Use Committee

The next Land Use Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 22, 7:30 p.m. in a meeting room at the Rockridge Branch Library. **Topic:** Check with the co-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

■ Nautilus Residential Project – Telegraph Ave (East Side) Between 51st Street & Claremont Avenue

This large (over 200 residential units) residential/mixed use project would replace two approved but unbuilt projects, Civiq and Creekside. The land use committee, and some nearby neighbors, heard a presentation by the developer. In addition to the apartment units, which would range from one to three bedrooms, the project would include a 25,000 sq.ft. grocery store plus another 5,000 sq.ft. of small local retail shops. Ten percent of the units would be priced to be affordable for very low income tenants, entitling the project to a 35 percent density bonus and whatever height variance was needed to accommodate those units. The project would be 20 feet tall (townhouses) on the Clarke Street frontage, rising to 70 feet on Telegraph and 51st Street. There would also be a public walkway meandering through the project area reflecting the culverted Temescal Creek 30 feet below ground level, with a plaza at 51st and Telegraph.

Two major concerns are the entry to the commercial parking area and the grocery store loading dock, both of which would be off of Clarke Street at the intersection of Redondo, and could impact residents on Clarke and Redondo. The developers are still receiving community feedback, and final project plans are not complete. Comments may be sent to Andrew Cussen (acussen@nautilusgroup.com, 510/343-5593.

■ Temescal Apartments – West Side of Broadway from 51st Street to 49th Street

This is another large (130 units) residential rental project on the border of Rockridge. These units would all be market rate. The building height would be five floors (60 feet) at Broadway and 51st, dropping to four floors as the building moves south to 49th Street with a two-story westward extension in the middle of the block. The project would also include four units of two-story townhouses on Desmond just south of 51st Street. The building design has been refined (drawing will be available on www.rockridge.org) and the developer is planning

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College Avenue: Variety; Endurance; Excitement



Suzy Locke, principal at Suzy R. Locke & Associates. (http://artadvisor.com)

Locke & Associates: Adding to Local Art Scene

by Carl Schmitz

Just north of the California College of the Arts (CCA), on College Avenue near its intersection with Broadway, lies the office of art advisory firm Suzy R. Locke & Associates. While CCA's focus is on helping students "make art that matters," Locke & Associates is involved in much of what happens in the life of an artwork after its creation. Between educating collectors about art, helping to build art collections, and appraising artwork, Locke & Associates' practice is centered on interpreting, selecting, and setting the appropriate monetary value of art.

The most typical way in which a Rockridge resident would work with Locke & Associates would be when an art appraisal is required. Appraisals are important for estate planning and inheritances, donations to museums and taxes, and are essential for insurance policies. In the aftermath of the 1991 Oakland Hills Firestorm, for example, when many art collections and important works of art were lost, appraisals were a critical part of helping affected residents move forward with resolving their losses and claims.

A longtime area resident, Suzy Locke has worked with clients such as Dreyer's and Kaiser Permanente to develop their corporate art collections, was a devoted supporter of the Magnes Museum, and has participated in panel discussions on art collecting at JFK University and the Oakland Museum of California.

Her advice

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Long Time on the Avenue for Many Merchants

Years of Service by Merchants: Part 2

Following is the second in our series of businesses that have been in business on College Avenue at least 25 years. There are more still to come. If your business has been on the Avenue (or adjacent to it) that long, email editor@rockridge.org. We want our readers to know about you and to stop in to see what you offer.

by Kevin Faughnan, RCPC boardmember

Have you ever noticed that lime-green building just south of the Rockridge Branch Library? It's the entrance to **McNally's Irish Pub**, the first bar in Oakland to open its doors after prohibition ended in 1933. Opened by Bill McNally, long-time owner who died in 1973, the business has passed through several owners, but the décor and facilities have remained almost the same: no food, small bathrooms, and walls adorned with pictures of JFK and FDR among other historical items of importance. Stop in at McNally's at 5352 College and say hello to "Tony" who has been there 28 years and counting. I couldn't understand a "Tony" working at McNally's, but he explained that his mother wanted to make sure he got to America so she wrote "To NY" on his forehead, and the name has stuck ever since.

■ **Hazara Rug Gallery,** 6042 College Avenue, was opened by Mohammad Zavvar in 1986. He specializes in fine quality tribal weavings. These tribal rugs tend to be smaller, both for ease of use in daily prayer and to facilitate frequent moves as

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Take the 'Rockridge Vision' Survey Today

Qualify for a chance to win local gift certificate prizes

Thanks to all of you who have completed RCPC's survey on Our Vision for Rockridge. To everyone else: We want to hear from you.

What are we hearing so far? Your top descriptions of Rockridge are not a huge surprise: it is walkable, has a strong sense of community and is family-friendly, but is also very expensive. If you could wave a magic wand, you would reduce crime, make shops and housing more affordable, increase the diversity of residents, and have more green public space and gathering areas. Respondents to date particularly like and use Market Hall shops and Trader Joe's, as well as Frog Park and the library. Practically everything on College got a shout-out, including Bosko's, Hawthorne

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JOIN THE FUN! CHABOT FALL CARNIVAL

The Chabot Elementary Fall Carnival has been a Rockridge tradition for years. This year's event is Sunday, October 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Chabot campus, 6686 Chabot Road. All residents and neighbors



are invited to join in the fun and festivities at this Chabot School fundraiser. As always, admission is free.

Enjoy a family lunch from one of the food trucks, such as Top Dog, Boffo Burger, and Pihuama Taco Truck, then satisfy that sweet tooth by building your own sundae at the Dreyer's Sundae bar, or grabbing a treat from our Benefit Bakesale.

To burn off some of those calories, the Carnival offers a variety of games for kids of all ages – plan on winning some prizes, testing your bravery in the Haunted House,

Chabot Fall Carnival, page 9

Groups: Adopt a Frog Park Cleanup Event

We had another successful maintenance day for Frog Park in September, but it takes loads of volunteer hours all year to keep the park and play structures clean and safe.

Let us know if you have a group (school club, girl scout/cub scout troop, civic organization) that would like to help Frog Park one weekend day for a few hours during a cleanup or event. We've got a running list of maintenance issues, plantings, and ongoing cleanup needs. You supply the people, we'll supply the tools and materials. Please contact info@frogpark.org.

'Like' Frog Park on Facebook for A CHANCE TO WIN a $25 Gift Certificate

If you haven't already, "like" Frog Park on Facebook so you can stay up to date with the park's activities and advisories. Bonus: "Like" us and share photos of your children or families at the park during October and November. Two lucky Facebook friends will be randomly selected to win a $25 gift certificate to a local book store. www.facebook.com/frogpark.

Local Companies Can Help Frog Park's Swing Drive with $15K in Matching Funds

If you work for a business that would like to help us enhance Frog Park for area children and families, now is the time to ask for their financial support. A local family foundation (that wishes to remain anonymous) will donate $15,000 in matching funds for money contributed by companies by December 31, 2014. Please make sure your business knows about this opportunity to support our community fundraising effort for new swings and play features. For more information, email info@frogpark.org.

— FROG Park board

BACK TO THRILL AND CHILL YOU...IT'S...IT'S...

THE RETURN OF THE BLACK & ORANGE BALL – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Amazing! Startling! Shocking! There will be food (including dessert donated by Rockridge baker Antastasia Widiarsih, Indie Cakes & Pastries), drinks, music, games, a bonfire, silent & live auctions, an instant wine cellar and beer cave, and raffle prizes – all for your pleasure and all to benefit vital educational programs for Claremont Middle School students.



Come in black & orange, come in costume, or come as you are. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and have fun, all in the name of our kids.

Friday, October 24, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Humanist Hall, 390 27th Street, Oakland (between Broadway & Telegraph)

Tickets: $20 advance/$25 at the door

Tickets are available online at www.claremontms.schoolauction.net/auction2014, or visit the Claremont table at Out & About on October 12. For questions or to make a donation, contact auction@claremontms.org.

Many thanks to our generous Rockridge merchants who have already lent their support by donating merchandise and gift certificates.

You can also support our school by participating in Claremont's Online Auction, October 11 through 20. Visit www.claremontms.org for more details.

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Greenbelt Benefits from Creek to Bay Day 2014

Lively and Ambitious Volunteers Spiff Up Temescal Creek and Greenbelt





Cleaning Temescal Creek and Greenbelt.
Miles Avenue volunteers: Jill, Aven, Auntie Emo, Lyra, and Sandy. /Leonora Sea
Chabot School science classes group portrait. /A Chabot parent

by Leonora Sea, DMV Neighbors

Eighty-five volunteers wielding rakes, brooms, pick-up sticks, shovels, hoes, trowels, McLeod tools (useful for removing slough and berm from a trail and tamping or compacting tread), and plenty of muscle and enthusiasm spent three hours the morning of September 20 making the creek portion of the Rockridge Temescal Greenbelt a cleaner, prettier place.

Kids were especially active participants, including students from Chabot School's fifth-grade science classes, fifth- to eighth-graders from SquashDrive*, the Cub Scouts, and a number of children who came to volunteer with their parents.

Altogether, the group picked up 12 bags of trash, filled 80 brown paper leaf bags, and generated close to 10 cubic yards of prunings. What a crew!

Come take a walk along the Greenbelt path, and admire everyone's handiwork. You will notice some plants have been cut back and others have had dead branches removed. The root-clogged creek section by the big willow near the DMV building is clear again. Virtually all litter and many invasive grasses have been removed.

Participants found a total of 702 cigarette butts (counted by the Chabot students), an abandoned and broken shovel, exercise equipment someone left behind, and lots of paper food packaging and plastics. Now disposed of properly, this material won't be polluting the Bay or clogging our little creekbed.

Thank you to site captains Lee Patterson and Margaret Pinter; to Alem's Café (across the street from the DMV) for excellent coffee; to Eddie's Liquors on College Avenue for ice; to Michael Perlmutter, city of Oakland Environmental Stewardship Supervisor, Brazile Clark, Daniela Milian-Cavanecia and the landscape maintenance crews, all from the city; and to the 85 friends and neighbors who made Creek to Bay Day 2014 an amazing amount of fun and a great success.

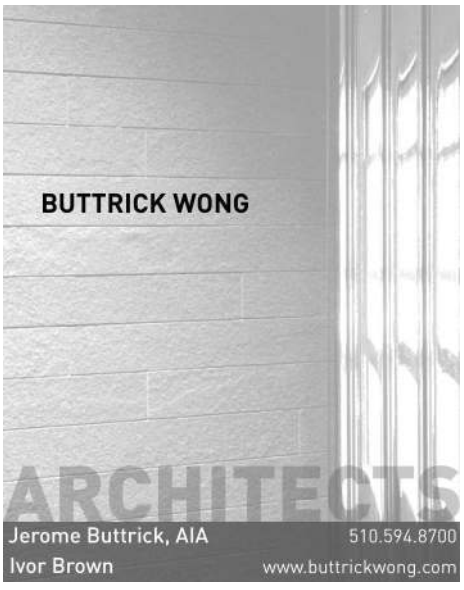
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Eyes on Rockridge

One Woman's Battle Against Gun Violence In Oakland

by Judith Doner Berne

We all read about the senseless killings of three small children in the gun violence that rocked Oakland in 2011.

But when Carlos Nava, 3, was killed in his stroller, Hiram Lawrence Jr., 23 months, in his father's arms and Gabriel Martinez, 5, in front of his daddy's taco stand, one Rockridge mother and grandmother acted.

Paula Hawthorn's thinking went something like this: "I have to do something. I'm retired. I first should do research because I know how to do research."

So Hawthorn turned her expertise (she holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Berkeley) to investigating the best ways to combat gun violence.

"I did a lot of reading and talking to people and going to lectures about what are effective violence prevention programs." She zeroed in on Operation Ceasefire after reading "Don't Shoot: One Man, A Street Fellowship" written by criminologist David M. Kennedy. His strategy targeted inner city street gangs in Boston in the 1990s and has been successful in other cities.

Hawthorn's synopsis: "You do an analysis of who is doing the shooting. You pull in the major bad guys. You offer alternatives such as job training. And you tell them: 'If you do this again, the works is going to fall down on you.'"

Although the program had been adopted by the Oakland Police Department some years before, it had never been effectively implemented.

"I bought 40 copies (of Kennedy's book) and gave them to every member of City Council and every civic leader I could find," Hawthorn told me. "I take only a little bit of credit" about the OPD's recommitment to the program in 2013. "That has taken many hands, including mine and others."

Many consider Operation Ceasefire an important part of the declining murder rate in Oakland. Hawthorn is concerned that if Proposition Z fails in the November 4 election, its funding could be jeopardized.

Still, she hasn't put all her eggs in one basket. She and husband Mike Ubell – the new chair of the Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) – are on the board of Make Oakland Better Now.

Parents of two grown sons and grandparents of five, they often join the Friday night community walks through Oakland's high crime areas, where they've been among from 20 to 70 people to march and carry signs advocating "Peace in the Streets" and "Put Your Gun Down."

"When I can do it, I love doing it. I usually go to the East Oakland one," Hawthorn says. "People want to know that you care. They come out on their porches and wave and cars going by flash the victory sign." The mayor, she says, and chief and assistant chiefs of police are often part of the group.

She and Ubell are also advocates of the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) program, directed at parents as a way to safeguard their children when they go to a new friend's house to play. "You ask if they have an unlocked gun in their house."

Hawthorn brought the national program to Oakland with help from Assistant Police Chief Paul Figueroa. She has presented it at two NCPC meetings. Now she is trying to find other people to take it to schools.

"I've seen her presentations," Figueroa told me in a telephone conversation. "They're entertaining and to the point. In any interaction with Paula, you quickly get a sense of who she is and what she's about – bringing peace and justice to the community in so many ways."

The Oakland Police actually reached out to her for help. "She and a couple of people she brought along helped me re-think some of the strategies the OPD could use in tracing guns," Figueroa says. "She knows where to be and when to be there."

For instance, Hawthorn is president of Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE). Their work includes gathering at locations throughout the city to mark and remember where someone died as a result of gun violence.

"Paula has been steadfast in her activism on reducing gun violence in Oakland,"

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Against Gun Violence

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Oakland Councilmember Dan Kalb wrote in an email. "I've been extremely impressed with her on-going commitment to gun control, the Ceasefire program, and overall public safety advocacy in Oakland. We're all better off because of her work."

Her Kales Avenue neighbors experience Hawthorn's commitment and leadership firsthand. "We call Paula the 'Mayor of Kales Avenue,'" emailed Erin Flynn who lives up the block. "She is dedicated to developing community – on our street, in Rockridge and across Oakland.

"Paula organizes the neighborhood phone list, the email group, and every block party we've had (with help, of course). She organized our CORE training (Citizens of Oakland Responding to Emergencies) and encourages earthquake preparedness among our neighbors so we can help each other if there is an emergency. Paula knows that bringing us together as a community makes us stronger.

"Paula is whip-smart, engaged, dedicated, hard-working, friendly, and fun. We are proud to have her as our friend."

"She's wonderfully calm and unflappable," adds Mary Catherine Haug, another neighbor. Some years back, packages were regularly being stolen from neighborhood front porches. Under Hawthorn's leadership, the neighbors organized and were able to solve and stop the thefts, Haug says.

The week of our interview, the neighborhood was preparing for its 11th annual block party. "I started the block party," Hawthorn says, "because I felt like we should do something fun instead of just having meetings about crime."

As OPD's Figueroa said: "She brings peace and justice to our community in so many ways."

Paula Hawthorn and her husband Mike Ubell are dedicated to making their neighborhood and the city of Oakland safer. Here, she takes time out to de-skunk their dog Serafina.

/Judith Doner Berne



Your comments and suggestions for future columns are welcome by emailing judyberne@att.net.

'Rockridge Vision' Survey

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Boutique, Eddie's Liquors, many great restaurants, and more.

As usual, the most popular request was for a hardware store (see page 1 for good news on that front).

Lastly, 52 percent of respondents to date sometimes shop online for things they could get locally on and around College, 26 percent try not to, and 16 percent rarely (or never) do.

We are off to a good start, but we would love to hear from many more of you before reporting the final results. The survey can be completed in less than 10 minutes. Take it today and qualify to win a gift certificate for $10 - $60 to these Rockridge establishments: Pendragon; Diesel Books; Smitten Ice Cream; Bittersweet Café; Maison D'Etre; Nathan&Co; Rockridge Home; and Box and Bells. Don't miss out.

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November Elections

Ranked-Choice

Understanding Oakland's Ranked-Choice Voting

by Zabrae Valentine, RCPC chair

Are you ready for another Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) election? Oakland elects its Mayor, City Council members, City Attorney, City Auditor, and School Directors using ranked-choice voting. For all other races, you'll simply pick your single most preferred candidate, or vote yes or no on a ballot measure.

How RCV works: If a candidate receives a majority (50 percent+1) of the first-choice votes cast for that office, that candidate is elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes cast, then an elimination process begins. The candidate who receives the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated, and each vote cast for that candidate is transferred to the voter's next ranked choice among the remaining candidates. The elimination process continues until one candidate receives a majority of votes and is deemed the winner.

RCV allows you to vote first for your preferred candidate, but also to choose a back-up in the event your preferred candidate doesn't get a majority of the total votes cast. It also avoids the administration (and cost) of a separate run-off election when no

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EBMUD

EBMUD Elections for Rockridge Ward

by Terre Beynart, Rockridge resident

Most likely everyone in Rockridge is interested in the water coming out of our taps. In this era of drought and climate change, it is critical that we engage as consumers to help ensure the continuation of good water quality and the development of forward-thinking water management policies.

Our water utility, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), is governed by directors representing geographic wards in the service area. EBMUD has seven wards. A ward boundary between Ward 3 and Ward 4 bisects Rockridge, roughly along Highway 24. Ward 4 is north of highway 24 and Ward 3 is south.

For the EBMUD director elections this fall, directorship for the 4th Ward is uncontested. That seat is held by Andy Katz, board president. The seat in the 3rd Ward is held by board vice president Katy Foulkes. Foulkes has served on the board for 20 years. Marguerite Young is challenging the five-term incumbent for 3rd Ward seat.

Foulkes has a long history of political involvement in the East Bay. She has served two terms on the Piedmont City Council, including one as mayor, two terms as president of the League of Women Voters

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by FORL members

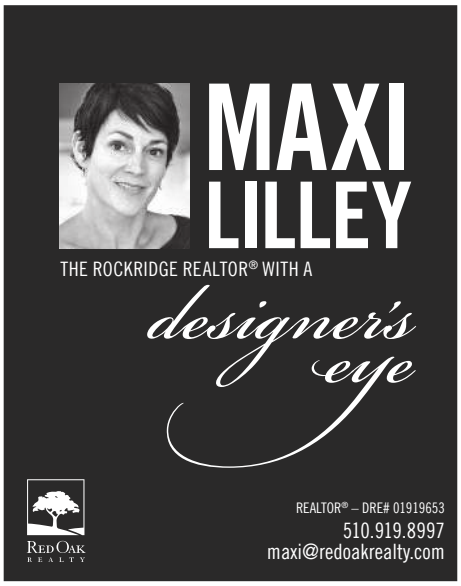
Eat at the library? Yes, you can. Learn how different seasonings influence food as Linda Carucci, local chef instructor and author, tempts your senses and guides your palate.

You'll have your own dish to season and your own belly to fill while you taste, experiment, and learn, all while having fun at the library. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rockridge Library, a volunteer-run 501(c)3 organization.

Come learn from an expert: expect to gain new tips and culinary tricks during this fun event. Linda Carucci is an award-winning culinary instructor and cookbook author who was voted 2002 Cooking Teacher of the Year by the International Association of Culinary Professionals. The Friends of the Rockridge Library is thrilled to welcome Linda to the Rockridge Library for this free event. Stick around to purchase and get signed Linda's latest book, "Cooking School Secrets for Real World Cooks."

This free event has limited seating: please RSVP to save your seat at www.RockridgeFriends.org.

Seasoning to Taste with Linda Carucci: an interactive tasting experience. Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Rockridge Library, 5366 College Avenue.





Cole Hardware

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call "positive dinnertime conversation" for you after your experience at Cole Hardware.

The result is that we deliver goods and services above and beyond what you'd find at the average hardware store. For example, our stores are virtual recycling centers where you can drop off old paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, soft plastics, propane tanks, small computer electronics, and more, to be responsibly recycled. Of course we will cut keys, mix and match paint, and advise you on your plumbing, electrical, gardening, and home improvement endeavors, too. And, we offer extensive selections in our housewares, pet and gift departments.

When we introduce nontraditional elements into our stores and business practices, we are responding to customer requests and needs.

So, we want to hear from you, Rockridge. If there is a niche you would like to see a hardware store fill in your neighborhood, or even if you'd just like to say "hello," please reach out to us at service@colehardware.com.

Grand Opening; Local Hiring

January 1, 2015, is the target date for the grand opening in Rockridge. Meanwhile, please visit us at the Out & About festival on October 12 to introduce yourself, see Dave's famous card trick and taste our private label Cole Hardware Cutting Edge wine. (We told you we were different!)

We will talk about job opportunities at the new store – as we hope to hire locally – and also tell people about our Community Assistance Partnership Program through which schools and nonprofit organizations earn benefits such as a 10 percent return on purchases their supporters make in our stores.

Ed. Note: Learn more about Cole Hardware at: http://www.colehardware.com/

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Letters to the Editor

The Rockridge News welcomes letters to the editor. Your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and city/neighborhood must be included for verification. Only your name will appear with your letter. Letters may be edited for clarity and brevity at the editor's discretion. Views expressed in any letter are the writer's own, and may not necessarily be shared by the editor, or by RCPC.

Keith Avenue Restriping Result of Long Planning

Editor:

I was sorry to read of Ms. Bairum's disappointment in the City's decision to restripe Keith Avenue down to one vehicle lane with a bike lane (Letters, The Rockridge News, September 2014). However, the decision to restripe was based on almost two years of collaboration between the Public Works Department (PWD) and ROKA (Residents of Keith Avenue), with more than 30 member households. The issue was discussed exhaustively at numerous well-advertised meetings, the first having been attended by PWD staff. Flyers for every meeting were distributed directly to each and every residence on the street. The plan was also thoroughly vetted over several group email conversations. In the end, ROKA voted in favor of the restriping plan, and informed PWD of this vote. ROKA supported the restriping to protect the safety of the large number of children who live on the street. The restriping shifts vehicle traffic away from the sidewalk and serves as a traffic-calming measure, slowing down average speeds on the street. Funds used for the restriping did not come from the Fourth Bore Settlement funds, contrary to Ms. Bairum's belief.

— Rick Hirsch, AICP

Chabot Fall Carnival

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and decorating pumpkins and sugar skulls.

The Chabot Carnival also offers lots of fun entertainment such as Jeremy the Juggler, great music by DJ Justin Credible, and a silent costume contest.

For those who like to shop, stop by the Craft Faire featuring designers and crafters from the Chabot community.

Please join us in celebrating all the fun that fall has to offer; there is something for everyone. All proceeds from this family-friendly event benefit the Chabot Elementary PTA and fund enrichment programs like the library, music, art, science, Spanish, and the garden; coordination of numerous after-school programs; and help in the classrooms.

Special thanks to our sponsors for supporting the Chabot community: Ron Kriss of Lawton Associates Real Estate Brokerage, SWEAT Health & Fitness, MPR Financial, Vaska, Ruth Goldstone of Marvin Gardens Realty, and Piedmont Dental by Design.

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Oakland Tech Tome Celebrates 100 Years of Schooling

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In celebration of 100 years of educating high school students, Oakland Technical High School Centennial staff has produced a book celebrating the school and its history.

The community is invited to the official launch of this special book Saturday, October 18, 2-4 p.m. in the Tech library. The celebration includes live jazz by a Tech student band, refreshments, and the chance to mingle with alumni. The three most senior graduates from the 1930s will be honored, and a slide show will highlight a graduate from each decade. Past principals and current principal Staci Ross-Morrison will share their experiences of the school.

The book celebrates 100 years of Oakland Tech history, reflecting the history of Oakland, its people and the country. It features decade-by-decade chapters with beautifully presented photos depicting high school life from 1915 to the present.

Books will be available to purchase for $40. Cash, check or credit card accepted.

Parking is available in the lot on campus and around the school. Greeters will be at each door to direct you to the library. Please RSVP to: otcentennialbook@gmail.com. (RSVP not required to attend book launch.)

OPD Rotation Brings Back One-Time Area 2 Commander

Farewell from Captain Toribio



I have transferred to command the Support Operations Division; Capt. Darren Allison is the new Area 2 commander.

This change is part of the Department's regular command rotation. Captain Allison was the area commander for North Oakland in 2008. He is eager to continue the good work we have started in Area 2. I know he will appreciate your support as we complete the transition.



I am proud of what we have accomplished over the last year and look forward to hearing about continued progress in the area of public safety in North Oakland.

— Capt. Anthony Toribio

At RCPC's September Board Meeting...

In this issue of The Rockridge News, the RCPC board of directors initiates the practice of sharing a list of the items discussed at its most recent meeting to increase community awareness of the issues considered and acted upon.

The board's September meeting covered the following topics:

- Discussed/approved a letter from RCPC to the City requesting a series of conditions be required as part of any new conditional use permit approval for the commercial space adjoining the Ramen Shop on College; the requested conditions reflect the results of a discussion with RCPC, the Ramen Shop, the landlord, and a neighbor.
- Discussed/approved cosigning letters to the City and to Safeway requesting a traffic management plan and a community communication strategy related to the planned construction in the Broadway and 51st Street area.
- Planned for the October Out and About event and the Halloween Parade.
- Discussed the "Rockridge Vision" survey currently in circulation and planned listening sessions on the same topic.
- Discussed candidates for open board seat and plan to make interview appointments soon after October meeting).
- Discussed College Safeway signage program, and negotiations with the Planning Department and Safeway to try to reduce their quantity, size and brightness. (While there is still plenty of opposition to numerous elements of this project, the effort to reduce the signage was reasonably successful.)
- Reviewed likely content for the October Rockridge News newsletter.
- Discussed September and October Town Halls, both on election-related information.
- Discussed Scenic Streets progress on Dog Park Renovation funding and FROG Park fundraising.
- Parking and streets:
  - Discussed the possible loss of parking at Dreyer's (because the company plans to build a fence at the parking lot to improve security).
  - Reviewed an update of the planned street diets on Telegraph, College and Broadway.
  - Discussed AC Transit's proposal to move the bus stop from in front of Child's Play at Chabot Road and College to another location on College not in front of a crosswalk.

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Safeway/College Update

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parking; and finishing the loading dock. The inside of the store will come together quickly: The freezer boxes are in place; the employee areas and bathrooms are nearly built out; the cement floor is poured and polished; and the lighting fixtures will be hung soon.

Crews will soon be building out the individual departments including deli, meat, floral, pharmacy and produce.

Pedestrian and Traffic Changes

There are numerous pedestrian and traffic changes during this time. On Claremont, the sidewalk has been moved to keep pedestrians away from the loading dock construction. Casual carpool may be shifted occasionally in the next six weeks on Claremont between Alcatraz and College. There will be a worker posted there from 7-9 a.m. on weekday mornings to help keep everyone safe as they wait for rides.



Interior of Safeway, looking out on College Avenue from where the checkstands will be.

/Elisabeth Jewel

Street Work

The street work being performed by EBMUD in the middle of College is done. The city of Oakland is replacing handicapped ramps at 63rd and College, so there will be construction work in front of Cole Coffee and Yasai in the next week.

On the other side of the street, Safeway is taking up the old sidewalk and replacing it with new, wider sidewalks. That side of the street will be closed to pedestrians for the next several weeks.

The grand opening will occur before Thanksgiving. Look to next month's update for more details.

Ranked-Choice Voting

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candidate wins by a majority, since this winnowing process replaces the run-off. (This voting method is also sometimes referred to as "instant-runoff" voting.)

Here are a few reminders when you are filling out your ballot:

■ RCV allows you to rank a first, second and third choice candidate for a single office. Your second choice will be counted only if your first choice candidate has been eliminated. Your third choice will be counted only if both your first and second choice candidates have been eliminated.

■ If you only have one or two candidates you would ever in a million years want for a particular seat, then only list those candidates. You do not have to select three candidates – you can select one, two, OR three.

■ Listing a candidate multiple times counts as one vote for that candidate; i.e., there is no benefit to doing this. (There is another voting system called "cumulative voting" that would give a voter multiple votes that could be spread among multiple candidates or all used on one, but we don't have that system in Oakland.)

For additional reading on RCV, check these sites:
http://www.oaklandrcv.com/;
http://www.oakmayor2014.com/voter-information/ranked-choice-voting-faq/#toggle-id-4



EBMUD Elections

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of Piedmont, and 16 years on the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission representing special districts. She represents EBMUD on joint powers agencies with the Sacramento area and the counties of Amador, Calaveras and Alpine.

Challenger Young has worked as director for Clean Water Action California and has led successful campaigns at the local, state and national level to improve water quality and protect drinking water sources from pollution. She has served on numerous state and federal advisory committees including the Cal Fed Bay Delta Program, the State Source Water Protection Committee, Water Reuse Task Force, and the EPA Advisory Committee on Drinking Water Disinfection By-Products. Young has been endorsed by the Democratic Party, the Sierra Club, Clean Water Action and several labor unions including the AFSCME which represents most EBMUD employees.

The two candidates disagree on important issues. Young thinks that heavy water users should pay higher rates while historically low water users should get a break. Foulkes does not hold that position. Foulkes voted against Wild and Scenic status for the Mokolumne River (our water source). Young was an advocate of Wild and Scenic status for the Mokolumne River.

This will be an interesting race to watch. Stay tuned, do your research and get out and vote.

Block Captain Opening on Claremont

Nerissa and Matt are moving on to other volunteer activities and must give up their two Claremont Avenue Rockridge News delivery routes. We thank them and invite anyone in the neighborhood to pick up one or both of their routes: Check out the route details below and call or email to sign up: 510/547-3855 or smontauk@gmail.com.

16D	Both sides 5200 Claremont, including apartment at 5248, and 5400 block Claremont Ave, west side only from Clifton to Cavour.
18Ga	Both sides of Claremont Avenue from freeway to Clifton

Land Use Committee

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to move the project forward towards Planning Commission consideration within the next few months. A recent neighborhood meeting did not surface any major objections from neighboring residents, although the project will cast very long shadows on midwinter mornings.

■ **Ramen Shop Use Permit Modification – 5808 College**

This successful restaurant is expanding into the adjacent space. The prior tenant, Rockridge Luggage, was evicted by the landlord to make room for the expansion. RCPC submitted a comment letter pointing out problems for nearby residents with the building's existing operations and how the problems – late-night noise, overflow parking, unsafe garage area, and compost and garbage bin odors – would get worse unless steps were taken to improve the situation. Planner Aubrey Rose (238-2071, arose@oaklandnet.com) is considering the comments and expects to make a decision shortly.

■ **College Avenue Safeway Project – College/Claremont**

Construction is nearing completion. Call RCPC (869-4200) with any problems. The proposed major sewer line in the middle of College Avenue has been moved to the side, and its installation should not cause major disruption. New sidewalks are being poured on both College and Claremont Avenue frontages. Unfortunately, the new streetlights on the Claremont Avenue frontage are placed further in from the curb than usual. Although the sidewalk is being widened to still meet standards required for the disabled, pedestrians will need to be alert to avoid walking into the lampposts.

Projected opening date for the new store and retail shops is still mid-November. Not all retail tenants are known, but will include the 1st United Services Credit Union (moved from Rockridge Shopping Center), the drycleaner (also moved from the shopping center), Philz Coffee (a San Francisco-based Bay Area franchise with stores in Berkeley), and a bank – unclear which one. There will also be a Starbucks (this block is going to be "coffee central") and a Wells Fargo located within the Safeway store.

Out & About

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Oakland; Chef's Stage and Picnic with Market Hall; artisan booths; loads of kids' activities; wellness area; Urban Farm presentation; and Circus Stage hosted by Kinetic Arts Center, to name a few. Come visit for the full experience.

Out & About is presented by the Rockridge District Association. Festival admission is free, thanks to our generous sponsors: Market Hall; Lawton Associates Real Estate Brokerage; UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland; DHR Investment Counsel; McGuire Realty; Toast Kitchen + Bar; California Waste Solutions; Zipcar; East Bay Express; and the city of Oakland.

For more information: rockridgeoutandabout.com

Valet bike parking will be available at Rockridge BART.

Art on the Avenue

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for potential art collectors? "The most important things about buying art are to buy what you love and never be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand a work. An artist or advisor will be happy to talk with you."

Frequently called away from her Rockridge office for projects like working with collectors in Chicago or attending art fairs such as Art Basel, Locke still feels deeply connected to the neighborhood: "Rockridge is diverse, vibrant, and one of the most sophisticated communities in Oakland, providing shoppers and visitors with a feast for the eye and the palate through its shops, restaurants, and great public library."

Carl Schmitz is Art Research Librarian at the Richard Diebenkorn Foundation, spending the last decade working, shopping, dining, and running to the train on College Avenue. He can be reached at cschmitz@diebenkorn.org.

Halloween Parade

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of the Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Avenue, at 11:45 a.m. We'll begin trick-or-treating along the Avenue at noon. Return with your bag of treats to "Halloween Central" to partake in wicked arts and crafts, silly sing-alongs, ghoulish storytelling by Muriel Johnson and music by Salane Schultz. Be sure to sign up for a chance to win a Powell's Sweet Shoppe Gift Certificate.



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Years of Service

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the nomadic tribes searched for new grazing areas for their herds. Mohammad and his son Baback continue their family tradition, learned in Iran and now shared with repeat customers in the Bay Area. They also buy and sell on the Internet to a much broader audience. Now, they are launching an online auction service that debuts October 18. More than 170 items will be available for purchase. If you are interested in this fascinating field of decorative fine art, stop in and discover the history and enjoyment these rugs bring to their owners. And, check out their online auction catalog: http://www.hazaragallery.com.

■ Have you wondered why **Eddie's Drive-In Liquors** at 5491 College has such generous entrance and exit driveways for its parking lot? Before 1964, the site held a gas station, then was purchased and modified into the familiar building we know now. Current owner Wayne Johnson started working there about 25 years ago. After several years, he bought the business; now, son Adam has followed in Dad's footsteps. Soon, you'll see more healthy choices, as well as more than 300 different beers with more local selections coming in every week. The store is a reference point in many conversations, because everyone knows where Eddie's is.

■ A few doors down from Eddie's is **Rockridge Royal Cleaners**, 5455 College, which opened for business 29 years ago. Sunny has been the owner for the last 16 years, and can be found there just about every day even though she has six other employees. It's hot and hard work inside but she takes pride in delivering this service. Alterations are also done on-site.

■ Moving north on College, we find the **Rockridge Café** at 5492 College, opened as a small counter-only cafe in 1973 — the same counter you can see now. Ten years later, owner Bill Chung expanded the layout into its current configuration and served breakfast, lunch and dinner. In 2005, the menu changed to breakfast and lunch only. That decision appears to have been a good one, judging by the lines on any Saturday. Daniel, the assistant manager, started 25 years ago as the dishwasher and just enjoys working in the neighborhood he lives in. Try the Chorizo and Cheese Scramble if you want a little spice in the morning. The café is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **Rockridge Barber** was founded by Domiano Tamburrino about 1921 and has been owned by Marty Hatton since about 1986. Twenty-eight years later, his hair is longer (I envy him) and greyer, but the service is just as good. Marty was recovering from surgery a few years ago and closed the shop at 5409 College for almost nine months. When he returned to work, he found a long line of apparent hippies waiting for him: customers who had waited until he was well. That is customer loyalty, and a tribute to Marty. Look for the wooden barber-pole outside (only during open hours) thanks to John, who had it made just a few years ago. However, the chairs inside go back to the '30s. Waiting customers can study the collection of early barber tools, or, since Marty's a baseball fan, listen to the game that's sure to be on the radio. Just what you'd expect. Call for an appointment: 652-4010.

■ Specialty Antique Rug company **The Levant**, 5450 College, does repairs, cleaning and sales, and has been owned by Albert Keshisian since 1964. The building and next-door parking lot were once a Safeway store, the second largest in Oakland at the time. Albert, a lively 87 years old, is a man of many interests; an appointment is necessary as he is often out on business. Blessed with a great memory, that gift came to the rescue of many of his clients who lost valuable rugs during the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire. Albert was able to describe and document many of their purchases and assist in the insurance claims. He was also active in the roller skating, bowling and movie theatre businesses located where Market Hall now sits. Albert learned the rug trade from his father starting at about age 7. He graduated from Claremont Middle School and recalls getting his first haircut at the Rockridge Barber in the early 1930s. If you are lucky enough to have a conversation with Albert, you will remember it for a long time.

■ George Carpenter and Walt Trube first opened a restaurant in 1931 where Market Hall now stands and called it Troop's Café. After a good measure of success, they sold the property to Albert Keshisian (see Levant, above), built their current location at 5445 College in 1945 and renamed the restaurant **George & Walt's**. The establishment was known for steaks, seafood (abalone was a favorite) and good wine. It continued offering dinner under various managements into the 1990s when Barbara Stelzriede, George's great-granddaughter, stepped back into managing and steered the business into a "sports bar" that will again be serving "pub food" in the fall. The bar has a strong neighborhood following from both men and women, is very busy on the weekends, has well-behaved clients and spotless premises. Rose is the bartender and ladies are always welcome.

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9/9/14	3	2	5429 Thomas Avenue	$949,000	$949,000	12	$1,150,000
9/16/14	2	2	5400 Broadway Terrace	$723,000	$723,000	1	$780,000
9/23/14	5	4	5526 Taft Avenue	$1,435,000	$1,435,000	11	$1,738,000
9/24/14	2	1	5426 Bryant Avenue	$775,000	$775,000	22	$750,000
9/24/14	2	1	5668 Broadway	$875,000	$875,000	19	$900,000

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Compiled by Jo Ellis

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)

Discuss crime and public safety with representatives of OPD. 2nd Thurs. each month (10/9), 7 to 8:30pm. **Speaker on Measure Z** (marijuana as a low priority crime). Rockridge Library, upstairs meeting room, 5366 College Ave. Confirm mtg. at www.rockridgencpc.com or chair@rockridgencpc.com.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Spooky Science Story Time:** Regular Family Story Time to be followed by spooky science crafts. Sat.,10/25,10:30am. Best for ages 2 to 7 years; all ages welcome.
- **Not-So-Scary Halloween Stories & Craft:** Come in costume (or not), for not-too-scary stories and songs. **Special craft: Sugarless Skulls for Day of the Dead**. Tues, 10/28, 6:30pm. Best for ages 2 to 9 years, with parent's help.

FOR TEENS

Note: Youth Speak poetry workshops cancelled.

- **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 3:30 pm.
- **Watch Halloween Horror Movies:** Oct 31, from 2 – 5 pm.

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 (10/18,11/15, 1 to 5pm. Sponsored by the Calif. Writers Club, Berkeley branch. Info: 420-8775 or Writefox@aol.com.
- **Lawyers in the Library:** Free legal advice and referrals. First Tues. each month (10/7), 5 to 7pm. (Advance sign-up starts 4:45pm at adult reference desk). Volunteer lawyer leaves before 7pm if no more people present. **Note: Cancelled for Nov**.
- **Seasoning to Taste** with cookbook author **Linda Carucci.** How seasonings influence the flavors of a particular dish. Sat., 11/8, 11am – 12:30. Free, with limited seating. RSVP: www.eventbrite.com/e/seasoning-to-taste-with-linda-carucci-tickets-12225610129. Sponsored by Friends of the Rockridge Library (FORL).

Art Exhibits (call to confirm)

Gallery:

Oct: **Oakland Art Assoc:** Paintings.

Nov: 2 exhibits curated by **Irving Wiltshire:** Rockridge Community Photography Group; and The Art of Modeling.

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- Sun, 10/5, 3pm. **Barbara Rhine:** *Tell No Lies*.
- Tues,10/7, 7pm. **Dennis McNally:** *On Highway 61: Music, Race, and the Evolution of Cultural Freedom*
- Wed, 10/8, 7pm. **Sheila E.:** *The Beat of My Own Drum: A Memoir*.
- Thurs, 10/9, 7pm. **Thug Kitchen authors** (an anonymous LA duo): *Thug Kitchen: The Official Cookbook: Eat Like You Give a F*ck*.
- Sun, 10/12, 3pm. **Tod Goldberg:** *Gangsterland*.
- Tues, 10/14, 7pm. **Rita Gardner:** *The Coconut Latitudes: Secrets, Storms, and Survival in the Caribbean*
- Thurs, 10/1616, 7pm. Local author **Robert Thomas:** *Bridge*.
- Sun, 10/19, 3pm. Poetry Flash with **Jane Mead** and **Judy Halebsky**.
- Tues, 10/21, 7pm. Discussion with literary publications **ZYZZYVA** and **Monkey Business**.
- Thurs, 10/23, 7pm. **Mandy Aftel:** *Fragrant: The Secret Life of Scent.*
- Thurs, 10/30, 7pm. **Mark McClusky:** *Faster, Higher, Stronger: How Sports Science Is Creating a New Generation of Superathletes – and What We Can Learn from Them.*
- Fri, 10/31, 7pm. **William Gibson:** *The Peripheral*.
- Sun, 11/2, 3pm. **Diane di Prima:** *The Poetry Deal*.
- Tues, 2/4, 7pm. **Rebecca Solnit:** *The Encyclopedia of Trouble and Spaciousness*.
- Thurs, 2/6, 7pm. **Linda Schreyer:** *Tears and Tequila*.

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

Wisteria Ways House Concert

- **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.
- **Jeffrie Givens** in her one-woman show *"Retard!"* A unique cabaret in story and song with **Marty Nemko** on piano. Sat., Nov 1, 8pm. Inside venue; not wheelchair accessible. Hear a sample at www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2EAp56o8YQ&feature=youtu.be.

$15-20 donation for musicians (cash only at the door). 383 61st Street. Reservations (highly recommended): RSVP to info@WisteriaWays.org. or 655-2771.

5th Annual East Bay Mini-Maker Faire

A one-day festival of do-it-yourself (and do-it-together) hands-on making. Over 150 inspirational, local makers show and share amazing projects: engineering, art, science, domestic arts, craft, robotics and more. Sun., Oct. 19, 10am– 5pm. Hosted by Park Day School (proceeds benefit the school scholarship fund), 360 42nd St, (at Opal). Tickets: $13-20 (kids 3 and under free). http://www.eventbrite.com/e/east-bay-mini-maker-faire-2014-tickets-12676903961?aff=eac2. **Rockridge News readers use discount code RNews for 15 percent off admission (on-line only, at least a day before)**. More info: www.ebmakerfaire.com.

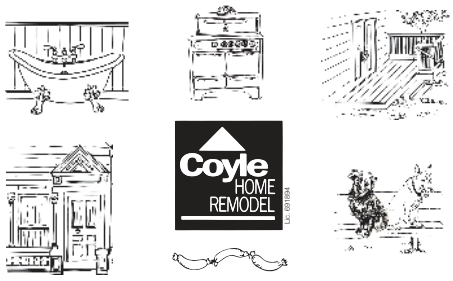
Temescal Farmers' Market

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

Square Dance in North Oakland

Music by The Squirrelly String Band. **Calling by Jordan Ruyle** (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 Marxist Library, 6501 Telegraph Ave. Info: http://squirrellystringband.com/.







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