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Three Cars Burgled During Community Crime Meet

by Don Kinkead

Thursday evening can be a noisy time for a meeting in the Library's upstairs meeting room when the voices of pedestrians on the sidewalk drift up through the windows. Still, distinctive sounds can rise above the hubbub, distracting some meeting attendees from the topic. Late in the Thursday, June 18, Town Hall meeting, as Oakland Police Lt. Randy Brandwood began to describe the effects of Proposition 47 on criminal activity – lesser penalties for non-violent crimes such as car burglary – a woman heard a noise, looked into the Library parking lot, and cried, "Hey! Hey! Hey! They're doing it now!" The audience moved to the windows and OPD Community Resource Officer (CRO)

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Kitchen Tour: Ideas Aplenty

Inspiring Designs for You in Eight Neighborhood Kitchens

The 2015 Rockridge Kitchen Tour, the original home kitchen event in one of Oakland's most walkable neighborhoods, is set for Sunday, September 20, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.



A remodeled kitchen featured in a prior RCPC Kitchen Tour.

For the advance purchase price of $40, you can tour eight new kitchens including one full-home tour. Each space is a stunning example of its kind, from impeccable bungalow kitchen restorations to grand modern living spaces. Once again, our Rockridge homes boast designs and build quality that are bold, innovative,

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NCPC This Summer:
Restorative Justice, Police Review

by Mike Udell, NCPC Chair, and Karen Ivy, Secretary

This summer, NCPC hosts speakers at its July and August meetings who will speak of local reflections of national news. Details are in the boxes below. Plan to attend and participate in these presentations. The meetings will be in the upstairs meeting rooms at the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. We will have presentations from our Crime Reduction Officers (CRO) and discuss neighborhood issues.

July 11, 7:30 p.m.
Restorative Justice
We will have a speaker from the **North Oakland Restorative Justice Council**. The diverse council is made up of North Oakland

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August 13, 7:30 p.m.
Citizens' Police Review
Anthony W. Finnell, Executive Director of the **Citizens' Police Review Board** presents the purpose and services of the board. Prior to

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- Keep OPD phone numbers handy.
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  - OPD emergency, cell phone: 777-3211
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- Don't leave valuables – purse, wallet, cell phone, computer, tablet – in your car or easily visible through windows in your home.
- If you have or plan to install security cameras, make them visible as an additional deterrent.
- Be aware of your surroundings when walking on the street, and especially when leaving your car to enter the house.
- Do not walk and talk on a cell phone without at least assessing your surroundings for possible threats.
- Have good lighting around your home. Put lights on motion sensors; leave the porch light on at night.
- Secure your gates and garage doors. Lock outside tool storage areas and ladders securely.
- Report all instances of crime to the Oakland Police Department, and get a report number. At the least, OPD can use the information to predict and respond to trends. At best, your loss may be recovered.
- Install an alarm and the provider's identifying sticker.
- Trim landscaping, especially around windows and where walls and overhangs obscure security views.
- Screen in-house workers – contractors, their sub-contractors, and day laborers, for example – for reliability and trustworthiness.

Find more emergency contact information and news about crime prevention programs at http://safeoakland.com/report-safety-threat/emergency-contact-information.

From information suggested by OPD panel members at the June RCPC Town Hall and the Safe Oakland web site.

A Letter to the Neighborhood: Invitation to a Summer of Service

by Brendan Havenar-Daughton

When I first joined the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) board of directors in the fall of last year, I kept hearing one phrase over and over again.

It was a phrase that seemed to resonate to some degree with everyone at our board meetings and Town Hall events: community and board members alike would say, "Rockridge didn't get this way by accident!" And they are right. The community we experience around us today is a reflection of the dedication and vision of our community activists. From our healthy business district on College Avenue and our tree-lined streets, to the Rockridge Branch Library and Frog Park, our community has been deeply shaped by those who stepped up and served as volunteers, RCPC board members, mentors, ambassadors, and visionaries. To these folks we are indebted, with our everlasting gratitude and appreciation.

I have seen the power of community first hand. Looking out from the windows at Peralta, Claremont Middle School and Oakland Tech – schools I attended – I witnessed the incredible impact of everyday people; I have seen our community transform.

I joined the board because I wanted to give back to the community that helped shape my views and to encourage others to get involved.

What draws me to serve our community is my belief that community health is directly correlated with community engagement. Just as highly engaged and supportive parents can be instrumental in the success of a school, engaged and action-oriented community members are likewise critical for sustaining a vibrant and healthy community. For me personally, this type of volunteer service offers the highest levels of gratification: the fulfillment of working with a team of people



committed to helping our community flourish.

With summer now in full swing, it may be the perfect time to consider getting involved and giving back to Rockridge. Over the next few months, the Rockridge Community Planning Council will be accepting applications for our board. If you have an interest in community-building, you may be the perfect fit. All interested residents over the age of 18 are encouraged to apply.

Does this opportunity come at a bad time for you? Ask one friend to consider that he or she apply; we all often need a little nudge from those who know our talents best.

The work of our neighborhood organization is incredibly important. Please take a moment to consider how your individual efforts can support the growth of the RCPC board and the Rockridge community. Be on the lookoout for our Rockridge Rock Star volunteer initiative to debut this summer on our new and improved website (Rockridge.org.)

Please e-mail me directly describing your interest, or for more information about ways you can help at: brendanrcpc@gmail.com.

See you at the board meeting.

In Community,

— Brendan Havenar-Daughton, RCPC Chair



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RCPC Land Use Committee

The July Land Use Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Rockridge Branch library, 5366 College Avenue, upstairs meeting room. Confirm at rockridge.org. (Front door will be unlocked; auto-open will be off; pull doors apart to enter.) The agenda will be posted on rockridge.org by the preceding Sunday. Meetings are open to the public.

Land Use Update

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC Land Use Committee co-chair

■ **College Avenue Safeway Project – College and Claremont Avenues**

The space availability electronic sign for the parking deck remains nonfunctional. RCPC and the other two community groups have now sent Safeway and Terramar formal notice of the violations of the settlement agreement. Hopefully, the issues can be resolved without having to take Safeway to court. There are also traffic problems cropping up at nearby intersections. RCPC will be talking to the City about addressing those. If you see problems, let us know at landuse@rockridge.org.

■ **Rockridge Shopping Center [AKA "Shops at the Ridge"] – Broadway (East Side) North of Pleasant Valley**

Now that the CVS store is history, the next step will be to start construction on phase I of the new buildings, which will include the new Safeway; a new Chase Bank; a restaurant next to the quarry pond; and a retail building.

Construction could begin as early as mid-July. RCPC and PANIL (the Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League) hope to meet soon with Terramar, the shopping center's new owner, to talk about protecting nearby neighbors during construction.

■ **Merrill Gardens Mixed-use Senior Housing Project – Broadway North of 51st Street**

Construction is moving forward on this project. The new building should soon begin taking shape. You may have seen the very tall crane getting moved onto the site. Expect some traffic disruption with lane closures on the westbound lanes of 51st Street past the site. You can check on the latest updates at: http://www.srmdevelopment.com/rockridge. Again, if you see problems, e-mail us at landuse@rockridge.org.

EBMUD Ward 3 Briefing Offers Carrots and Stick to Users

by Leonora Sea, DMV Neighbors

Marguerite Young, recently elected EBMUD board member representing District 3 (Piedmont and a portion of Oakland including part of Rockridge; Orinda and El Sobrante; Moraga; and portions of Pinole and Richmond) convened a district-wide luncheon briefing early in June for representatives from cities, fire and police departments, and community organizations to present EBMUD's long-term water supply plans, local watershed efforts, infrastructure, and response to the drought.

Naturally, the drought was uppermost on the minds of the audience. EBMUD officials addressed changes in water rates, current water supply status, and water conservation. The message heard many times in the briefing was, "Hope is not a strategy," and the district described a proactive response to ensure water supply for customers.

With reservoirs at about 51 percent of capacity, the district is participating in the Freeport regional water project with Sacramento County and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to obtain more water, and with the Central Valley Water Project (CVP) to deliver an additional 90 million gallons of water per day from the CVP to customers during the drought.

For the long term, EBMUD is in conversation with other agencies to provide additional supplies, and is participating in the San Joaquin County water banking demo project. Another possible source is water released for other uses by rice farmers in Colusa County who agree to take some of their acreage out of production.

To improve the existing system, EBMUD is working on infrastructure upgrades. The system consists of six treatment plants, 167 reservoirs, and a 4,200 mile pipeline distribution system, longer than the distance to the East Coast from California. This year alone, $5.5M is going towards pipeline replacement in Oakland, Orinda, and Richmond. In Rockridge, pipes dating from 1897 and 1923 are being replaced on the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Miles Avenue. Old cast iron pipes like these account for 75 percent of leaks in the system. Pipeline replacement has averaged about 10 miles per year, mostly of 100 years or older lines; the replacement rate will be increased to 40 miles per year, which will reduce water loss, EBMUD said.

The greatest concern of attendees was how changes in rates and conservation requirements will affect EBMUD consumers.

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College Avenue Commerce: Decades of Service

Merchants' Years of Service: Coda

A Home and Business Location on College Avenue Since 1886 Houses Kletz and Moll, Attorneys



by Kevin Faughnan, RCPC boardmember

The Queen Anne Victorian at 5315 College Avenue, shown above, first opened its doors to the Charles Shields family. Charles was a scene painter for Oakland's dramatic theatres, and the Shields family lived there until 1936. Records are not clear about ownership after that, but in the mid-'70s, the building housed an antique shop.

In 1979, attorneys Lawrence Moll and Harvey Kletz moved in. Harvey and Lawrence, both from Pittsburgh, Pensylvania, reconnected while representing individual clients in Marin County. East Bay residents who tired of the commute, they opened an office in 1974 in the storefront at the corner of College and Lawton avenues. About that time, they met a smart young waitress working at The Buttercup Bakery, located on the corner of Alcatraz and College. The waitress used to delight patrons with the latest business and stock market updates and investment ideas as she served coffee and donuts. Harvey and Lawrence provided some free advice of their own, and soon the waitress approached them with a suggestion to purchase the Victorian where they could then practice law and she could develop her hot tub business in buildings at the rear of the property. She ran into some financial difficulty and couldn't follow through, so Harvey and Lawrence purchased the building themselves.

For more than 40 years, they have offered advice on personal injury matters and estate planning, with Harvey also serving as a no-fee "lawyer in the library" – Rockridge Branch – for many years. Meanwhile, the waitress extricated herself from her difficulties and went on to become the financial adviser we know today as Suze Orman.

While you may not be able to get financial advice from Suze, you can stop for the sound opinions of Lawrence or Harvey and their associates in the very comfortable setting of the one-time home on College Avenue.

This is the final installment of the report on businesses on College Avenue for 25 years or more. The Rockridge News thanks the business owners for their time and help with the series.



Volunteer Laura Schlichtmann, an RCPC boardmember, helps clear the Greenbelt's creek of invasive plants. /Leonora Sea

Greenbelt DMV June Cleanup

We Came, We Saw, We Weeded

... and Weeded and Weeded!

by Leonora Sea, DMV Neighbors

Take a stroll by the Rockridge Temescal Greenbelt near Cavour and along Redondo, and admire the good work accomplished by the volunteers attending the DMV Neighbors Association annual June Cleanup. The crew cleared a massively weed-choked 20-yard stretch of the channel.

In addition to all the weed pulling, volunteers trimmed trees, picked up trash, and pulled ivy runners from tree trunks and ground surface. The Weeded, page 9

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New Oakland Pedestrian Plan and Survey Underway

by Victoria Eisen, consulting project manager

The city of Oakland is creating a new Pedestrian Master Plan that will define specific steps to improve the safety and walkability of streets and pathways throughout Oakland. To let the city know what you think works best about walking in Oakland and what sorts of improvements you would recommend, **please complete the online survey (www.oaklandnet.com/pedplan) by August 31, 2015**. The draft plan is expected in early 2016, with the final version to be published in April 2016.

The Pedestrian Plan will summarize Oakland's current walking environment, focusing on areas with frequent pedestrian/auto collisions and identifying additional intersections and corridors with similar physical characteristics. It will identify gaps in the pedestrian network and opportunities to improve sidewalks, intersections, and pathways that serve common pedestrian destinations such as schools; bus stops and BART stations; and shopping districts. The pedestrian planning process will establish a vision and goals, and identify and prioritize the projects and programs needed over the next five years to achieve them. The document will conclude with an implementation plan, which will identify potential funding sources, recommended changes to city practices or policies, and performance measures to allow the community to track city progress toward meeting the plan's goals.

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is helping guide this planning process to ensure that it results in a plan that reflects the views and experiences of Oakland residents and businesses. A separate Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will ensure that the plan is practical and can be implemented by city staff, partnering agencies, and community groups.

For questions about the Oakland Pedestrian Master Plan or the planning process, contact Christina Blackston at cblackston@oaklandnet.com or 238-6657.

Oakland Caldecott Settlement Agreement Projects Coming Soon

by Victoria Eisen, Caldecott projects consultant for the city of Oakland

This summer, residents will see construction of the first projects funded through an $8 million settlement agreement with Caltrans over the environmental impact documentation of the Fourth Bore of the Caldecott Tunnel. Improvements to Broadway between Keith Avenue and Brookside Avenue – including Oakland's first cycle-track (a two-way, separate bikeway) and pedestrian crossing enhancements – are slated to break ground in August.

Coming right behind are pathway and sidewalk improvements on upper Broadway between Golden Gate Way and Lake Temescal, and new upper Broadway bike lanes, from Brookside, past Lake Temescal, to the North Oakland Fields. These projects are expected to start construction in November, weather permitting, or in early spring if we're blessed with a wet winter.

The next Caldecott-funded project is expected to begin construction in early 2016. Improvements to the Broadway/Lawton intersection are part of a suite of projects on Broadway between Broadway Terrace and Keith Avenue designed to make crossing Broadway safer for pedestrians. These include a new pedestrian-activated HAWK (High-intensity Activated crossWalK beacon) traffic signal at Lawton; reduce the number of lanes on Broadway from four to three (one lane in each direction, and a two-way center turn lane. See The Rockridge News, April 2014, article for details); high-visibility crosswalks at all intersections; and resurfacing the entire roadway.

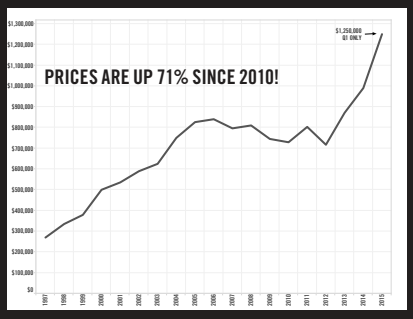
New bicycle lanes and sidewalks on Tunnel Road from the Berkeley border to the end of Caldecott Lane are expected to begin construction in late spring/early summer

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Sometimes it takes a village... Sometimes just one resident

by Judith Doner Berne

I think we owe Tim Caton.

It was Caton who protested to the Rockridge public after the Locksley Avenue home that he and his wife, Ruth Paglierani, have lived in and beautified over 40 years was broken into twice within a few months earlier this year.

Their burglaries were part of a string of 10 break-ins and attempted break-ins along the two blocks of Locksley between Hudson and Cavour, which Caton alerted us to on the Nextdoor listserv and that also ran as a letter in the June Rockridge News.

"I'm not a complainer," the architectural consultant told me. But he felt abandoned by City Councilmember Dan Kalb's office which didn't return his initial calls; The Rockridge News for not reporting crime; and the Oakland Police Department (OPD) for their apparent inability to respond although a signal from one of his stolen electronic devices showed it was still nearby.

He got results. Kalb, OPD Area 2 Commander Captain Darren Allison, Special Resource Commander Randy Brandwood, Community Resource Officer (CRO) Anthony Hutzol and a Safer Rockridge representative met with more than 50 concerned residents (along with two Rockridge News staff members) at a May 27 neighborhood meeting held at the Rockridge Branch Library.

Allison was upfront: "The number one crime problem in this area is burglary. We're completely understaffed in the Oakland Police Department." He has one patrol car per eight-hour shift to cover both Rockridge and Temescal. And that officer can be diverted to critical incidents anywhere in the city. "We're basically trying to put our fingers in a dike."

"I have no doubt that it was the same person or persons in such a concentrated spree of burglaries on Locksley," he said.

"I can't stand burglars," Brandwood added. "The odds are very slim of catching them in the act. There's no (legal) ramifications for property crime anymore," making their risk worth the reward. Robbery – which Allison called "a more disturbing and personal crime" – still means jail time.



Leafy Locksley Avenue was recently the scene of numerous residential break-ins and attempted break-ins. Police warn that heavy vegetation can provide cover for prowlers and would-be crooks. /Judith Doner Berne

This was also the meeting at which Kalb said that over the next two years, Oakland hopes to graduate five more police academy classes. "I don't want to have to wait two years to feel safe," one resident said. Another said: "Our cars have been broken into so many times, we've stopped calling."

"Auto burglars are another animal," Allison said. "They are professionals going up and down the street." (And, apparently into parking lots, since three cars were broken into in the Rockridge Library lot as police addressed the June 18 RCPC meeting on public safety and crime prevention in Rockridge. See story, page 1.)

Residents wanted to know what they could do to protect their homes. Caton and Paglierani are busy implementing some of the safety procedures outlined at the May 27 meeting. "My takeaway," she told me, "is you've got to kind of layer the protection you have and make it a hassle for them."

They contacted alarm companies for bids, purchased a special double lock for their garden gate, locked up their ladders (one incident involved use of an available ladder), and keep in touch with neighbors.

They have a large-ish dog, who certainly barked when I approached their house. "We thought having our dog would be a deterrent," Caton said.

Officer Hutzol told the audience that he had walked the length of Locksley Avenue and thought that its heavy greenery and homes with side doors and/or very private back yards might lure a would-be intruder; "Anywhere someone can hide," he said. Of course, those features are also what make it such a beautiful neighborhood.

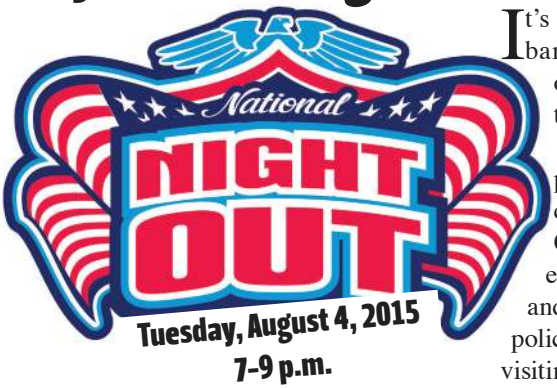
'Every time I come home [from her job as

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City Invites Neighborhoods to Join National Night Out Festivities



It's time to organize your block party, barbeque, ice cream social, or other outdoor event that brings your neighbors together.

The city of Oakland welcomes the participation of any neighborhood or community group in National Night Out, and encourages you to utilize this event as a way to bring people together and to have fun. City elected officials, police officers, and city employees enjoy visiting National Night Out events as a way to strengthen the ties between residents and the Oakland Police Department. This year, every party will receive at least one visit from a team of city officials, police officers, or city employees, so register early: NNO Registration: https://solar.oaklandnet.com/go/nno

We will not be sending confirmation packets out. However, all the documents you would find in those packets are available to download via http://www2.oaklandnet.com/nno/index.htm.

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an educator] and open the door," Paglierani said, "I look to see if anything is disturbed." Caton checks their cars "sometimes more than once a night." Still, "It's hard to stay vigilant all the time," she adds. They are considering selling their home and moving.

But there are glimmers of hope. When my husband and I moved here four years ago, Oakland's police force numbered 637 sworn officers. And now, we are told, it is up to 722 and headed toward 762 in this budget year. Also, a year and a half ago, the Safer Rockridge group formed to oversee and finance a private patrol service (PPS).

Caton's compilation of his neighborhood's crime statistics appears to have prompted better coordination between Safer Rockridge and the OPD. Ten days after he went online, "Capt. Allison held his first meeting with PPS and other Area 2 private patrols. He plans to provide us with bi-monthly reports, including crime 'hot spot' identification, which we will then use to help prioritize patrols," according to Safer Rockridge's monthly report.

"To better target daytime and nighttime peak crime hours," the report continued, "we have adjusted the patrol hours per Capt. Allison's recommendations. [Most daytime burglaries occur 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.] PPS will also adjust its routes to support a heightened presence in the 'hot spot' areas."

As I write this in the third week of June, the neighborhood has had several weeks with the usual string of auto burglaries, always disturbing, but distinctly fewer home burglaries reported.

Also encouraging is the holistic approach to crime that Mayor Libby Schaaf and Police Chief Sean Whent embraced before a large audience at the June 6 Oakland Crime Summit held at Laney College.

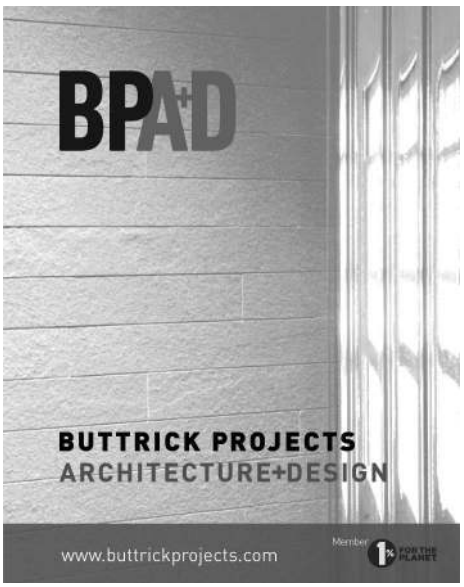
"For Oakland to be the safe city we know it can be," Schaaf said, "requires incorporating sufficient police staffing, better community policing, and superior violence intervention and prevention programs." It also means "addressing the root causes of crime, starting with better jobs and improved education outcomes for our youth."

Over his two years in office, Whent said, homicides are down 26 percent; non-fatal shootings, 27 percent; robberies, 7 percent; residential burglaries, 31 percent. (He did not mention auto burglaries.)

"We're not satisfied with the level of service we're providing," Whent said. "You don't measure success by the number of people you put in jail. It's measured by streets filled with kids riding their bikes and their parents getting groceries out of their cars."

Note: I could not attend the June 18 RCPC meeting on public safety and crime prevention in Rockridge. Please see the related story at top of page 1. If you have comments on this column, please email judyberne@att.net.







Rockridge News Seeks Memories, Photos of More Recent Early Days

Did you or relatives of yours live in Rockridge at the time of the construction of Highway 24 and BART? Would you like to share your experiences?

The Rockridge News wants to hear your story from during that time, and see any photographs you may have showing the neighborhood of the day. Your story could be part of a series of articles reporting on what it was like then for Rockridge residents.

If you or your family or friends have stories and photos to share, contact editor@rockridge.org. Help us gather the point of view of residents who lived here earlier than or in the '60s and '70s when hundreds of houses were removed or destroyed to build the freeway and BART.

If you or your family or someone you know lived in Rockridge before the Freeway and BART were built, The Rockridge News would like to hear your story and see your photographs. See details above right. If you know the Longo family, subjects of this c. 1912 photo above taken where the Rockridge Branch Library now stands, contact The Rockridge News: editor@rockridge.org.

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Kitchen Tour

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tasteful and, sometimes, surprising.

Be sure to see the bright, spacious kitchen with a butler's pantry and stunning bridge view in the landmark Morse House and the impeccably appointed W. W. Dixon Tudor, remarkably true to the period. Certainly, be sure to visit the contemporary kitchen with an unexpected twist.

While you stroll through the neighborhood enjoying kitchens and refreshments, remember that the Kitchen Tour is RCPC's primary fundraiser. Net proceeds allow RCPC to continue funding neighborhood improvements, such as the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt/Frog Park, Rockridge BART Plaza, and others.

Buy Discounted Tour Tickets

Advance purchase tickets are available for $40 now through September 18; access to 8 kitchens with one home tour plus entrance to the **Kitchen Expo** are included. **The Kitchen Expo** — September 17, 7-9 p.m. at the Rockridge Library — is FREE to all advance and premium ticket holders but registration is requested. The Expo offers an opportunity to meet the creative talent behind the kitchens you will see on the tour. Come learn how these design professionals approach kitchen renovations.

A premium option adds the **Berkeley Mills Seminar** on Saturday, September 19, 2-5 p.m., for a cost of $25, to the regular advance ticket options. The seminar provides an introduction to kitchen design by a construction company that can integrate its history of fine furniture and cabinet making into a kitchen.

There are two convenient ways to purchase all tickets and register for the Kitchen Expo:

- **Order online**, visit http://rockridgekitchentour.org and click on the "Tickets" tab.
- If you prefer, **purchase tickets with cash or check** and register for the Expo at **Rockridge Home**, 5418 College Avenue, or **Cuttin' Up on College**, 5811 College Avenue.

Day-of-tour tickets cost $45, and may be purchased beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, September 20, in front of the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Avenue.

Docents Needed

Join the fun and get the inside scoop on Rockridge's recently renovated kitchens by volunteering to be a docent for the 2015 Tour. Docents are a key element of the success of our tour and guide guests through our featured kitchens with stories and insights about each kitchen's unique aspects. Docents receive a pre-tour, behind-the-scenes look at the elements and stories that impressed our selection committee. Also, docents may visit tour kitchens with a complimentary ticket, either before or after their shift on the day of the event. E-mail Laura Schlichtmann at docents@rockridge.org for more information.

Brochure Advertising

Our tour brochure offers print advertising space, and our website offers an online presence for the two-year period until the next tour — an excellent way to reach an interested and enthusiastic audience. E-mail Kevin Faughnan at advertising@rockridge.org.

For more Tour information, visit http://rockridgekitchentour.org

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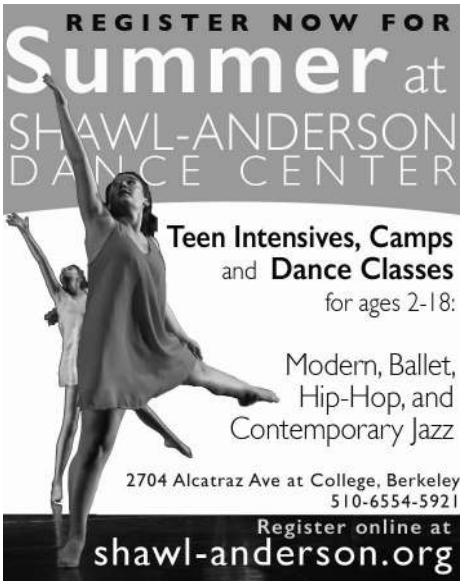
creek flow is improved, the willows and the alder tree look much better without dead and dying branches, and this section of the greenbelt is a more welcoming place for park users. Thank you to everyone who came out; congratulations on a job well done.

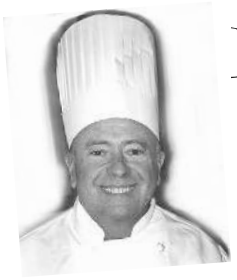
If you missed the fun, **Creek to Bay Day is Saturday, September 19**. There will be lots to do in the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt: **mark your calendars**.

Plants are responding to our abnormally dry conditions, and, as a result, hardier weed species like Texas laurel are spreading, non-native grasses which normally grow next to the creek are growing in it, and willow roots are dramatically more invasive as the trees desperately seek water. Our volunteer work is a huge assist toward keeping the park well-maintained and the creek channel clear to prevent backups that can flood the play areas and neighboring gardens. Please join in this effort September 19.



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Rockridge Cornucopia

Barry A. Kaufman

Coffee Heaven

For coffee lovers, Rockridge has become brew central. Along a one-block stretch of College Avenue between Claremont and Alcatraz we have four gourmet coffee bars: Peet's Coffee & Tea; Philz Coffee; Cole Coffee; Starbucks in the new Safeway. For a long-time coffee drinker like me, this is simply caffeine heaven. In addition, there are Highwire Coffee in Market Hall and Bica near BART. I decided it was time to sample each of these establishments. Just like with fine wine, fine coffee requires tasting comparisons.

Coffee cupping or coffee tasting is the practice of observing the tastes and aromas of brewed coffee. Although considered a professional practice, it can be done informally by anyone. A standard coffee cupping procedure involves deeply sniffing the coffee, then loudly slurping the brew so it spreads to the back of the tongue. As with wine, the taster attempts to measure aspects of the coffee's taste, sweetness, acidity and flavor. I also was looking for style of preparation.

Let's work our way down College Avenue to see what I found. First stop: Peet's Coffee and Tea. I have a long history with Peet's. When I arrived in the Bay Area in 1979, I found the first Peet's store on the corner of Vine and Walnut in North Berkeley. Established by Alfred Peet, the company created a revolution in the coffee industry with coffee unlike any other coffee Americans had ever tasted in the U.S. The coffee was made in small batches using high quality beans, creating a brew that was rich and complex. Peet's is not for everyone. The coffee is a very dark roast and high in caffeine.

Next on my tasting list is Cole Coffee. I've been getting my coffee hit and beans at Cole Coffee for nearly 20 years. Cole has two adjacent venues. The original shop (facing 63rd Street) offers a daily changing selection of caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee and whole beans ground to your liking. Next door, facing College, individual drip coffee servings are prepared. In the morning poached eggs and toast are offered. The small shop has comfy couches for seating as you enjoy your brew. Regulars and dog lovers often occupy outdoor tables and chairs to read the paper and enjoy the passing parade along College Avenue.

A recent addition on the block is Philz coffee in the retail corner building in front of the new Safeway. The original Philz started in San Francisco's Mission neighborhood at 24th and Folsom. Whenever I'm in that neighborhood, I head to Philz. The Mission venue has an old-school San Francisco feel – funky and hip. The College Avenue store is more upscale. Philz prepares individual drip servings of a variety of brews. Depending on the crowd size, it can take up to five minutes or more to get your cup prepared. Note as well that Philz does not make espresso drinks – no cappuccino or latte. The new plaza outside Safeway, though, is a nice addition to the neighborhood.

Last on the list in this block is Starbucks. What was once a small Seattle-based company is now an international industry. There are over 21,000 Starbucks worldwide. Several years ago, I was traveling to South-East Asia and had a layover in Bangkok. It was early in the morning and I was looking forward to a hit of Thai food. Everything was closed except for the Starbucks. I flew halfway around the world for a cup of Starbucks coffee! The Starbucks brand makes a good cup of coffee and is always very predictable. Homogenization has its place.

My other go-to caffeine fix is Highwire in Market Hall. They make one of the best cappuccinos in the Bay Area. Highwire's tea selection is also outstanding. Their baristas are an added bonus. It is a true delight to be served by these young hipsters. The

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Coffee Dry Rub BBQ Recipe

6 Tbs ground coffee
2 Tbs Kosher salt
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Restorative Justice

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churches, community groups, youth groups, non-profits, and community members working to put the "neighbor" back into neighborhood by empowering our communities to create our own solutions to neighborhood problems through the use of restorative justice. Currently the council is seeking interested community members to participate and provide feedback for its Alternatives to Youth Incarceration campaign.

Police Review

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coming to Oakland about a year ago, he had 23 years of experience investigating police misconduct, and building a bridge between communities and the police departments in Chicago and Indianapolis.

Retiring RCPC board member William Kaufner's name was misspelled in the June 2015 issue of The Rockridge News. The News regrets the error.

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If you live near any of the first two routes below, we hope you will consider helping solder the chains by volunteering to fill one of the positions. To be a Marshal, it doesn't matter where in Rockridge you live.

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Letters to the Editor

Nextdoor Rockridge Made Our Neighborhood Better

Editor:

Can we let people know about Rockridge Nextdoor groups through The Rockridge News? On Nextdoor Shafter, we have over 874 members and 616 houses participating (31 percent of the 2,000 households in our mapped area). We have stopped house burglaries; sent out warnings about issues in the neighborhood; found lost pets; share fruit; share crime and safety concerns; local events, recommendations; items for sale or free; and ideas about how to make our neighborhood better. The Oakland Police Department is also connected to the site, so we receive updates from them. Nextdoor has area groups set up for every resident in Rockridge, and all can share information between groups.

Find information on how to join at: http://www.nextdoor.com/join

— Wendy Wheeler

The Rockridge News welcomes posted mailings and e-mails to the editor. Your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and city/neighborhood must be included in either 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 appearing in The Rockridge News are the writer's own, and may not necessarily be shared by the editor or by RCPC.

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Caldecott Projects Advance

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2016. This project includes a new and safer crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians through the Tunnel Road/SR 13/Hiller Drive intersection (http://bit.ly/Caldecott-1).

Four other Caldecott-funded projects currently in the design phase are aimed at making it safer to access the Rockridge BART station on foot and by bike. These include pedestrian improvements to the intersections of College Avenue and Keith and Miles Avenues, on either side of the station; signs to direct bicyclists to the station; and bike parking at the station. These projects will be designed and constructed as part of a larger Safe Routes to Transit-funded set of improvements, which will be the subject of a community meeting on Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m.

Once the city has received construction bids on these projects – most are expected by this fall – an updated Oakland Caldecott project list will be available. This list will reflect the generosity of the Fourth Bore Coalition, which contributed $200,000 of its Caltrans settlement agreement funds to the city so more projects on the list can be funded.

For more information, contact the city's Caldecott projects consultant, Victoria Eisen: victoria@eisenletunic.com or 510/525-0220.

EBMUD: Carrots and Stick

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How much of a billing increase will customers see? Does EBMUD offer incentives and assistance? When do charges go into effect?

EBMUD measures water delivered to households in units. Each unit is 748 gallons: a 10 unit per month user (the average) consumes 7,480 gallons per month, or 246 gallons per day. As of April 15, EBMUD declared a Stage 4 drought. This means there will be a rate increase beginning July 1 to cover the described infrastructure improvements, and a 25 percent drought surcharge to cover the purchase of additional water supplies, conservation efforts, and penalty enforcement. A mandatory 20 percent use reduction compared to 2013 will go into effect; an excessive user penalty of $2 per unit, which applies only to households using more than 1000 gallons per day, or about 4X the average, will be assessed. The average customer under the rate increase and the 25 percent surcharge will see, approximately, a $12 per month increase in water bills.

Customers who cut water use to less than 100 gallons per day will be recognized as "Supersavers." EBMUD offers free leak detection kits, low flow toilet and smart washer rebates, and other incentives through http://ebmud.com/water-and-drought/conservation-and-rebates/. Rebates and conservation assistance are also available to businesses.

Marguerite Young and district staff presented an informative meeting: at times alarming (see photos of one of the reservoirs on EBMUD's Web site), but also somewhat reassuring, considering increased supply and fixes for aging infrastructure. And for the health of the salmon and other wildlife that depend on the Mokelumne River and the reservoirs where EBMUD obtains and stores water, the district is committed to maintaining cold water flows and critical habitat.

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Peralta and Chabot School Safety Patrols Honored by City

by Karen Sternstein, past coordinator

Peralta and Chabot Elementary schools are among the 20 Oakland schools that have active student safety patrols. Overall, more than 400 students in 3rd to 5th grade assist with student and pedestrian crossings at crosswalks and vehicular drop-off zones. In addition to their morning and leadership duties, they meet monthly with Officer Cirolia, OPD Traffic Section Safety Supervisor, to report activities, award fellow students for excellent services and discuss ways to improve.

The students' efforts are rewarded annually with a Safety Patrol "Pass in Review" and awards ceremony. This June, 400 students assembled on the front steps of the Scottish Rite Temple for photos and to watch two OPD motorcycle officers perform, one of whom was a safety patrol member in Oakland when he was a child.

After a performance by the Skyline High School ROTC Drill Team, the students marched in, one school at a time, calling out in unison, "Left, left, left right left," and stopping at the stage to salute OPD and AAA Northern California, Utah and Nevada officers.

Chief of Police Sean Whent, Mayor Libby Schaaf, and Noel Gallo, District 5 Council Member, attended and addressed the overflow crowd of proud students and families, thanking the students for their service. Chabot Sergeant Emily Drekmeier was one of six students awarded the Spirit of Citizenship award.

Chabot restarted its School Safety Patrol 10 years ago. I was parent advisor until this year when 4th grade teacher Miranda Carroll took over. I continue to participate because I believe this is an excellent program to teach young students community service, teamwork, giving back, leadership, self responsibility and traffic safety. I say the program is teaching the students to become good citizens.

Darryl Cobb is the coordinator of the Peralta Safety Patrol, which restarted three years ago and is growing. Parent volunteers supervise the patrol members and currently act as crossing guards. Mr. Agajan, 3rd grade teacher, and parent volunteers Ali Cannon and Kevin Kenny assist at Chabot.

School Safety Patrol has been in Oakland Public Schools for 87 years. AAA has sponsored the program nationally since 1923. The Oakland Police Department runs the program and is the last department in the immediate area to do so. Additional support is from the Alameda Country Public Health Department, nutrition services.

Unfair: Arcane Rules for Oakland Neighborhood Parking Tickets

by Cecile Isaacs

A funny thing happened when I parked on an Area C parking controlled street last year. It shouldn't happen to anyone, and if you read this, maybe it won't happen to you.

Possibly devised to reduce enforcement costs and stop non-residents from dodging time limits by driving around the block, a 2013 city law causes innocent non-resident parkers to be ticketed. A little known "shall be deemed parked" definition can cost $83 for parking a mere 20 minutes in a 2 or 4 hour zone.

As applied by Oakland Parking Enforcement, code section 10.04.050 states that if a car with no residential parking permit sticker is parked for 10 minutes at the start of a 4-hour period and another 10 minutes any time after the end of that 4-hour period, it's counted as being there more than 4 hours and can be ticketed.

"10.04.050 - Shifting of parked, stopped, and standing vehicles.

"For the purposes of parking enforcement, a vehicle shall be deemed to have been stopped, parked, or left standing, whether attended or unattended, if the vehicle has not been moved (a) at least one "block" or (b) two-tenths of mile (approximately 1,050 feet), from its original stopped, parked or standing position upon expiration of the applicable parking time limit. This section applies to all limited time parking zones."

The parking agent is not permitted to try to determine if a car was parked for less than four hours if it is seen on the block in both morning and afternoon.

If you get a ticket, even though your car was moved during the day, I suggest taking a photograph of the parking time limit sign and attaching it to a letter asking that the ticket be dismissed. But, beware! To carry on a denied appeal to a small claims court filing is expensive and time consuming.

Do you think this is unjust? Write to your Council representative to ask that this law be revoked and a method established to make the city responsible once again for proving that cars have been parked for more than the posted time limit before they are ticketed.

At a minimum, the city should post signs that warn that motorists may be fined without regard to total time parked. Meanwhile, parking enforcement should stop enforcing this law.

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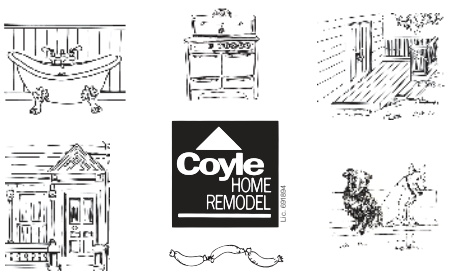
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cappuccinos are skillfully prepared with a lovely flower petal design. For me, the ratio of coffee to steamed milk is perfect.

Finally, close to BART, we have Bica. Bica serves a selection of coffee from Bay Area roasters including Four Barrel, among the best roasters in the area. *Bica* is the Portuguese version of the Italian espresso. While traveling in Portugal, it is customary to have a *bica* first thing in the morning. What a way to start the day: the caffeine lasts and lasts. Bica is a small cozy neighborhood hangout that serves a good morning caffeine jolt.

When it comes to coffee, everyone has a preference. In the words of radical Marxist Emma Goldman: "I can't start a revolution without a cup of Chase and Sanborn Coffee."

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Three Burgled

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Anthony Hutzol ran down the stairway as a dark-hued car, revving hard, roared out the driveway onto College Avenue, burning rubber all the way. Hutzol returned: "They got away. I could hear them saying, 'Go! Go! Go!'" Police determined three cars had been burgled for the loss of a computer each from two of them, and no loss from the third. The thefts proved earlier points made several times by Lt. Brandwood, who said he, himself, had been a car burglary victim: "Leave nothing in your car; leave your car locked, even if you plan to be gone for only a short while."

For the meeting itself, Lt. Brandwood and CRO Hutzol had joined panel members Chantal Cotton, city of Oakland Measure Z Oversight; Karen Ivy, NCPC Secretary; and David Lorie, Safer Rockridge organization, for a presentation on "How to be Safe in Rockridge," moderated by Zabrae Valentine, RCPC Co-Chair.

For several reasons, police speakers said, Rockridge robberies and burglaries are down (generally) while car burglaries are up. Karen Ivy seconded that, saying recent NCPC statistics showed 13 cars burgled in one week. "And that doesn't count the BART lots," Brandwood said. Reduced penalties for non-violent crime, the ease of breaking car windows, and the likelihood of escape make car burglary appealing to thieves. "They can break the window, grab the goods and be gone, all in 17 seconds," Brandwood said.

But Oakland also offers another side to being safe in Rockridge.

Chantal Cotton discussed specific city programs and services funded by Measure Z, the Safety Services Act, which include Ceasefire and Oakland Unite. The program also provides funding for police and fire operations, including money for CRO officers and Crime Reduction Teams. There is a social services side of Measure Z designed to work with those who want to leave the life of crime behind.

David Lorie, a founder of Safer Rockridge patrol service, told how he and other concerned Rockridge residents, dismayed by the amount of crime, formed the crowd-funded unarmed area patrol service that would serve all the residents of Rockridge. According to analysis done by a member of the founding group, the patrols have been a factor in the general overall reduction of crime in Rockridge.

For more information about the programs discussed above, see these web sites:

- Measure Z: http://ballotpedia.org/;
- City_of_Oakland_Police_Services_Parcel_Tax_and_Parking_Tax,_Measure_Z_(November_2014)
- Oakland Unite: http://oaklandunite.org/
- Safer Rockridge: http://saferrockridge.org/
- Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC): http://www.rockridgencpc.com/

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

Rockridge Branch Library

5366 College Avenue, 597-5017

*****VOLUNTEERS (ages 11 to 16) NEEDED TO HELP WITH SUMMER PROGRAMS:** Spend a few hours each week at the library: enroll participants in reading program; give out prizes; help with sorting and shelving books & movies. Call Erica or come sign up for an orientation.***

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, and Toddler Story Time: (up to age 2); Thursdays, 10:30am, upstairs.
- All story times followed by **Play Time**; parents and caregivers invited.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Summer Reading Program: July, & August. Read to the Rhythm:** Summer Reading Program ends Sat., Aug 8. Kids to age 14 get prizes for reading. Reading Log & Stickers at the Library, or sign up online.
- **Tuesdays at 7pm:**

7/7, **Kamishibai - Japanese Paper Theater:** English stories told on a Japanese mini-theater on the back of a bicycle.
7/14, **East Bay Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo:** hands-on sampling of a variety of musical instruments.
7/21, **Circus of Smiles:** acrobatic circus performers.
7/28, **Caterpillar Puppets:** silly, high-energy puppet show.
8/4, **Making Musical Jewelry:** make musical bracelets with beads & bells.

- **Thursdays at 4pm:** Now through August 6, **Craft-ernoons:** hands-on arts, crafts, science, or music.
- **Saturday,** July 11, 10:30am, **Little Explorers Farm Animal Petting Zoo:** Meet, pet, brush, & feed the warm and gentle farm animals in our back parking lot.

FOR TEENS

- **Miyazaki Mini Marathon**: We will watch several of Hayao Miyazaki's movies on 7/7: 2 pm. Free popcorn.
- **Teen Summer Passport Program:** Explore community hot spots, get passport stamps for visiting museums, skate parks, or write book reviews. Participants rewarded with chances to win great prizes. **Program ends 8/8**.
- **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.
- **Teen 'Scape: (Program taking summer break; will restart again on 8/26.)**

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 reading/discussion (or come empty-handed). Third Saturday/month, 1 to 5pm; .wheelchair-accessible. 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, 5 to 7pm. (Sign-up starts 4:45pm at adult reference desk). Volunteer lawyer leaves before 7pm if no more people present. Call to confirm: 597-5017

GALLERY ART EXHIBIT

July: **Darril Tighe;** Abstract Watercolors. Artist reception July 11, 1-4pm.
August: **Mike Grbich;** Mixed media paintings.
September: **Oakland Art Association**; photography.

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 and Wed, 9/8, 9/9.

Diesel Book/Poetry Readings/ Events

FREE and open to the public.

- Thurs, 7/9, 6:30pm. **Linda Lambert:** *A Rapture of Ravens: Awakening in Taos*.
- Sun, 7/12, 3pm. **Veda Stamps:** (young adult novel) *Flexible Wings*.
- Sun., 7/19, 3:pm. **Richard Michael Levine:** *The Man Who Gave Away His Organs: Tales of Love and Obsession at Midlife*.
- Fri, 7/24, 9pm (doors open 8:30). **Music Performance** with bluegrass banjo and guitar impresario **Avram Siegel** and friends. Note: $10 cover charge; all proceeds go to the musicians.
- Sun., 8/2, 3pm. **Poetry Flash;** poets read from *Corners of the Mouth: A Celebration of Thirty Years at the Annual San Luis Obispo Poetry Festival.*
- Wed, 8/19, 6:30pm. **David Shields;** *That Thing You Do with Your Mouth: The Sexual Autobiography of Samantha Matthews as Told to David Shields*.
- Thurs, 8/20, 6:30pm. **Ottessa Moshfegh:** publication party for *Eileen*.
- Sun., 8/23, 3pm. **Susan Pashman:** *Upper West Side Story*.
- Thurs, 9/3, 6:30pm. A Women's Fiction Panel Discussion with **Sophie Littlefield, Juliet Blackwell,** and **Rachel Herron**.

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

Jazz at the Chimes

Jazz Guitarist **Mimi Fox:** solo performance of music from The Beatles to Cole Porter. Sunday, July19, 2 pm. Tickets at the door (cash only) beginning 12:30pm (doors open 1:30): $15 general; $10 srs. (60+) and students. Refreshments and reception follows with performers. Info at www.mimifoxjazzguitar.com. Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking. More info: www.jazzatthechimes.com. chimesjazz@gmail.com or 654-0123.

North Oakland Senior Center

- July 23, 10-11:30am. **Scam jam– Safety Tips for Seniors** presented by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on Elder Protection: general fraud, real estate fraud, and Medicare and prescription drug fraud.
- Aug. 11 and 13, 10am-2pm (both days). **AARP Safe Driver Class:** tips to keep you driving safely; insurance discounts.
- Aug. 25, 10am-2:30pm. **AARP Refresher Class**, if you have taken AARP driver safety before. $15 AARP/$20 Pre-register in advance with checks only.

5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. More info: 597- 5085.



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