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The Oakland Firestorm: A Rememberance of Loss and Recovery

by Annalee Allen

Twenty-five years ago, Oakland faced what was to become one of the worst urban fire disasters in the Nation's history. At 11 a.m. on October 20, 1991, Diablo winds gusting at 65 mph fanned a small blaze that had reignited from a grass fire incompletely extinguished the day before, on a hillside close to the Caldecott Tunnel. Within minutes the Sunday flare-up would sweep through the canyon, cross Highway 24 and eventually char 1,600 acres.

At the fire's peak a home was destroyed every 11 seconds. The winds raged for six hours and the towering, billowing smoke and ash was visible throughout the Bay Area. Thousands of residents were evacuated or fled for their lives.

Full containment of the blaze was not achieved until three days later. The disaster killed 25 people, injured 150 and destroyed more than 3,000 dwellings, including houses, condominiums and apartments. The estimated economic loss was $1.5 billion. Countless pets and wildlife also lost their lives.

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10th Anniversary Out & About: Sunday, October 9

Firestorm 25th Anniversary Ceremony Precedes Street Fair

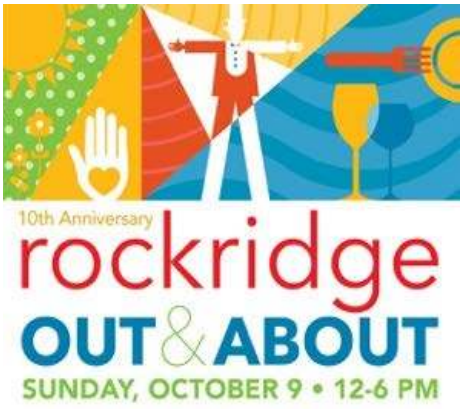
Market Hall's annual Picnic in the Street is the centerpiece of the Rockridge District Association's (RDA) **10th Anniversary Rockridge Out & About** celebration set for Sunday, October 9, noon to 6 p.m. The family-oriented street fair celebrates Rockridge as a great place to live, work, shop and play.

Firestorm Commemoration

Immediately preceding the start of the festival, a **ceremony commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Oakland/ Berkeley Firestorm begins at 11 a.m.**

Hosted by the city of Oakland, BART and RDA, the ceremony – to be held on the **west side of College Avenue beneath the Rockridge BART station –** rededicates the Firestorm Memorial Plaque installed in

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September RCPC Town Hall: Meet Oakland City Council Candidates

Oakland's General Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, November 8. Come meet the candidates for Oakland City Council's District 1 and at-large seats on **Thursday, September 15, 7-9 p.m., in the upstairs meeting room of the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue at Manila**.



This candidates' forum is hosted by the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC), in cooperation with – and moderated by – the League of Women Voters-Oakland (LWVO). This event provides you the opportunity to hear the candidates in person and to ask them questions via the LWVO moderator.

The two District 1 candidates – Dan Kalb, incumbent and former California Policy Director with the Union of Concerned Scientists, and challenger Kevin Corbett, probate attorney and community volunteer, both of whom are Rockridge residents – will speak from 7 to 7:45 p.m. District 1 encompasses Rockridge and adjacent north Oakland neighborhoods.

The other City Council position that Rockridge residents can vote on is the council's at-large seat. There are five candidates for this seat; their portion of the program runs from 8 to 9 p.m. The candidates are: 1) Rebecca Kaplan, incumbent and housing rights attorney; 2) Matt Hummel, who currently chairs the Oakland Cannabis Regulatory Commission; 3) Peggy (Margaret) Moore, who directed Hillary Clinton's primary campaign in California; 4) Bruce Quan, a businessman involved in securing financing for the Brooklyn Basin development on the waterfront south of Jack London Square; and 5) Nancy Sidebotham, tax specialist.

Find more city election details at: http://bit.ly/2bjY7Lt.

Notice: Public Meeting for the Claremont Middle School Cafeteria Construction Project

Claremont Middle School welcomes all interested neighbors, business owners and community members to attend its second public meeting regarding physical improvements to the campus. The main focus of the construction project is to replace the cafeteria and kitchen, which were destroyed in a fire. Plans also include the installation of a new turf field and gym, and an upgrade to the performing arts space. Come find out about our plans and contribute your ideas.

When: Thursday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Claremont Middle School, 5750 College Avenue, Band Room.

For more information, contact Liz Sullivan, OUSD, Director of Community Engagement: liz.sullivan@ousd.org



Volunteers at work and play in the Pollinator Garden. /Gordon Piper

New Leadership for Pollinator Garden

Following Gordon Piper's announcement of his retirement from a leadership position with the Broadway Pollinator Garden, The Rockridge News publicized his hope for volunteers who could take over the continuing development and maintenance of the Garden in the ongoing partnership with Caltrans.

Two Rockridge residents answered the call, and now issue a call of their own for others to join the existing volunteer framework that keeps the pollinator garden a vibrant and growing part of the area's landscaping.

For details about how your volunteer time and support can best be utilized in support of the Garden, email either: Kristen Southworth, kdrickman@yahoo.com; or Cathleen Schulte, cathleen@cc3design.com.

Find more about pollinator gardens and the resources and support available for them at: https://www.fws.gov/pollinators/pollinatorpages/yourhelp.html#garden

2017 Kitchen Tour: Call for Candidates

by Kevin Faughnan, RCPC board

It is that time again as we begin preparing for the 2017 Kitchen Tour (KT), most likely to be held in late September, 2017.

If you have a kitchen that has been remodeled in the past several years that you love and want to share with others, this is a great way to do that and to contribute to the efforts of RCPC. The biennial Kitchen Tour is the primary fundraiser that pays for the organization's operating costs between Tours, and enables us to support community-building programs that include planting

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RCPC Land Use Committee

The next Land Use Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, at the Rockridge Branch Library, 2nd floor meeting room. Check the RCPC website, www.rockridge.org the week before for the agenda.

Land Use Update

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC Land Use Committee co-chair

■ Nautilus Mixed-Use Project: Telegraph Avenue Between 51st Street and Claremont Avenue

RCPC and the Nautilus Group are putting the finishing touches on an agreement that goes beyond the City's use permit conditions of approval to protect the existing residents of the area from negative impacts from the project. The agreement will also ensure that the aim of the City and Nautilus that the project not encourage more auto-oriented commute patterns is achieved regardless of the project's future ownership. We hope to have the agreement finalized shortly.

■ Continuing Problems with Ramen Shop, 5812 College Avenue

RCPC has continued to receive complaints that the Ramen Shop, while a popular dining destination, is still creating problems for nearby residential neighbors. RCPC has attempted in the past to mediate these disputes and will continue to investigate how it can help prevent a successful business from having damaging side-effects.

■ Oakland Off-Street Parking Requirements for New Projects Citywide

As a follow-up on the citywide rezoning effort, city staff has been working to revise the off-street parking requirements for new commercial and residential projects. The aim of the revisions is to recognize that transit-oriented projects near major public transit facilities should not require as much off-street parking. The risk is that if the City underestimates parking needs, the nearby streets could end up with on-street parking shortages that are bad for both residents and businesses.

The revised parking requirement proposal will be reviewed and discussed by the City Council's Community and Economic Development Committee on September 13, 1:30 p.m., in Hearing Room #1 at City Hall. This meeting is open to the public. Note: The new regulations could significantly affect Rockridge's already congested parking situation.



RCPC Appoints Two New Boardmembers; Thanks Departing Member Noah Rosen

At its August meeting, the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) appointed two area residents to fill out existing terms on its board of directors. Dave Karlinsky and Christina Wong Masalin each responded to the board's invitations to devote some time to continuing RCPC's mission.

Boardmember Noah Rosen, elected in April 2015, resigned in April 2016 to meet increasing family commitments. Rosen, formerly the board's secretary, was thanked by the board for his excellent service and support.

RCPC has a 14-member board of directors. The newly appointed members bring the membership count to 12.

Help Fill the Vacancies

RCPC depends on community volunteers to represent Rockridge residents. If you are a Rockridge resident at least 18 years of age, have an interest in Rockridge's future, and have some available time, you are invited to apply for a board seat.

Find more information on time requirements and how to apply at: www.rockridge.org; or e-mail: chair@rockridge.org.



Dave Karlinsky is excited to join the RCPC board. Dave grew up in the East Bay and has lived on College Avenue in the heart of Rockridge since 2007. He happily returned to the area after completing his education in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Washington DC. Dave is an attorney who has practiced law in Oakland for almost 10 years – you're likely to see him at BART most weekdays, commuting to his office in Old Oakland. He loves living in Rockridge and looks forward to helping the board continue in its efforts to improve our corner of this beautiful city.



Christina Wong Masalin brings over 10 years of policy, land use, and marketing experience to RCPC. Christina joined RCPC to keep the Rockridge community thriving for all. Through holistic community planning, she hopes to maintain the quaintness of the neighborhood, support local businesses, facilitate high quality educational resources, and improve public safety. Christina graduated magna cum laude from U.C. Berkeley and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. She has a husband and a 1-year-old son.



NCPC Meeting + Election: October 13, Rockridge Library, 7:30 p.m.

Find more NCPC information: http://www.rockridgencpc.com/

Email the NCPC at chair@rockridgencpc.com if you have items you'd like to add to the NCPC agenda. Find the current agenda: http://www.rockridgencpc.com/12y13x-ncpc/ncpc-current-agenda.

In addition to the election described below, the format of the October 13 meeting of the Greater Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) combines the standard meeting fare of officer reports, hot spot discussions, and neighbor reports with a helpful and informative presentation by **Farrah Hussein of the Neighborhood Law Corps** (NLC).

Described on its website as an award-winning unit in the City Attorney's office, the Corps' goal is to improve the quality of life in Oakland neighborhoods through lawsuits and other actions taken against such nuisances as illegal dumping as well as more heinous crimes such as human trafficking.

One NLC attorney is assigned to each Oakland Police Department Command Area. To contact the attorney for your area, call 510/238-6517 or email lawcorps@oaklandcityattorney.org. Find more information at: http://www.oaklandcityattorney.org/community/nlc.html

During this regular October 13 meeting, the NCPC board will hold an election to fill the group's open treasurer position, empty since Treasurer Molly Singer resigned earlier this year. A volunteer, Eric Neville, has agreed to accept the position but NCPC bylaws require that he be elected at a public meeting of the organization.

In addition, section IX of the NCPC bylaws needs to be modified. The section now reads:

"At least four members must be present to conduct business at a Steering Committee meeting and at least fifteen members must be present to conduct business at a community meeting. (Amended by voice vote 2/10/2011.)"

Because the current steering committee has only four members, we'd like to reduce the Steering Committee quorum to three. The new section IX would read:

"At least three members must be present to conduct business at a Steering Committee meeting. A majority of attendees may conduct business at any community meeting. (Amended by voice vote 10/13/2016.)"

Plan to attend this informative meeting and to vote to fill the treasurer's position.

New Bike Share Stations Are Coming. *You* Decide Where:

BIKE SHARE is expanding to the East Bay. Join Bay Area Bike Share to help decide locations for the bike share expansion in Rockridge and North Oakland. This meeting is co-sponsored by the office of Councilmember Dan Kalb.

What? Bike Share Planning Workshop
When? Tuesday, September 27
Where? Rockridge Branch Library
5366 College Ave, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Bike Share is coming to the East Bay. Motivate, the Bay Area Bike Share Operator, has plans for three phases of expansion that will bring thousands of bikes to Berkeley, Oakland and Emeryville.

Motivate's proposal will bring a ten-fold increase in the number of bikes, including 1,400 for Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville by mid-2016.

Bike East Bay is advocating for a system that will serve all East Bay residents regardless of race, gender, class, or income.

Learn more about the expansion: follow Bay Area Bike Share on Facebook and Twitter for updates.



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Chabot Elementary CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars and save the date for the 2016 Annual Chabot Fall Carnival on Sunday, October 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All residents and neighbors are welcome to join in the fun and festivities – and, as always, admission is free.

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Creek to Bay Day Comes Again to Temescal Creek and Frog Park

by Leonora Sea, chair, DMV Neighbors

Once again, it's time for the annual Creek to Bay Day Temescal Creek and FROG Park cleanup. Join in on **Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to noon**, and be part of International Coastal Cleanup Day, a truly worldwide effort to make our planet's waterways cleaner and healthier.

Join with DMV Neighbors Association and the Friends of the Rockridge Temescal Greenbelt (Frog) in our own very special Rockridge neighborhood park and have fun in our community while sprucing up the creek and park.

While Temescal Creek between the pond at Big Frog and Clarke Street is a pumped water feature in the park, the water does return to the actual Temescal Creek through the grate at Little Frog. Every bit of trash and debris we clean up not only makes our park look better, but keeps it out of the creek, the Bay, and the ocean.

Pick Your Area and Sign In

Volunteer sign-in tables will be located at Cavour and Redondo, for those who want to work on the creek between Clifton and Clarke Streets, and at Big Frog near the play structure for those who want to work on the pond, play area and greenbelt path to Clifton. There will be coffee and snacks at sign-in, and some thank-you "swag" from the city of Oakland for volunteers.

Tasks include weeding, pruning, trash pickup, raking and sweeping. Families and groups are welcome, and students needing service hours for school will receive a signed letter verifying their participation. Tools and gloves will be provided, or if you'd like to bring your own tools, make sure they're well marked as yours.

For more information, contact Leonora Sea, DMV Neighbors Association, LeonoraSea@comcast.net; FROG, info@frogpark.org; or look up FROG Park and Temescal Creek on the city's Creek to Bay Day website: www.oaklandcreektobay.org.

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1995. The restored plaque memorializing those who lost their lives in the fire will be unveiled. All are invited to the ceremony which will include the sharing of stories and memories, and a musical performance by Oakland Fire Captain Larry Sampson.

Out & About Details

The street fair takes place over the one-mile stretch of College Avenue from Manila to Alcatraz, incorporating the new Safeway store and plaza.

It blends perennial favorites with new activities including: live Jazz, Rock, Folk, and Blues on multiple stages; the always standing-room-only Kinetic Arts Center Circus Stage; scores of artisan, business and community booths. Market Hall hosts the ever-popular annual cookbook exchange. Their annual picnic is a foodie's paradise where merchants take to the street to offer delicious foods and demos. Fun activities are available for the entire family.

The Rockridge District Association invites everyone to shop, dine and explore our beloved neighborhood at the **10th Anniversary Rockridge Out & About.** Find more details at www.rockridgeoutandabout.com.

Presenting a large-scale, multifaceted street fair is no easy task; festival organizers are seeking additional sponsors to make it all possible. To join in supporting the 10th anniversary event, send an email now to festival co-producer Samee Roberts, samee@rockridgeoutandabout.com or call 510/550-4804, ext. 1.





Eyes on Rockridge

Local Teens Cook Up a Tribute to Oakland Residents: Their Recipes; Backgrounds; and Neighborhoods

by Judith Doner Berne

Over a six-month period, teenagers Elazar Sontag and Anya Ku showed up at the doors of home cooks in 20 Oakland neighborhoods – notebook, camera and bags of groceries in hand – often traveling by bus.



Elazar Sontag's and Anya Ku's Flavors of Oakland cookbook is their ode to the city they love. /Judith Doner Berne

As they watched each one prepare that night's meal, Elazar wrote down their recipes and stories as Anya used her lens to document the cooking process and take their portraits. Then they joined the family around the dinner table.

The result is *Flavors of Oakland* which Elazar, a Rockridge resident who is a freshman at Bard College (N.Y.), and Anya, a senior political science major at UC Berkeley, recently self-published.

Subtitled "A Cookbook in 20 Stories," it contains the family dishes and back stories of Oakland residents representing a range of neighborhoods and ethnicities, who shared the ups and downs of their lives as they cooked.

"I've been cooking since I was seven," says Elazar, now 18, as he and Anya sit in my living room. "My parents are food people. I got myself into restaurants – Duende and Pizzaiolo" – where he interned two days a week. "I would go straight from school (Drew High School in San Francisco). But I'm not a protégé," he was quick to say. "I was just cutting onions."

His interest in cooking food evolved into writing about it. "I started a food blog when I was about 12. I wanted to be the food critic for the New York Times," Elazar explains. "Now I'm more interested in writing about people and their food. I don't care if they're rich or poor." He is designing his own food-focused major at college.

"When I was 10, my parents gave me what was essentially a $10 camera from a convenience store and it just clicked," Anya, now 20, says. She took pictures for both the newspaper and yearbook while a student at Oakland Technical High School. And in 10th grade, she was awarded a $2,000 grant from the Eva Gunther Foundation "to buy my first DSLR (digital single-lens reflex) camera." Although photography has helped pay her way through college, Anya's goals are law school and, one day, to be a judge.

For both Anya, a life-long Oaklander, and Elazar, who moved to Rockridge when he was 14, a love for Oakland is at the core of their friendship and their book. Indeed, a mutual friend introduced them on the basis that they both had strong talents and this shared passion for Oakland. "Even when I lived in Berkeley I was always taking the bus into all parts of Oakland to see my friends," Elazar says.

"I feel Oakland has this strong sense

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of community," Anya says. "People here identify as Oaklanders before they identify as anything else." To Elazar, "Oakland is such an inclusive community. People really took us in. We built relationships with them. The fact that people would just let two kids into their homes…."

On the nights a cooking session was scheduled, each rushed home from school, then "hopped on a bus heading wherever our next meal was being cooked," Elazar recounts. "Wherever we went, doors opened and warm faces greeted us."

There's 70-something Marta from Rockridge by way of Oaxaca, Mexico (rolled tacos, rice, salsa and guacamole); 17-year-old Nick from Piedmont Avenue who began cooking with his Italian grandmother and then cooked for her (ricotta gnocchi); Kim, a mother of five from the Meadow Brook neighborhood near Fruitvale Avenue and East 22nd Street, whose dishes reflect her southern heritage (catfish and candied yams); Jackie, relatively new to the cooking of her Chinese ancestors, from the Oak Center neighborhood of West Oakland (pork potstickers).

They chose home cooks, Elazar says, because Oakland restaurants are already so well recognized. While acknowledging the city's "cracks and tarnishes," they were also out to defy the way Oakland can be portrayed by the media and others who haven't been here. "Oakland is full of people exactly like the ones we visited," Anya says.

"A neighborhood focus was also very important to us," she adds, as they sought recommendations for cooks who would represent the diverse ethnicities and areas of Oakland. So no question of socio-economic barriers would arise, the two always tried to pay for the ingredients.

For months after they completed their recipe gathering, Elazar, with help from friends and mentors, tested each one. "I didn't realize it was going to be such an effort," he says. "Some dishes got tested 10-15 times. I would cook it and know it wasn't right. I can kind of hold on to a taste."

More than 150 people contributed to a crowdfunding campaign that not only paid for design and publication, but also allowed Anya and Elazar to set aside 200 books to donate to Oakland's libraries and schools.

"Oakland's fresh, made-to-order vibe is best exemplified by two things – our young people and our food," writes Mayor Libby Schaaf in a preface to the book. "So it's not surprising at all that two Oakland-raised young people, Anya and Elazar, have cooked up 'Flavors of Oakland.'"

The book "is a testament to Anya's and Elazar's work, and to the food of Oakland," says Charlie Hallowell, owner of Pizzaiolo, Boot & Shoe Service and Penrose restaurants, in the book's foreword. "It's an exploration of the ways in which Oakland is one of the richest food cities in America, and an example of what two young people who have hearts filled with passion and bellies full of food can accomplish."

I first saw "Flavors of Oakland" at Diesel Bookstore and gave it for Father's Day to my son-in-law. He lives in North Oakland and likes to create ethnic dishes. As of mid-August, Diesel had sold 70 copies. That's a lot, I was told by bookseller Colin Waters, for a self-published book.

Anya and Elazar say the emotional and practical support of both sets of parents was crucial to its success. "It has been selling incredibly well and is now in its second printing," Elazar says. "People seem to feel attached to it. I am totally shaken."

Lorelei Sontag, Elazar's mom, says she sees the book "as Elazar's entry into adulthood. It was kind of magical – they started with a feeling and it amounted to a book," she says.

"We moved from the Berkeley Hills (to Rockridge) because we wanted to downsize and spend our city time in a more urban neighborhood," his mother says. The fact that Oakland residents opened their lives and that crowdfunders invested in Elazar's and Anya's project "is an amazing gift from the community."

To comment on this column or to suggest topics for future stories on your Rockridge neighbors or neighborhood, email judyberne@att.net.







Letters to the Editor

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A Life Nobly Lived Still Inspires

Editor:

Thank you for the article a while back concerning Mountain View Cemetery. The article mentions several notable people buried there. Another distinguished American whose grave and monument at the cemetery are inspiring to visit is that of Japanese American civil rights hero Fred Korematsu. He resisted the internment of Japanese Americans in American concentration camps during WWII and fought in the courts for decades afterwards, finally achieving vindication in the 1980s. He was eventually presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom and other honors.

Through the Fred Korematsu Foundation, his daughter, a Rockridge resident, carries forward his message that no one should be racially profiled or have their civil liberties curtailed because of race, religion or ethnic origin. Their work took on new importance after 9/11 with the rise of Islamophobia.

It is so gratifying to visit his monument right in our neighborhood and see the small stones left as tokens of visits by many others who have come to pay their respects. Thanks for the article on a local treasure that is full of life.

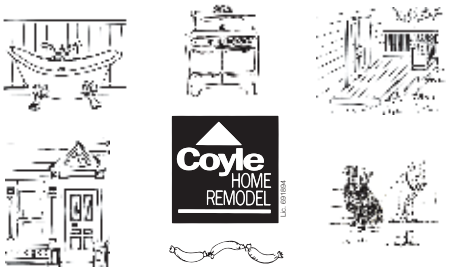
L. Correll

Mowed Lot Lost More than Weeds

Editor:

Just a remark: Not all Rockridge residents were relieved to see that the vacant lot at College and Claremont had been mowed. Whoever got rid of the weeds also cut down the bushes and flowers. I walk past that lot several times per week and always enjoy the fragrance of the plants there. Although some of the weeds were ugly, I've also seen at least 10 different kinds of wildflowers blooming in that lot, including our state flower and colors covering the whole rainbow. There used to be sparrows and finches flitting around in the bushes and brush, but now there are just pigeons.

— Sally P.



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Intersection Near Chabot School Gets Uncomfortably Congested

Editor:

The intersection at Chabot Road and Roanoke Road on the north side of Chabot Elementary School is begging for a traffic circle. Parents dropping off or picking up their kids at school often make a U-turn in this intersection. A simple pillar in the middle like the ones Berkeley uses plus a few "Yield to Traffic in Circle" signs would go a long way to easing congestion before and after school.

Pedestrian traffic isn't a concern here since few, if any, cross at this intersection. Everyone crosses at Patton Street with the crossing guards.

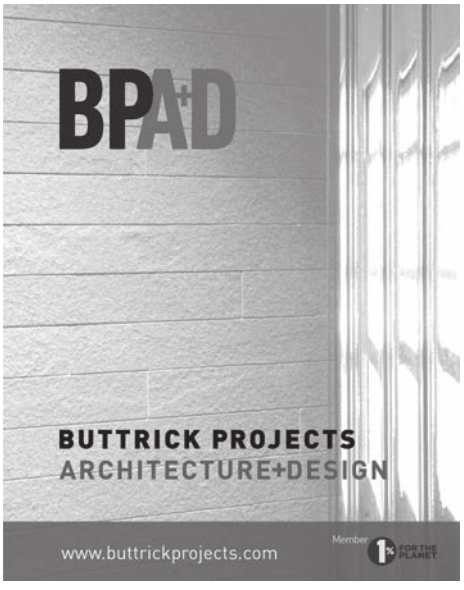
— Bill Levinson

Editor's Note:

Mr. Levinson also wrote to Councilman Dan Kalb about his concerns. The councilman is responding directly to Mr. Levinson, but offered the following general information about the necessary steps for suggested changes in street patterns. The Rockridge News is printing that information here in paraphrased form since it may be helpful to other Rockridge residents faced with similar concerns:

Councilman Kalb wrote: Traffic Calming mechanisms (on residential streets) such as the one Mr. Levinson is recommending generally require a petition or some other indication of extensive support among those who live very close by. In this case, since the school would be affected, it would also be important to contact the Chabot school

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DANIEL'S ROCKRIDGE LISTINGS



5119 Desmond; Sold @ $1,085,000
2 Bed / 1.5 Bath; 1,140 SF



5310 Lawton; Sold @ $1,900,000
3 Bed / 2 Bath; 1,952 SF

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principal to see if they would offer support for such a request. However, the first main step is to contact the Traffic Engineering division of Public Works to discuss the need and the process. Requests of this nature get more attention from Public Works when accompanied by signatures and support from several neighbors who agree with the requested action and then submit a group letter or petition.



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OpEd

Oakland's Residential Permit Parking Program Still Profitable for the City

by Jon Gabel, former RCPC boardmember

I have obtained cost and revenue data for Oakland's Residential Permit Parking (RPP) program by means of a Public Information Request. This data is for the fiscal years 2011-2012 through 2014-2015 and is summarized in the table on page 11. (Data for the full fiscal year 2015-2016 was not available at the time of my request.)

Similar data that I obtained for fiscal year 2010-2011 was published in the November, 2011, Rockridge News. Now, as then, the City could still make a profit on RPP even if it gave away the permits for free.

For each fiscal year, the City provided RPP revenue (derived from permit sales and citations), the number of RPP citations, the total number of parking citations, and total parking enforcement cost. The City does not directly track RPP administration and enforcement costs. (Perhaps it should, since RPP permit rates are being justified by purported RPP costs.) RPP enforcement costs can be estimated as a portion of all parking enforcement costs, i.e., the percentage of RPP citations compared to all parking citations. If anyone thinks that these cost estimates might be too low, note that even if they are multiplied by 5, the City would still have made a profit on RPP every year. And this was before the permit rates recently increased.

Councilmember Dan Kalb stated in an article in the November 2015 Rockridge News that the City's cost per year per RPP permit was $82. That statement is not consistent with this data.

In my letter to the Editor of the Rockridge News published in December 2015, I mentioned that enforcement of RPP had fallen off, but this comment was based solely on personal observation. Councilmember Kalb's letter to the Rockridge News of July 2016 confirms that RPP enforcement had been deficient due to "lack of additional staff." Since I filed my Information Request for RPP data with the City, I have noticed that RPP enforcement has greatly improved. Because enforcement was apparently down for some time, the estimated cost of RPP enforcement presented here may be higher than what it actually was.

One might question whether the City could have generated even more profit in recent years with strong enforcement of RPP. And, with such large revenues from citations, one could also ask why the City

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Scenic Streets: Mulching Plants, Pulling Weeds, Pruning Trees; Beautifying

Scenic Streets/Oakland had a productive work day on Saturday, August 20, as new and seasoned volunteers devoted two hours to give much-needed care to the vegetation on the Highway 24 Claremont Avenue on-ramp and the street trees adjacent to DaVita Oakland Dialysis Center at Clifton and Claremont.

Many wheelbarrows of mulch were spread, drought-stricken plants and trees watered by hand, trees pruned, weeds pulled, leading to many bags filled with accumulated dried plant debris for Caltrans' disposal to reduce fire danger.

Scenic Streets is a dedicated group of neighbors who volunteer their time and energy to maintain landscaping on the Highway 24 Claremont Avenue ramps and street trees along Claremont Avenue and Vicente Street.

If you couldn't attend the work day but are interested in participating in this neighborhood beautification project, contact Scenic Streets via www.scenicstreets.org.



/Betsy Yor

Scenic Streets of Oakland

Neighbors Improving the Rockridge-Temescal Gateway

Scenic Streets is a group of neighbors – all volunteers – dedicated to improving the beauty and safety of roadsides in North Oakland. Since just 2013, our volunteers have made lasting enhancements to prominent public lands. We have planted hundreds of drought-tolerant shrubs along highway ramps, added dozens of sidewalk trees to barren streets, secured new public trash cans and even renovated a city park. Our enthusiasm is contagious and has inspired nearby businesses and homeowners to undertake improvements of their own.



One of the volunteer Scenic Street crews pauses briefly for a photograph during the August 20 cleanup. Kneeling, Robert Firehock. Standing, from left: Lee Patterson, Laura Schlichtmann, Betsy York, Brad Dickson, Margaret Pinter. /Dan Kalb

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Left column, above, Councilmember Dan Kalb waters a sidewalk tree next to DaVita Dialysis Center.

Right, plant debris, bagged and ready for removal, on the Highway 24 On-ramp.



/Robert Firehock

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raised RPP permit fees – or even why there are any RPP permit fees at all.

Previous relevant articles and letters to the Editor can be found in The Rockridge News issues dated November 2011; November 2015; December 2015; June 2016; and July 2016.

Summary of Information Request Results for RPP Costs from the City of Oakland

Prepared by Jon Gabel

Fiscal Year (FY)	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
RPP permit sales, $	$145,069.54	$223,082.30	$198,627.25	$320,798.48
RPP citation revenue, $	$870,187.67	$755,384.39	$805,608.34	$767,132.45
Total RPP revenue, $	$1,015,257.21	$978,466.69	$1,004,235.59	$1,087,930.93
Total parking enforcement cost, $	$1,425,472	$3,882,027	$4,055,694	$4,259,520
# RPP citations	9,534	7,979	8,674	8,769
Total # parking citations	369,964	326,174	330,078	323,542
Estimated RPP enforcement cost, $	$36,734.52	$94,963.71	$106,578.11	$115,446.31
Estimated RPP program profit, $	$978,522.69	$883,502.98	$897,657.48	$972,484.62

Estimated RPP enforcement cost = Total enforcement cost) x (# RPP citations) / (Total # parking citations)

Estimated RPP program profit = (Total RPP revenue) – (Estimated RPP enforcement cost)

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cases, years, lay ahead for the survivors as they began to recover and rebuild.

Assisting them with all this would prove to be a mammoth challenge for the city, county and federal agencies assigned to help them. Elihu Harris, Oakland's mayor at the time, directed his staff to lead the recovery. He charged staffer and Rockridge resident Brooke Levin to find a location for a one-stop shop where people could go for answers and to figure out next steps. It would also be a place where they could rest, reconnect with neighbors and take stock.

Brooke found the perfect place, the then-vacant former Safeway store building at Claremont Avenue and Clifton Street. It would be known as the Community Restoration and Development Center (CRDC).

Emotional Toll for Survivors and Community Alike

The emotional toll on not only the survivors but the entire community was heavy. In the months that followed, it became clear that some sort of tangible community expression of loss and grief could help with the recovery process. Recognizing this, Brooke Levin came up with what proved to be another simple but brilliant idea: Anyone affected by the disaster, whether through direct loss, from witnessing the event, or by knowing loved ones or friends who had lost their lives, could create a ceramic tile. The tiles would then be assembled into a mural at a public place and would be a visible and lasting symbol of the area's rebuilding.

Community Fund Supports the Tile Project

The nonprofit Oakland Community Fund (OCF) stepped up with funding for the project, the BART station area was identified as the location, and a coordinator was hired to set up painting workshops and arrange outreach.

Over many months, one by one, tiles were painted and fired, and then stored until the next phase – creating the mural – could be started. Each tile was labeled and recorded in a log book, with the names and comments of the individuals who made them.

The first person to make a tile was a little girl, Rachel Lomax, four years old, whose family had lost their home.

The first workshop was held at the CRDC center. Dozens of workshops, in schools, homes, churches and in community centers, would be arranged. The Tile Mural was dedicated October 16, 1994. Rachel Lomax was there to see her tile unveiled.

Now, 25 years later, Rachel, 29 and a nurse, will take part in the rededication of the memorial plaque at the Rockridge BART Station on October 9. See www.oaklandnet/firestorm25 for details.

On a personal note, I was hired to coordinate the workshops for the tile mural, and it was my privilege to assist the hundreds of people who made tiles. Every time I pass by the mural, I am reminded of the resilience and strength of our friends and neighbors who rose like phoenixes from the ashes. And in this summer of 2016, I am thinking of Californians around the state who are again witnessing the power of Mother Nature with yet more destructive wildfires. I hope those affected by these most recent fires will benefit from how we in the East Bay were able to survive, rebuild, and move on with our lives.

For more on the tile wall and images of individual tiles, visit oaklandwiki.org/Oakland_Firestorm_Mural.



The fire often left only chimneys and foundations visible in its wake. /D. Kinkead

Annalee Allen is a long-time Rockridge resident and is the Oakland Tours Coordinator. She was, for many years, a columnist for the Montclarion newspaper and the Oakland Tribune. Brooke Levin is the City of Oakland Public Works Director.

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Kitchen Tour Call

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trees, awarding community grants, and periodic major projects.

The plan is to have nine kitchens in three different geographic areas within Rockridge; we may stray slightly outside RCPC's boundaries when warranted.

We look for a balance of kitchens from economic, small and efficient to larger and more spectacular spaces that inspire visitors with a variety of creative solutions.

If you have a kitchen that you would like to have considered for the Kitchen Tour, please send us a note at rockridge.org.

North Oakland Senior Center

Programs include: Arts/crafts; health counseling; dancing and exercise; trips; support groups, computer classes/more. Annual $12 membership entitles seniors 55 + to discounts on activities and trips. JOIN NOW.

• **John Muir House & Port Chicago National Park**: docent tour with picnic lunch Thurs, 9/29. $10 for members.

• **Apple Hill Loop**: Sign up now for Oct 13 day-trip to Placerville's High Hill Ranch on a deluxe motor coach. Includes coffee with apple donuts on arrival, guide relating the history of California's apple country, BBQ lunch with apple pie and time to browse in local shops. $50, member; $62 non-member.

Get more trip details at the desk or 597-5085.

Mon. – Fri., 9am to 4:30pm. 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Subscribe to "The North Oakland Senior Times" for full schedule of classes/events, lunch menus, and volunteer opportunities. Info: 597- 5085.

Volunteers Needed to Deliver The Rockridge News

Many, many thanks are owed to Claudine and Richard Jones for a yeoperson's job of delivering The Rockridge News to a score of homes above College Avenue. Richard is recuperating from surgery and it may be a while before they can return to their routes. **Can you help out?** We have a large number of routes to choose from so take your pick.

Block Captain/Route 21G: Odd numbers along the 6000 block of Claremont Avenue

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District Captain/Route 01, 03, 05: 7 drops above College along Chabot Rd and vicinity
Marshal: Routes 02, 05, 09,10: 4-6 drops above College Ave, between Claremont and the BART Station

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■ **District Captains** need a car or bike to deliver bundles to Block Captains.

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8/15/2016	2	2	5577 TAFT AVE	$1,249,000	$1,249,000	12	$1,640,000
8/22/2016	3	2	5525 Taft Avenue	$928,000	$928,000	13	$1,400,000
8/24/2016	2	2	5290 BROADWAY TER	$550,000	$550,000	62	$540,000
8/24/2016	2	1.5	5119 DESMOND ST	$849,000	$849,000	14	$1,085,000
8/26/2016	2	2	5589 LAWTON AVE	$2,700,000	$2,500,000	27	$2,400,000

Homes sold in August closed 20% over the asking price on average.

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Caroline Conner (r), co-owner, and Chef Candice Caris



Scott Ayers and Julie Figueras



College Avenue businesses can seem constant and unchanging. Perhaps a vacancy here and there showcases a pop-up opening to keep the space occupied, but in the main: constancy.

Recently, distant stars have realigned, bringing a spate of expansions and new businesses replacing older establishments. Two of them are described here.

At far left are co-owner Caroline Conner, right, and Chef Candice Caris, readying the opening of Duchess to offer American Tavern style foods at 5422 College, former site of Pizza Rustica.

Left, owners Scott Ayers, Julie Figueras, and Jeff Saltzman (not pictured), have cleaned up and renamed the former Hut as The Rockridge Improvement Club, 5515 College Avenue, a bar harkening to the historic intent of the original Rockridge Improvement Club of 1913: Community involvement and support..

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Compiled by Jo Ellis

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District 1 Councilman Dan Kalb

Drop-in Community Office Hours at the Temescal Farmers Market, 5300 Claremont Ave. (off Telegraph) at DMV parking lot on the **3rd Sunday each month**,10:30am-12:30pm. For times and locations of other office hours and more information from Dan Kalb: www.dankalb.net/contactdan.

Rockridge Branch Library

5366 College Avenue, 597-5017

RSC Computer Tutors: For all ages; starting 9/17. Get help with basic computer skills, email, device set up, and e-book & audio book downloads. Drop-ins welcome. Every Saturday,10:30am – 12:30pm.

FOR CHILDREN

- **Family Story Time**: Stories/songs/rhymes (for all ages); Saturdays, 10:30am.
- **Toddler Story Time**: Songs, active rhymes and stories (ages 9 months to 2 years), Thursdays, 10:30am, upstairs.
- **Pre-School Story Time**: Read-alouds, songs, and rhymes (to age 5); Thursdays, 10:30am.

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

SPECIAL EVENT:

- **'Tween Scene**: A monthly, 'tween-directed group for ages 9 to 13. Bring ideas of what you & your friends would most like to do each month. We'd like to hear about last year's Pen Pals, and see how many people will be doing National Novel Writing Month this November. **Snacks served**. Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday evening (9/13 and 9/27), 6:30-7:45pm, in the Children's Area.

More info on children's programs: Erica Siskind, 597-5017.

FOR TEENS

- **Teen Advisory Board (ages 14-18)**: Meet with other teens, plan and organize library activities, and get community service credit for school. 1st Sat. each month, 1 to 2pm.
- **Teen 'Scape**: Play video & board games; make crafts; do homework. **Enjoy meals**. Tues, Thurs, and Fridays: 3:30 -4:30pm and Wednesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm.
- **Welcome Back Party for Teens**: Take funny pictures with your friends and classmates. We will set up photo booth and provide photo booth props. Wed, Sept 14, 2 to 4pm.
- **Backpack/Locker Charms**: Create your favorite charms and add to your backpacks or lockers. Wed, Sept 28, 2pm.

FOR ADULTS

- **eBook Help**: Tuesdays **by appointment**, 6 - 7:30pm. Get help downloading eBooks to your Kindle, Nook, smartphone, or laptop. Make an appointment online at www.oaklandlibrary.org or in person at any library location.
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- **Drip Irrigation Basics**: With Landscape Designer and author **Douglas Kent**. Save water while keeping your plants healthy and thriving. Co-sponsored by East Bay MUD. **Light Refreshments provided**. Sat, 9/17, 11am.
- **Art 101: A Hands-On Look at Painting with the Oakland Art Association**. Take an in-depth look at the technique of a master painter, then try your own hand at painting. Sat, 9/24,11am.
- **National Voter Registration Day**: Tues,9/27. **All Day. Register to vote**. **The League of Women Voters** will also provide non-partisan information on the election (call 597-5017 for times).
- **Lawyers in the Library: Free legal information and referral. 1st Tues each month**, 6pm-8pm; Note: No lawyer in Sept; branch closed 9/6. **Next session Tues, Oct 4**. A lottery system determines who may see the lawyer. Sign-up opens at 5pm; must be present for lottery drawing at 5:45. Call day of program to confirm: 597-5017.

ART EXHIBITS

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Oct: **The Fire Art Project Revisited** (commemorative event 10/29).

Lobby Display- Rockridge library memories - stop by to add your own.

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- Thurs, 9/15, 7pm. Local author **Zach Wyner**: *What We Never Had*.
- Thurs, 9/22, 7pm. **Juan Gabriel Vásquez**: *Reputations*.
- Tues, 9/27, 7pm. Cartoonist **Riad Sattouf**: *The Arab of the Future 2: A Childhood in the Middle East, 1984-1985: A Graphic Memoir*.
- Fri, 9/30, 6pm. **Pajama Party Story Time for Kids**. Come in PJs, bring teddy bear, have milk and cookies. Hear bedtime story by author/illustrator **Bob Barner**: *Sea Bones*.
- Wed, 10/5, 6:30pm. **Freud's Bar** (monthly talks given by local Bay Area psychoanalysts, aimed at students ages 16-25, while enjoying drinks and snacks): Topic: **Guilt, Pseudo-guilt and Woody Allen**, presented by **Lee Grossman, M.D**.
- Thurs, 10/6, 7pm. **Colin Dickey**: *Ghostland: An American History in Haunted Places*.
- Sun, 10/9, 3pm. **Poetry Flash** with **Martha Collins**: *Admit One: An American Scrapbook*; and **Rosa Lane**: *Tiller North*.
- Wed,10/12, 7pm. **Nell Zink**: *Nicotine*. Joined in conversation by DIESEL'S co-manager **Brad Johnson**.

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- Concert by the **Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble (WAVE)** entitled, "Mission Project - Renaissance and Baroque music from New Spain" at 3pm in the Priory Chapel. More info at www.wavewomen.org/

St. Albert Priory, 5890 Birch Ct. 596-1800. St. Albert Priory Chapel 6172 Chabot Road.

Jazz at the Chimes

"Come Swing with Me" featuring vocalist **Denise Perrier** performing Sinatra favorites and other classic standards. With pianist **Tammy Hall**, bassist **Paul Eastburn** and drummer **Darian Gray** Sunday, Sept 18, 2 pm. Tickets at the door (cash only) beginning 12:30pm (doors open 1:30): $15 general; $10 srs. (60+) and students. Advance ticket sales: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2581849. Refreshments and reception follows to meet the performers. Info at www.deniseperrier.com. The concert series honors the individual stories and unique artistry of Bay Area jazz musicians in a landmarked Julia Morgan venue: Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave. **Wheelchair accessible. Free parking**. More info: www.jazzatthechimes.com, chimesjazz@gmail.com or 654-0123.

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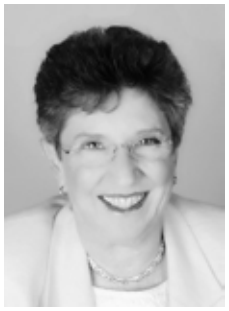
- **Ya Layl: Sarah Michael, Suellen Primost, Peter Maund,** and **Niko Bakulich**. "Mostly Middle Eastern;" program including Arabic, Turkish, Greek, Armenian, and Sephardic music. Sample at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hd9QRbbBVzY&feature=youtu.be. Sat., Sept 17, 8pm; house opens 7:30pm. Inside venue; not wheelchair accessible. $15-20 donation for musicians (cash only at the door).
- **Duo Trios - Bal du Kor (West African)** & **Brisas do Brazil**: Sat, Oct 8, 8pm. Inside venue; not wheelchair accessible. More info about these trios at http://wisteriaways.org/events.html. 383 61st Street. For reservations (highly recommended), RSVP to info@WisteriaWays.org or 655-2771.

8th Annual Volunteer Fair for Oakland Schools

Find a volunteer program that's right for you to help Oakland students. Get linked to school-based volunteer opportunities that match your interests, schedules and abilities. Volunteers fully trained before they begin a program. Sat, Sept.10 from 10am to 1pm at Lakeview School Auditorium, 746 Grand Avenue (at MacArthur Blvd., across the street from the Grand Lake Theater). **Free Parking** in lot behind school. Hosted by Volunteering for Oakland, in partnership with OUSD and the Mayor's Office. More info: Stan Weisner: 531-2055; www.volforoak.org/volunteer-fair/; or email contact@volunteeringforoakland.org.

Temescal Farmers' Market

Open Sundays, 9am to 1pm (**all year**). Locally grown fruits and vegetables; fresh ranch eggs; home-made bakery items; fresh cut flowers; unique prepared foods, fresh locally caught fish, handcrafts and more. Sample the goods; meet the grower. **Live music. Bring reusable bags**. 5300 Claremont Ave. (off Telegraph) at DMV parking lot.



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