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RCPC Election Brings Board Near to Full Strength

Newcomers Ashley Cruz, Sally Smyth Elected; Members M C Haug, Leonora Sea, Courtney Welch Gain Full Terms

Stuart Flashman's Term as Chair Expires Following the Election; Board Elects Leonora Sea as Chair for 2018–19 Term

Progress: Lane Diet Projects



City contractor Victoria Eisen, Eisen-Letunic Urban Planning, discusses the allocation of project funds and construction progress for the Broadway Lane Diet, and improvements to the Shafter/College/Keith and Miles intersections; among others. /D. Kinkead

Rept: RCPC April Annual Meeting and Town Hall

by Stuart Flashman, RCPC Boardmember

On Thursday, April 19, RCPC held its annual meeting and April Town Hall at the Rockridge Branch Library. Twenty-nine Rockridge residents signed in for the election. A quorum of members was in attendance and balloting went ahead for the 2018 board election. Residents unable to attend the April 19 meeting had an opportunity to vote two days later at the RCPC polling station in front of the Rockridge Branch library.

At the meeting, each of the five candidates for the Board of Directors — Ashley Cruz, M.C. Haug, Leonora Sea, Sally Smyth, and Courtney Welch — gave a short presentation to the audience about her background, why she was running, and what she hoped to accomplish on the board.

All five candidates were handily elected, and seated a week later at a special board meeting. At that meeting, Leonora Sea was elected Chair, and Ronnie Spitzer was elected Treasurer. The other two offices, Vice-Chair and Secretary, and the fifth, at-large member of the Board's executive committee will be chosen at the Board's regular May meeting.

Once the election concluded, the Town Hall audience heard a presentation by the Oakland Department of Transportation staff and consultant Victoria Eisen about Rockridge/North Oakland street improvements funded by money from Oakland's settlement with Caltrans over the Caldecott Improvement Project. The settlement projects are intended to reduce auto traffic on Highway 24 or otherwise mitigate impacts from adding a fourth bore to the tunnel.

At this point, almost half of the funded projects have been completed.

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Vote YES on D: Keep Oakland Libraries Open and Thriving

by Sarah Washburn, Co-chair, Friends of the Rockridge Li

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Rockridge Legend, Albert Keshishian: October 23, 1927 - March 19, 2018



To my beloved mentor and my muse, Albert Keshishian

by Tigran Agadzhanyan, Marshal, Oakland Durant Rockridge Lodge #188

On October 23, 1927, Albert Keshishian was born in Oakland, making him the second child of Hadji and Taguhi Keshishian, both survivors of the Armenian Genocide. Growing up in Rockridge, Albert attended Rockridge Elementary, Claremont Junior High, and graduated from Oakland Technical High in February 1945. As a child, he balanced several jobs, including being a paperboy with two routes circling the Oakland hills and helping his father at the very cherished Levant Rug Company. Although Albert spent nearly 80 years in the rug business, he was a man of many talents, interests, and passions and left us with a legacy that will be remembered for the next millennium.

Albert and his father were renowned as highly skilled rug restorers and cleaners. Oftentimes, and with great joy, Albert would teach his friends and customers the history of rugs and explain the symbolism behind intricate, geometric patterns. Rugs of the Keshishian family have been featured in galleries in San Francisco, Oakland, New York, and the Smithsonian Museum. With rows and rows of rug books in his office, Albert would pick out a certain page and describe the pictured rug. Not surprisingly, rug experts were always brought to shame with the extent of knowledge Albert had about rugs and the industry. "This is clearly a sturgeon, I don't know why he calls it a lanceolate leaf!" Truly, the world has lost the expert of experts in the industry

Albert's talents were not limited to the rug and carpet industry. As a young child, he was deeply involved in the arts and had a cultivated musical side. At the age of 12, he was selected as a soloist for The Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939. He was also a member of a boys' choir and had lessons with May Metz de St. Maurice. He was featured in Don Giovanni as Lepperello in a production put on by a Bay Area performance company. Unfortunately, the company disbanded after the death of its Maestro. Although his dreams of becoming a professional opera singer ended there, Albert never spent a day without singing. As he was completing paperwork in his office, he would often sing Leoncavallo's "Vesti La Giubba", or hum the tune to Billy Holiday's version of "Summertime" as he was pacing in his shop. During the celebration of Albert's 90th birthday, friends and family witnessed his last public performance as he sang the Lord's Prayer.

Poems, did you ask? Oh, yes! Albert had a poem for just about any occasion. If none existed, he could write a personal poem within fifteen minutes.

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RCPC Land Use Committee

The **May Land Use Committee meeting** is planned to meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 at at the Rockridge Branch Library. Please check the rockridge.org website the previous week for the agenda.

RCPC Land Use Committee Update, May 2018

The Land Use Committee met April 26 and discussed four items:

Student Intern

RCPC's student intern has begun collecting data on existing buildings and housing units on College Avenue. The results should serve as a baseline for evaluating the potential for adding more housing with and without zoning changes.

SB 827 (Wiener/Skinner)

As reported separately in this issue, SB 827 was "killed" in its first committee hearing before the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Committee members discussed a possible follow-up bill in the 2019 legislative session, and expressed hope the results from the Rockridge Housing Study might help inform Senators Wiener and Skinner on more nuanced approaches to address the bill's goals. Committee members felt that the bill needed to address expanding urban public transit as well as housing.

College Avenue Safeway

The Committee briefly discussed problems over Safeway's commitment in its settlement agreement with local community groups (including RCPC) to pay for residential parking permits on streets

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Scenic Streets of Oakland

Scenic Streets of Oakland Wednesday Weeders Attack the Mt. Tam Thistle



On a recent sunny day, Scenic Streets volunteers Laurie Baker, left, Judy Weiss, Robert Firehock and Carol Kasparek clean up planted areas of the Hudson Street on-ramp to westbound Hwy 24.

Scenic Streets of Oakland still needs volunteers.

Exercise! Community spirit! Accomplishment glow! Contact Lee Patterson at lee.scenicstreetsoakland@gmail.com for more info. Also: mark your calendar for Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., when a Mulching Madness event is planned. More next month.

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Oakland Real Estate news
Did you know that there is a proposed ordinance to charge $3000-$6000/year to owners of properties that are vacant? Could apply to rental units, single family homes, lots or commercial spaces. Call your city council member if you'd like to provide input of any kind to this item being considered by the council.

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Crime in Rockridge

by Karen Ivy, Secretary, Greater Rockridge NCPC

Readers of Nextdoor see a fairly constant discussion of crime in the Rockridge area. But on a week-to-week basis, how much crime is there really, compared to the rest of North Oakland – or even the rest of Oakland?

For this article, I'll discuss Oakland Police Department (OPD) beats 12Y and 13X, the responsibility of the Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC). Beat 13X is the area north of Pleasant Valley, between Broadway and Highway 13. That area sees much less crime than 12Y, which is north of 51st Street between Broadway and Telegraph Avenue. (Find your police beat at this link: http://spjika.github.io/FindYourBeat/)

Both Rockridge beats are part of OPD Bureau of Field Operations Area 2 (North Oakland), which comprises the commercial districts of Rockridge, KONO (formerly Koreatown), Temescal, Montclair, and Piedmont Avenue, plus surrounding residential areas.

I get the statistics I publish monthly for 12Y and 13X from Oakland's crime mapping website, Crimewatch (http://gismaps.oaklandnet.com/crimewatch/). Crimewatch is a commercial mapping site which shows crime graphically on a map. Users can also download an Excel spreadsheet, with all reported crimes for the entire city over the previous 90 days. I extract the 12Y and 13X data from that, something anyone can

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Letters to the Editor

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Broadway Improvements Neglect Driver Safety and Endanger Pedestrians

Editor

The April Rockridge News contains reports of more "improvements" to Broadway below CA 24. I believe a more effective and less costly solution to slowing traffic would have been to install a red light at the Lawton Avenue intersection. But, to satisfy cyclists, Broadway has become less a roadway, more a giant pinball machine with bumpers, paddles and white striped slots with green checks and flashing lights. The visual clutter of this treatment confuses everyone, and may do more harm than good. I have seen very few cyclists using the dedicated bike lanes. In fact, there never have been many cyclists on Broadway. The climb up Broadway is tough and College Avenue is the preferred route.

It seems no consideration has been given to people who live on Lawton and Ocean View between Broadway and College, most of whom use cars to get around. In the 30-plus years we've lived in Rockridge, it's never been easy or safe entering Broadway due to difficult lines-of-sight and traffic speed. By ignoring the minimal safety needs of car owners in creating the "pinball," the access situation has become more dangerous for everyone.

Using College and Lawton to leave the area, with its five-way intersection, is problematic at best for cars and pedestrians. To add to the confusion at this intersection, bicycle lanes are planned for College Avenue to help cyclists on the tough uphill part. The bike lanes will happen only with the "magic" of eliminating parking spaces, putting additional pressure on the neighborhood's limited spaces where residents purchase expensive parking permits. With double-parked delivery trucks, buses and existing traffic, navigating College Avenue is slow, frustrating and difficult. It's hard to imagine how the addition of bicycle lanes and the further reductions in parking and/or lanes for cars will work. The impact can't be beneficial to residents and local businesses.

Bulb-outs are also proposed for College Avenue. Because of the compromised turning radius on busy two-lane business streets, these create difficult situations for cars turning onto a narrow street like College and cause traffic build-up.

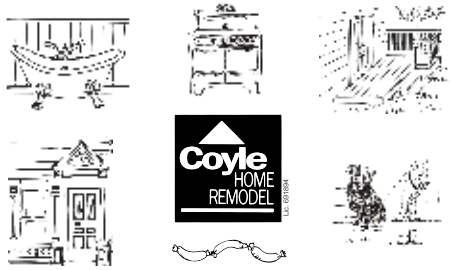
Increasing bicycle facilities has benefits for cyclists, and supposedly everyone, but basic needs of those who use cars are being ignored.

— Chuck Byrne

Victoria Eisen Replies:

This resident raises many questions, which for clarity, I paraphrase below with a response to each. First, I'd like to remind readers that the Broadway road diet between Keith Avenue and Broadway Terrace is not complete. The City is waiting for PG&E

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to electrify the new pedestrian-activated "HAWK" (High-Intensity Activated crossWalK beacon) signal at Lawton and for the contractor to complete striping, including a new left turn lane at Lawton.

Q1: Why is the City installing a pedestrian-activated ("HAWK") signal at Broadway/Lawton, rather than a traditional traffic signal?

A: The primary purpose of this project is to make it safer to cross Broadway on foot. Installing a traditional traffic signal would have accomplished this but the signal would have allowed motorists to use Lawton/Rockridge Blvd to cut through the neighborhood, something residents consistently asked us during the project planning process not to facilitate. The Lawton crossing has been a long-time complaint of area residents, and previous low-cost improvements have had limited success. The HAWK signal (solely for pedestrian crossing safety) was one of the highest priority projects on the Caldecott Settlement project list. Further, this signal will only go on when requested by a pedestrian pushing a button; otherwise, the signal will be "dark", or inactive, and will not disrupt through traffic on Broadway.

Q2: The project is meant to satisfy bicyclists, but very few use the new bike lanes.

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College Ave Sidewalk Widening Would Benefit Businesses, Cut City Parking Revenues

Editor:

The topic for the RCPC Town Hall meeting of April 19 was an update on the status of Caldecott Tunnel Settlement projects. A common complaint voiced by attendees was the escalating costs of some projects already approved. There may not be sufficient funds to complete all of these, much less address worthy projects further down the ranked list.

Therefore, it is disturbing to me that the widening of the sidewalk running the full length of Market Hall on College Avenue is still on track as one of the Pedestrian Improvements projects. I asked if Market Hall could apply for a permit for additional outside seating once this construction was finished. Wlad Wlassowsky, Transportation Services Manager for Oakland's Department of Transportation (OakDOT), stated they could. He also said that even with additional seating, pedestrian congestion would be no worse than it is now.

If there will not be an improvement in sidewalk congestion, then the only purpose of widening that sidewalk is for taxpayers to subsidize Market Hall — twice: First, by paying for a larger outside area for their tables; and by having to make up the loss to Oakland in parking revenues — forever — for the parking spaces removed to make room for the larger sidewalk.

I urge the City to bulb out only the corner of College Avenue and Shafter Avenue but not to expand the College Avenue sidewalk. The cost savings would be better spent on the other projects, which are for public, not private, benefit. I also ask Rockridge residents to contact Victoria Eisen, who is coordinating public input on Caldecott projects, and let her know your opinion.

— Jon Gabel

Victoria Eisen Replies

The corner bulb-out on the southwest corner of College/Shafter was designed to reduce crowding when folks are waiting to cross the road and to shorten the crosswalks. The curb extension south of the corner is meant to leave more room on the sidewalk for pedestrians, and was part of the original project design. If Market Hall wishes to put seating on the new curb extension, they will have to apply to the City for an encroachment permit, as is the case whenever a business owner wants to use a portion of the public right-of-way.

Can Transportaton Planners Assure That All Listed Projects Will be Completed?

Editor:

I am concerned that projects at the bottom of the list will not be done because funds being spent on other listed projects will push costs over estimated amounts.

I am particularly concerned about the Hudson/Claremont intersection improvements, vital to the safety of the hundreds of children who use Frog Park daily, and cross this extremely busy intersection. Frog Park is the only large open space in this area and attracts families, school groups, parents and grandparents and babysitters with small children.

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Eyes on Rockridge

New Restaurants Serve Up Potpourri of Dining Options

by Judith Doner Berne

It's not as many as opened in 2013 when ten — count them, ten — new eateries burst into Rockridge along College Avenue.

But in the first few months of this year, six new or re-hashed (excuse the pun) restaurants have opened along College Avenue and two debuted in the Ridge shopping center, corner of 51st and Broadway.

Interestingly, all but one are either smallish Bay Area-based chains or affiliated by ownership and/or name with another restaurant.

And yes, I have tried them all.

Bangkok Garden



Closest to our home is Bangkok Garden, 5231 College, formerly the original Sabuy Sabuy which has a second restaurant in Berkeley. The dining room and garden have been updated, and approximately a third of the menu has changed, although the chef and at least part of the ownership remain the same. One new item is a pork bowl, and more vegetarian dishes are available. Although they still serve wine and beer, they have whittled the selection down considerably.

Judoku Sushi Rockridge

Down the street, where Christopher's Burger stood for many years and Wingman for just months, Kanni Ko and Sean Kim have opened Judoku Sushi Rockridge, 5295 College. It's the sister Japanese restaurant to the original Judoku at 3314 Piedmont Avenue. Kim, who attended culinary school in Korea and was a former sous-chef at Alexander's in Cupertino, shares preparing dishes on the extensive menu with a second chef. Ko works the front of the house.



"They connect with their guests in a very powerful way," loyal patron Lisa Tomlinson told me, as she lunched on chicken teriyaki, which she often ordered at their other location. Even if you decide on just a spider roll, as I did, it comes beautifully presented, plus miso soup and salad. Bento boxes offer a choice of two entrees, rice and a marinated mushroom mini-salad. Your bill comes tucked into a small metal pail with a delicate Korean cookie(s) alongside it.

Holy Basil Pho

Moving along the street to what was formerly Chu, a Northern Chinese restaurant, co-owner Dana Chow presides over its new iteration, Holy Basil Pho. It's in the same two-story, high-ceilinged, contemporary setting at 5362 College. The food now is Vietnamese, highlighting a variety of Pho noodle soups — hence the name — but with

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College Avenue Dining Potpourri

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a nod to some of their previous dishes.

Chu was, years back, a Michelin Bib Award winner, defined as the best of eateries where two courses and a glass of wine or dessert cost $40 or less before tax and tip. (Rockridge's Wood Tavern and Millennium won 2018 Bib awards.) "We have rebranded," said Chow, a Rockridge resident. She and co-owner Philip Chu also run Kirin Restaurant in North Berkeley, which serves some of the former Chu's dishes.

La Boulangerie

La Boulangerie opened this spring at 5500 College, the only East Bay location for this French-American-based bakery and café with multiple sites in San Francisco. It took over the extensive patio and restaurant that Pasta Pomodoro abruptly vacated at 5500 College, when that chain declared bankruptcy.

"This café is just what the neighborhood needed," wrote Rockridge resident Adam Glazier, in an on-line review. "The best fresh pastries, sandwiches, quiches along with excellent coffee and a variety of juices. There's a nice patio and decent amount of indoor seating. No need to bus your own dishes and there are leash hooks for dogs outside."



The Hideaway

John Edmonds is a regular at The Hideaway, 5634 College, in the former Bourbon & Beef location. (Photo, page 12.) He is working his way down the extensive burger list, which includes the Figgy Blue Piggy (yes, blue cheese, bacon and fig jam) and the Hangover burger (topped with an organic fried egg) as well as lamb, ground turkey, grilled ahi, blackened whitefish and veggie burgers.

"We're really proud that we only source from farmers and ranchers who participate in the Never Ever (no added hormones, antibiotics, vegetarian-fed) program," said Katherine Schiele, a partner and bartender at the restaurant owned by Nick Masarweh of Nico's Hideaway in Berkeley.

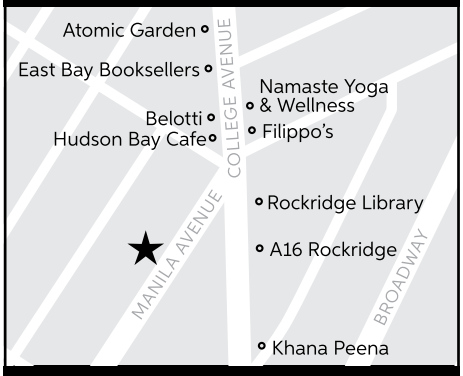


The Beer Baron

The Beer Baron put an end to everyone's speculations as to what would replace the former Toast restaurant with its

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Great Turnout for Frog Park — Earth Day 2018

More than 100 volunteers participated in the Frog Park and Greenbelt Earth Day cleanup. Local businesses represented included Fremont Bank-Claremont Branch and staff from other branches; Better Homes and Gardens-Oakland, Grand Lake Office team. Neighbors and friends joining the fun included students and teachers from Claremont Middle and Peralta Elementary Schools; Oakland Durant Rockridge #188 Masonic Lodge members; a birthday-girl's-volunteer-party volunteered with friends and family to celebrate her birthday; Cub Scout Pack 274; and many other local and visiting community members joined in the cleanup effort.

Volunteers of all ages were weeding, sweeping, turning the playground fibar, picking up trash, raking leaves, trimming the ivy, and pruning. There was a wonderful community feeling throughout the morning.



A special big thank you to Fremont Bank for their generous $2,500 donation to our park along with donated coffee, pastries and fruit and staff volunteers who participated in the cleanup.

Thank you again to Bakesale Betty for donating wonderful scones and nut-free banana bread over the years. A lot of work was accomplishments and Frog Park looks so much better.

Thank you to all volunteers!

Carol Behr, Chair, FROG (Friends of the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt)













Land Use Committee

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near the store. It appeared Safeway had not fulfilled its commitment in Berkeley, and the Committee felt it important to determine if it was complying in Oakland. Communication with Safeway at it current Boise Idaho headquarters may be successful in remedying at least this noncompliance problem, although others remain.

Shops at the Ridge Phase II

The Committee revisited the issue of TRC, Inc.'s failure to follow through on the planned phase II of "Shops at the Ridge," planned retail expansion at the Broadway/Pleasant Valley location. TRC had promised a revised plan by early summer, but there has been no word. The committee discussed the problems and prospects for retail stores at that center and along College Avenue, agreeing that some rethinking of strategy might be needed in view of the competition from on-line retailers.

Rockridge Housing Study Update

Work is continuing on the evaluation of the five alternative housing scenarios. The committee hopes to discuss the feasibility of some of the proposed affordable housing incentives with some nonprofit and for-profit developers. The Committee discussed modifying the "high-density" scenario to more closely match that proposed in SB 827.

SB 827 Fails in Committee

Despite attempts by Senators Scott Wiener (D-S.F.) and Nancy Skinner (D-Oakland/Berkeley) to amend their bill mandating upzoning near transit stations and along transit corridors, it was voted down by a large margin before the the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Although the authors attempted two sets of molifying amendments, they could not overcome the opposition of many Bay Area and Southern California cities. While the bill has now died, Senator Wiener has said he will continue to push for its aims, and has promised to introduce another bill aimed at promoting higher housing densities near transit in next year's session.

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These include bicycle lanes on Broadway between the North Oakland Sports Center and Broadway Terrace, improvements to the Broadway/Highway 24 exit ramps and associated intersections, pedestrian-scale lighting on 52nd Street between Dover Street and Telegraph Avenue, and bulb-outs and other pedestrian safety improvements along Broadway. Almost finished is the Broadway "lane diet" between Keith Avenue and Broadway Terrace, which, it is hoped, will reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian safety. Still to come are a number of improvements along College Avenue, including bicycle lanes and intersection improvements at both Shafter/Keith and Miles Avenue intersections. There are also further improvements in the works for Tunnel Road/Highway 13 interchange to make it safer for bicyclists. Because of cost overruns due to needed design changes, Eisen said some projects may not be fully funded with the settlement funds, but other funding sources are being explored. The full slide presentation is being put up on the Rockridge.org website, and videos of the presentation have been posted on YouTube, with links available from Rockridge.org.

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Tracking Crime

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do who has the interest and is comfortable with Excel.

OPD now publishes weekly summaries of crime by area, and for the city overall. I'll study the week of April 9-15, 2018, using the numbers for the city at large for Area 2, and for beats 12Y and 13X.

So, what happened that week?

Homicides: The good news is that there were no homicides that week in Area 2, although the city at large had three.

Aggravated assaults: Citywide there were six assaults involving firearms and 22 which did not. Area 2 during the week had one non-firearm assault, which was in beat 12Y.

Rapes: Two rapes were reported citywide, none in Area 2.

Robberies: citywide there were 28 robberies, 17 using some kind of weapon. Two were carjackings. Area 2 had four robberies, two using firearms.

Burglaries: citywide there were 36 burglaries, 18 of which were auto burglaries. Two were commercial burglaries.

Motor Vehicle Theft: citywide, 81 autos were stolen, 7 in Area 2. One of those was in beat 13X.

Larceny: Citywide there were 47 larcenies, seven in Area 2. One of those was in beat 12Y.

Arson: citywide there was one arson. It was not in Area 2.

To summarize, out of the 231 reported crimes in the city of Oakland from April 9 - 15, 26 happened in Area 2 (North Oakland), and three – that's right, three – happened in the Rockridge beats. Two of them were in 12Y. As I said, 12Y has more crime than 13X.

Briefly comparing this week with the first partial week in March, it was a quiet week in North Oakland. The first four days of March (Thursday through Sunday) logged three crimes against the person (two batteries and a threat); one burglary; five auto-related crimes (three burglaries and two thefts); and three quality of life crimes (two vandalisms and 1 disturbing the peace).

There may be a quieter part of Oakland than Rockridge, but I don't know what it is.

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Did You Miss the Pillars of Light?

by Don Kinkead

The brief display of moving lights and changing colors designed and installed by Rockridge artist Mauricio Bustos on the vacant lot at College and Claremont was just that: brief.

During the day, Rockridge residents and strolling passers-by noted the array of a number of poles spread out on the lot's central area. At night, it all came to life as a variety of changing colors seemed to race up and down the poles in a controlled frenzy.

Did you see it? You can catch it again – or for the first time – in the video made by Mauricio's 14-year-old son Elan and posted at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ES75IRKXKEQ. Supporting further coverage for the story, 12-year-old son Rafael interviewed Mauricio for a school project. /D. Kinkead



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College Avenue Dining Potpourri

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extensive corner patio at 5900 College Avenue, seemingly popular until it closed rather suddenly in fall, 2016. For owners and brothers Raj and Harpreet Judge, Rockridge is their third location — others include Livermore and Pleasanton — with a fourth scheduled to open in Santa Rosa later this year.

Bartenders need a ladder to reach many of the reported 300 whiskeys set on striking, back-lit shelves that climb to the high ceiling. An extensive range of craft beers can help wash down the menu of bar snacks, small plates and main platters.

If you aren't fond of spice, make sure that what you order is on the milder side since even the smoky house ketchup, one of the sauces that came with our very good



hamburger, had a bite to it. I have yet to try them, but the Belgian-style duck fat fries appear to be a popular item. I also plan to order Mary's butter chicken with grilled naan on my next foray.

I've already mentioned the short lifespan of Wingman. It's also hard to know exactly



Interior,The Hideaway

what happened to Duchess, which closed after a year, and whose owners had completely redone and beautified the former Pizza Rustica space at 5422 College.

In a letter to patrons, co-owners Chris Strieter and Caroline Conner promised a renovated space (why?) and different concept "later this year." Reports are that pastry chef Conner may no longer be in the picture, having relocated to Europe.

Enoteca Molinari

"We're pretty close to being done," says Enoteca Molinari owner Joe Madison, referring to the extension to his Italian bistro, 5474 College, in the works for a couple of years. He cites a neighbor's opposition to a premise-to-premise transfer of his liquor license and difficulty in getting the health department to respond to problems. And, "We just had a baby." Lucas is only a few weeks old.

Just a note about two openings (**Best Coast Burritos** and **Panda Express**) and a closing (Pieology) in the Ridge Shopping Center. Part of a California-based pizza chain in which Kevin Durant has a stake, the Ridge Pieology folded up shop several months back.

Panda Express, as you may already know, is a nationwide chain of Chinese restaurants, but **Best Coast Burritos** is locally owned and the only non-chain restaurant in the Safeway-centered shopping center.

In "soft opening" mode since it debuted several weeks back, the restaurant will have a Grand Opening later this month. "We are excited to be in Rockridge," said co-owner and co-manager Alvin Shen, who is expanding from his current location, 1400 Powell Street in Emeryville.

The restaurant features an array of ingredients from which you can build one of their "California Mexican" signature dishes or your own. "I married into a family that has been in the restaurant business for 30 years," said Shen, who was formerly in advertising. "We make everything in-house," including their California Burrito, which contains fresh hand-cut French fries.

I will most likely return to most of these newbies, if only to see how they develop. But I have already had two more meals at Judoku Sushi, which is now atop my list of go-to restaurants.

To comment on this column or to suggest future stories on you, your Rockridge neighbors or neighborhoods, please email judyberne@att.net.



Erratum: In the April "Eyes on Rockridge" column, Wisteria Ways home concert giver Anne Emerick was quoted as saying that hosting house concerts is "very expensive." The quote should have read: "very inexpensive."

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Caldecott Project Funding

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The intersection is also the on-ramp to Highway 24 west where drivers often speed through the intersection to make the light. This happens at exactly the spot where children — frequently very young — are crossing the street. The drivers often seem oblivious to pedestrians, including children accompanied by adults. When drivers reach 40+ mph, slowing down to avoid a young child walking across the street is difficult, leading to screeching stops, honking horns, and scary near-misses. Adult pedestrians also use the intersection, but it is the use by so many young children that makes this intersection so gravely in need of improvements.

I ask the transportation team how, specifically, it will ensure that ALL the community-identified priorities are addressed, not just the ones at the top of he list. What is the specific plan to do this?

— Theresa Nelson

Victoria Eisen Replies:

Once the City has accepted final construction bids on projects #1-4 (Tunnel/ Caldecott) and #10/11/20 (College Avenue), we will redo the project list to reveal the new $8 million funding line. Projects below the new line can be considered in the City's upcoming Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process, which allocates local sources (e.g., KK bond) and looks at other outside grant opportunities (e.g., State Active Transportation Program). There will be opportunities in spring 2019 for the public to weigh in during City Council hearings for the CIP.

Please note: The criteria of other options are not identical to the Caldecott Settlement Agreement language, which prioritized areas near the tunnel and the community's statement of the issues. Measure KK and ATP prioritize measures of social equity, including the demographics of the area.

Finally, there may be other opportunities to implement safety projects, particularly those that can be constructed quickly and inexpensively, as part of Oakland Department of Transportation's regular budget.



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Albert Keshishian

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At a young age, Albert recited poems in Armenian and in English for his friends and family. During grammar school, two of his poems were published in the yearbook. Some of his other work includes a complete documentation of his travels including trips he made to the Taj Mahal, the Pyramids of Giza, the Great Wall of China, to the languid canals of Venice, and, of course, to the Levant. Today, the pen is still and the yellow lined paper blank, leaving us wondering of the masterpieces that had yet to come.

Graduating shortly before World War Two ended, Albert was drafted into the Army on February 12, 1946. Shipped off to the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, he became ill with scarlet fever. Later, he was transferred to the Atlanta Ordnance Depot and on to Fort Lawton, Washington. In Japan, he was stationed in both Yokohama and Osaka as a member of the 725th Ordnance Maintenance Company. On February 9, 1947, he was honorably discharged at Camp Beale, California. His services to his country and his community did not end there. Albert was immensely charitable to local and international organizations. He was both a proponent and strong supporter of the Salvation Army, The Nature Conservancy, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, and other local charities.

As a lifelong member of the Rockridge community, Albert also contributed through fraternal love and charity. He was raised as a Master Mason on June 30, 1954, in Château-Thierry Lodge #569. A lifetime member of both Crow Canyon Lodge #551 and Oakland Durant Rockridge Lodge #188, Albert never refused to help his brethren and members of our community. For his sincere and generous contribution to the craft, Albert received the Hiram Award, the highest honor a Mason can receive.

On March 19, 2018, Albert Keshishian departed our planet and found his eternal home in the heavens. He leaves behind a legacy of love for his friends, family, and his beloved city of Oakland. Albert will be dearly missed and his stories will live on through those he had touched. Happy to meet, sorry to depart, happy to meet again. Until then, have a safe and restful journey.

Special thanks to Kathleen White and David Forsyth

Problematic Improvements

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A: The primary intent of the Broadway Road Diet is to help people walk safely across Broadway. The project contains features to achieve this, such as corner bulb-outs, high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands, a pedestrian-activated beacon and pedestrian-activated traffic signal, and reducing the number of travel lanes from four to three. The lane reconfiguration, in particular, freed roadway space, which the City chose to use for bike lanes since they are identified in the City's 2007 bicycle master plan at this location, and complete a significant portion of the overall planned Broadway bikeway corridor. These bike lanes are part of a planned citywide network. The City has found that the number of people who use bike lanes tends to increase as the continuous bikeway network grows. The City has plans to eventually extend the bike lanes on Broadway all the way to downtown. As each segment is built, more people are expected to bike on all connected segments.

Q3: The new configuration on Broadway is confusing.

A: The City's experience is that there is a period of adjustment following changes such as those on Broadway, while people get used to the new situation and the facilities operate as designed. In the fall, once the project is complete and people are accustomed to the changes, the City will perform an "after" study of how the corridor is working.

Q4: The project ignores the safety needs of car owners.

A. The primary purpose of the project is to make walking safer. This means slowing down some motor vehicle traffic. The Department of Transportation is willing to make this tradeoff to protect the lives of Oakland residents.

Q5: There was no consideration of Lawton and Ocean View residents when planning this project.

A. The intent of the project is to help senior citizens, parents with children, and other residents walk safely between the east and west sides of Broadway. The improved crossing at Lawton resulted from years of complaints from residents wanting to cross there. The investment of a pedestrian crossing signal (HAWK) was prioritized by residents during planning. Improvements aimed at saving pedestrian and cyclist lives can affect automobile traffic. Broadway leads to a freeway but is also a residential street lined with homes in a residential neighborhood. This project is aimed at allowing Broadway to better serve neighborhood residents rather than solely serving motorists heading to the freeway, as its former configuration did.

Q6: Why are bike lanes being added to the uphill portions of College Avenue?

A: Bicycle lanes on College Avenue are planned because people bike on this corridor. Without bike lanes, cyclists often bike on the sidewalk, which leads to conflicts with pedestrians. The aim of these bike lanes is to encourage cyclists to bike in the roadway. The northbound Bryant-Broadway and southbound Manila-Taft segments are somewhat narrower than the rest of College, which will have bike lanes in both directions. The narrower sections have room for a bike lane in just one direction, so the City chose to put it in the uphill direction, assuming that downhill cyclists travel closer to the speed of motorized traffic. To be clear, unlike Broadway, the number of travel lanes will not be reduced on College Avenue.

Q7: How much parking will be lost as a result of this project?

A: Zero parking spaces will be lost as a result of the bike lanes. Three parking spaces will be eliminated on southbound College just south of Shafter to make way for a wider sidewalk. The adjacent property owner, Market Hall, is fully supportive of this change. At this point, no more parking loss is planned. The City is working with AC Transit to plan how bus service will be affected by some of the corner bulb-outs. Plans may need to be revised as a result.

Q8: Why are bulb-outs being installed since they make it more difficult for motor vehicles to turn?

A: The purpose of bulb-outs – extensions of the curb at corners — is to shorten the distance people need to cross to reach the other side of the street and to keep them at sidewalk level, but closer to vehicular traffic, when they're waiting to cross so they are more visible and, therefore, motorists and bicyclists more likely to yield to them. Bulb-outs also slow down turning traffic. In a busy commercial area like College Avenue, this calming effect is something merchants, shoppers and neighbors alike routinely request from the City.

— Victoria Eisen, Caldecott Project coordinator for the City of Oakland

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