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Paint, Keys... and Heart: Cole Hardware Celebrates Ten Years in Rockridge

by Carol Kasparek

Cole Hardware opened on College Avenue ten years ago this month. At the time, owner **Rick Karp** wasn't sure that expanding beyond the limits of San Francisco was the right move for his family's group of five stores. They valued their tight connection to local neighborhood communities and didn't think they would be familiar to folks in the East Bay.

Rockridge residents changed his mind. "They chose us," Karp declared. Business associations, neighborhood associations, *Rockridge News* founder **Don Kinkead**, and a welcoming landlord all contacted him about the space vacated by a furniture store. "Turns out Rockridge has a lot of San Francisco expats." He warmly described a great sense of partnership from everyone who helped launch the new store.

Although Cole is separately owned and incorporated, it benefits from being a member of Ace Hardware's 5,000-location buying cooperative. "We buy what we want, what is best for our neighborhood," explained Karp, who is passing the company leadership to his son, **David**. "Ace may be one of the last companies to foster Main Street America community engagement." Karp visits the College Avenue store each month to help the management implement what they decide is best for their customers.



Photo: Anna L Marks

Ryan Worf, Kelly McDonald and **Emiel Koehler** (not pictured) enjoy helping Cole customers.

"What we have to sell is service. We want to contribute to positive dinner time conversations… everyone has a lot of flexibility to be nice," said Karp. Manager **Leo Sepulveda** reinforced that sentiment, "We encourage staff to be who they are to have a genuine conversation — giving of yourself will come through."

Ryan Worf and **Kelly McDonald** (see photo above), crew members from day one, have their own approach with customers. "If I can bite off a part of your project, I feel great," said Ryan, who grew up a few blocks from the store. Kelly, who also lives in the neighborhood, "loves discovering what I can do for people… that's what's fun."

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RCPC Community Vision Plan: Yes, There are Still Ways to Be Involved

by Casey Farmer and Kristen Belt, CVP Co-Chairs, RCPC Board Members

On May 22, residents gathered at the Rockridge Library to develop key initiatives for the Rockridge Community Planning Council's (RCPC) Community Vision Plan (CVP). Hundreds of community members participated in the process at community-wide meetings, popup engagement sessions, and through an online survey.

Some key themes have emerged, revealing significant concurrence around several initiatives. RCPC distilled these into the "Community Vision Plan Key Initiatives" and dedicated the May 22 meeting to brainstorming how best to implement them. (Note: For the Open Space / Green Infrastructure group, park- specific meetings will be held this summer in order to have enough time hold the meetings in the parks).

Residents attended breakout conversations and selected one of 4 Key Initiatives:

1) Activating the BART Site: How to best use the BART parking areas for community events and gatherings while still being responsive to BART's parking needs? What types of improvements are needed to support these events? (Note: Newly elected BART Director Victor Flores participated in a walking tour of the BART site with this group).

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2) Housing Opportunities: How can we support housing development at "Opportunity Sites" identified by the City of Oakland?

3) Rockridge's Sustainability and Resilience Plan: What should be included as part of this plan? How will this plan benefit the broader Oakland community?

4) Community Events: What kind of events help build community?

What's Next?

This summer, the RCPC Board will continue to develop the ideas that surfaced during the last three months of community engagement by collecting additional data and conducting further analysis to ensure that the organization sets reasonable and actionable goals. For example: Dozens of residents recommended planting more trees in the neighborhood (in both the Sustainability/Resilience and Open Space/Green Infrastructure focus areas). This summer, we will conduct a tree audit to evaluate the City of Oakland's recent tree canopy study and identify currently vacant tree wells in order to set an annual goal for tree planting. Another goal of the Sustainability and Resilience Focus Area is to identify block captains who can support their block, and adjacent blocks, around emergency preparedness. If you are one of these amazing volunteers, please email *info@rockridge.org* to help us better understand where the neighborhood has resilience champions.

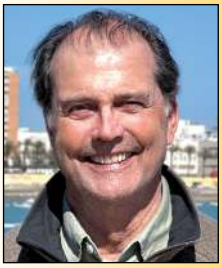
Additionally, we intend to publish a draft "Table of Contents" this summer for community input, and have the plan ready for review in September. We will celebrate its completion in October at a community-wide event commemorating RCPC's 40th Anniversary. Our intent with the CVP is to produce clear and actionable steps for RCPC to take on over the next few years to improve the neighborhood for all. Thank you to all those who have been engaged in this process! ■



Photo: Kristen Belt

Community members formed breakout groups at the May 22 meeting, led by RCPC board members.

RCPC BOARD UPDATE



Tom Lollini, who finished a two-year elected term on the board of the Rockridge Community Planning Council in April, has recently been selected to serve in the 13th (appointed) board seat until April 2026. He will serve as the liaison with the Rockridge District Association. Tom is an architect and urban planner with 30 years of executive leadership experience in community and university planning, design, and development. He has an extensive background in public advocacy for sustainable, affordable, and equitable community development. He currently heads RCPC's Land Use Committee.

Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council

The next meeting of The Greater Rockridge NCPC will be held on

Thursday, June 12, at 7pm

The meeting includes an inspirational presentation on violence prevention and healing by Youth ALIVE!

The meeting will be held at Rockridge Library Conference Room and on Zoom. For details, or to get the Zoom link, visit www.rockridgencpc.com.

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Paint guy **Emiel Koehler** has assisted homeowners in restoring their Arts and Crafts residences and has worked with local new businesses and remodels. He recently helped Preserved, a College Avenue newcomer, mix the perfect shade of yellow for their doors and interior.

While online sales are a major competitor for most retailers, it lacks the benefit of in-store customer service. "We strive to provide a high level of service so you'll want to come to us," asserts Karp. The campaign to shop local, championed in the *Rockridge News* (June 2023), gave the store a huge boost, according to manager Leo.

"The article solidified a cry for help and brought people in who poured their hearts out in appreciation," he recalls. "I have never felt such a forceful sense of community. *Rockridge News* is the only print ad we do." Ryan echoed that sense of gratitude from the clientele and was reminded of a customer comment at the opening: "It's not a real neighborhood without a hardware store."

A Family and Friends Celebration on June 6 ushered in their Tenth Anniversary. Friday Happy Hour has returned, and seasonal events will continue. "We look forward to being a legacy in Rockridge as we are in the city," says Karp. We think their wish has been granted. ■

Preserving Our Connection to Food



Photo: Anna L Marks

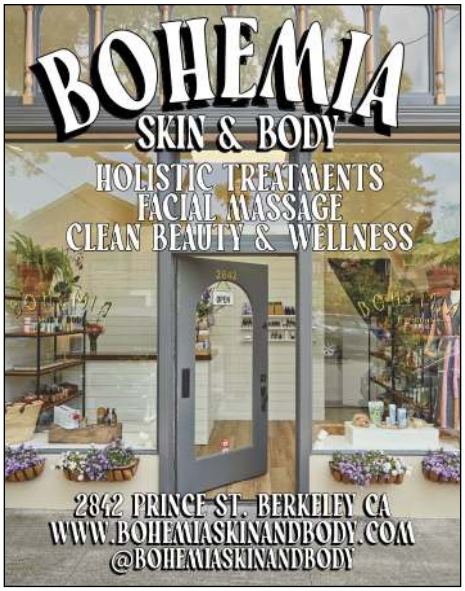
Preserved is excited to bring their love of food and fermentation to the Rockridge neighborhood. "We hope to see lots of new faces at our hands-on workshops and to outfit lots of kitchens and pantries with kitchen tools and ingredients," says owner Elizabeth Vecchiarelli.

From Piedmont, to Temescal, to its new location in Rockridge — Preserved celebrated its grand opening in late May at 5540 College Avenue. The eclectic shop is a go-to culinary haven for all things pickled, fermented, and handcrafted.

Specializing in time-honored preservation techniques, the shop offers top-quality kitchenware, small-batch artisan foods, live fermentation cultures, and, perhaps, most importantly, inspiration and support for your DIY food adventures.

"Our June workshop schedule is now live on our website, and we have so many fun classes to share with the community," says owner **Elizabeth Vecchiarelli**. "Reserve your spot today and join our mission to preserve your food connection."

The shop is open daily, from 11am to 6pm. To sign up for classes, visit them at *www.preservedgoods.com*. ■

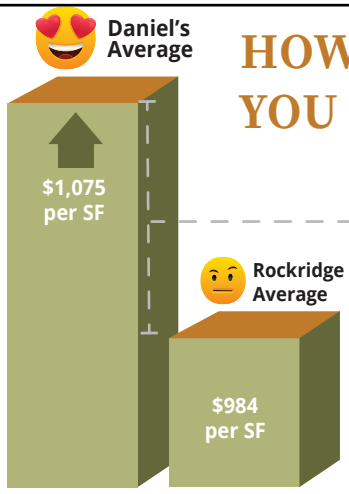


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Who Moved the Cheese?

— by Carol Kasparek

The **Market Hall Cheese Shop** has emerged from an extensive remodel as a sparkling, expansive store-within-a-store. Award-winning local and imported products are front and center, highlighted with new fixtures, lighting, and enticing displays.

After months in development, the May unveiling was "Everything we wanted," says co-owner **Sara Wilson**. The customers now have more room to examine the multitude of varieties, and there are additional checkout stations to help reduce lines. "Cheesemongers can easily connect with customers to help with selection and menu planning," explains Wilson.

Retail Manager **Juliana Uruburu** and Sara are particularly proud of the silky 12-foot-long Brazilian mahogany cheesemaking table, sourced by neighbor **Maison d'Etre**, which displays a myriad of hard and aged cheeses.

While the tradition of introducing worldwide specialty finds continues, look for new options to include prepackaged lunch combos, cheese- and wine-tasting events, and a refreshed outdoor seating area.

"We want Market Hall to continue to be a place where you run into people you know, and bring home something delicious," says Wilson. ■









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Update on Rockridge Properties Of Interest

by Tom Lollini, FAIA, RCPC Land Use Committee Chair

Since February of this year, the Land Use Committee has deferred its monthly meetings to allow the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) and the Land Use Committee (LUC) to focus attention and energy on the Community Vision Plan (CVP) process currently underway (see front page article). There is general concurrence that the present economic climate does not support significant development, however, we continue to stay abreast of relevant properties of interest.

Properties of Interest

1) The Oakland City Council approved a conditional use permit for a Child Care Center at **5315 College Avenue** late last year. However, it is presently being converting from law offices to psychotherapy offices. Several people have inquired about the very tall fence that has been constructed on the property. It remains unclear as to why such a tall fence is needed for a psychotherapist's office.

2) At **5295 College Avenue** (near Clifton), the developer of a proposed high-rise, mixed-use complex awaits the tribal response to the California Historic Resources Information Survey (CHRIS) report, which was completed in September 2024. According to the developer, the tribes will have some time to review this report and declare any issues that might be of concern. Once that process is complete, the prospective developer will have six months to deliver a completed package to the City of Oakland.

3) At **The Ridge Shopping Center, 5050 Broadway at Pleasant Valley**, the City Planning Department approved a lot split for the 4.65-acre vacant parcel on March 10. This should facilitate future development for mixed uses, including a significant housing component. In its reissued decision letter of May 27, the City noted that its 2023-2031 Housing Element identifies the following realistic capacity for the site: 189 lower-income units (VLI/LI), 16 moderate-income units, and 583 above moderate-income units — bringing the total to 788 housing units with a density of 170 units per acre.

4) Just south of Oakland Tech High School and across the street from Blue Bottle Coffee, plans have been approved for a six-story apartment complex at **4207 Broadway.** After an 8-year challenging journey through the City's planning process, the six-story, 64-foot-tall, roughly 160,000

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square foot project will consist of 143 apartments, of which 15 will be deed-restricted as affordable to very low-income households, 3,000 square feet for ground-level retail, and a parking garage for 74 cars and 161 bikes.

Apartment types vary, and include 49 studios, 54 one-bedrooms, 34 two-bedrooms, and six three-bedrooms. The project's density is about 160 units per acre. (See image on right; more images and details can be found online at *https://sfyimby.com/category/4207-broadway*.)

5) According to the Red Cross property management team, the former Red Cross Donation Center at **6230 Claremont Avenue** (vacated in July 2024) remains for sale. As of February, they have attempted to secure the premises against vandals and are in active discussions regarding the disposition of the property. They have promised to share new information with RCPC as plans coalesce.



This project rendering shows a contemporary podium-style complex with façade articulation punctuated by inset private balconies. The roughly one-acre property is located next to Oakland Tech.

Objective Design Standards (ODS)

Objective Design Standards are broad sets of standards that cities use to regulate development. As opposed to "design guidelines," ODS are not subject to interpretation and design review, resulting in faster, more predictable approvals of high-quality development. Oakland is in the process of developing ODS. If you want to help shape the outcomes of the ODS project or stay informed, visit them *online* and *sign up* for updates.

Objective Design Standards for 4-to-8-story Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Development were unanimously approved by the Planning Commission last October. Objective Design Standards for 1-4 story Family Housing and 1-3 story Multi-Family Housing were reviewed at the June 4 meeting of the Oakland Planning Commission.

To join the meeting and gain access meeting-related documents as they are available, see the Planning Commission website at https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/planning-commission. ■

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Where's Waldo? In Rockridge... Of Course!

by Jody Colley, Rockridge District Association

Get ready, Rockridge. This July, the iconic book *Where's Waldo?,* which sparked a global search craze in 1987, is taking over College Avenue. Dive into the whimsical world of **Martin Handford**, whose incredibly detailed illustrations took two years to bring to life. All month long, young adventurers (and the young at heart) can scour local shops in a real-life Waldo hunt.

Spot him, collect stamps, and join the fun — it's a seek-and-find adventure you won't want to miss. Families will have a blast joining the scavenger hunt to find the iconic children's book character, with his red-and-white-striped shirt and black glasses, hidden at 25 local businesses.

"It is a wonderful way to get to know your Rockridge businesses and support them by increasing foot traffic to a variety of stores," says **Devan Meneses**, owner of Devan Gregori and Rockridge District Association (RDA) board member, who presented this idea to **Amy Thomas,** owner of Pegasus Books.

Rockridge retailers will hide a six-inch Waldo figurine amongst their merchandise and displays from **July 1 through July 31**. With each miniature Waldo found, players get their card updated by the participating shop. The first 125 players who collect store stamps from at least ten different businesses and turn their flyers into Pegasus Books will receive a sticker. Those who have collected at least twenty stickers are entered into a drawing for prizes.

The American Bookseller Association created the "Find Waldo Local" campaign to help support independent booksellers and their local communities. Martin Handford's collections of crowd scenes took the world by storm in the late 1980s, and since then, the books have held a cherished place in family libraries and classrooms around the world. More than 80 million Waldo books have been sold worldwide and translated into over thirty languages. ■



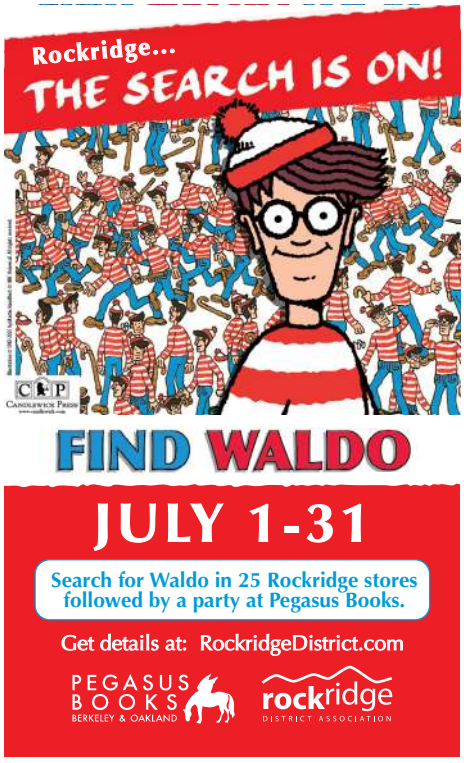
Devan Meneses, owner of Devan Gregori and board member of the Rockridge District Association, finds the book, *Where's Waldo?*, at the Rockridge Library.

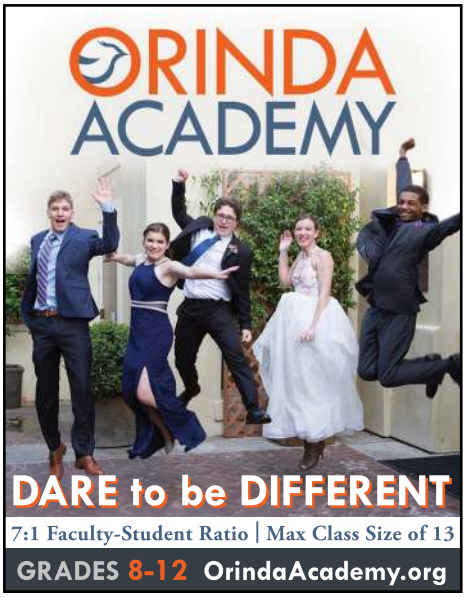
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To participate, get your Passport at Pegasus Books, 5560 College Ave., or other retail locations that display Waldo window signs and are listed on the RDA website: www.RockridgeDistrict.com.

All players are welcome to attend the Waldo Shindig at Pegasus Books — with raffle prizes & light refreshments.

Thursday, July 31, at 6pm









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Social Justice Advocate Organizes 'Seniors for Democracy'

by Judith Doner Berne

Mobilizing his fellow Merrill Gardens seniors to protest the current policies coming out of Washington D.C. by staging an ongoing series of Saturday "Walk-ins for Democracy" is just 83-year-old **Donald Goldmacher's** latest action for social justice.

"These are our walking brigades," said Goldmacher, a retired community psychiatrist and active filmmaker who moved to the Rockridge senior residence last fall. He was referring to the initial lineup of about 50 sign-carrying seniors along both sides of Broadway at 51st Street, many aided by canes, poles, walkers, and wheelchairs. "When you have people coming out on their walkers, they're not hiding in the building anymore."

The second demonstration, coordinated with the Hands Off! movement, ballooned to 500 people of all ages from Rockridge and other parts of Oakland. The third protest on May Day drew a crowd of 300, and was the lead story on the KPIX Five O'clock News. Further walk-ins are scheduled, notably on June 14, the day of the military parade in Washington, DC.

"We started meeting in February and decided we would hit the streets March 15 — the Ides of March," Goldmacher said. "We had a sign-making session. They couldn't stop talking about it. People are really jazzed." One resident emailed him from a hospital ICU to say: 'I can't be there because I had a heart attack last night.' "Get out of there, we need you," he wrote back.

"Donald is quite an organizer," said 98-year-old Merrill Gardens resident **Helen Tom Fung**. "It made me realize this fight is my fight and my ancestors' fight."

'It gives such a feeling of community, of people who believe the same way," said **Elaine Selo**, who stood with her neighbors from a nearby block at the group's second rally. "It gives us some sense of agency. Part of this is the fun of making the signs."

"I had this implicit class consciousness as a teenager," Goldmacher said, which he attributes to growing up in Brooklyn and watching his Polish immigrant dad labor at a sweatshop in the garment district and endure seasonal layoffs. "I really understood what the toll was."

So, at 14, he stocked grocery shelves, then worked as a busboy and waiter, including in the Catskills. "I saved every penny I made," which paid for his first year at Albert Einstein

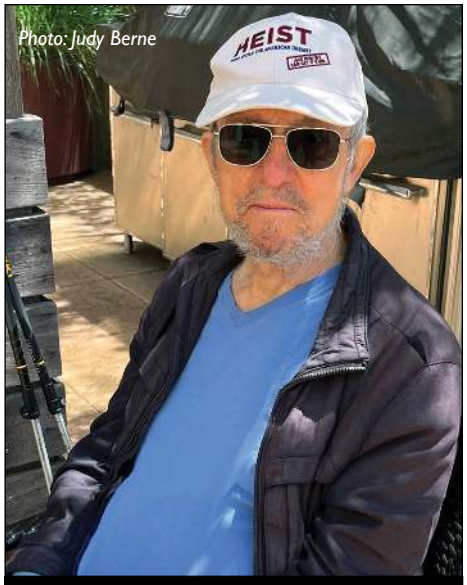


Photo: Judy Berne

Written by Gene Sharp, *From Dictatorship to Democracy* (1993) explains what works against despots, activist/filmmaker Donald Goldmacher (pictured above) said in an early May interview. Coincidentally, *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof centered on Sharp's writings in two recent columns on effective ways to undermine autocrats.

Medical School in New York (after graduating from high school as student-body president) and Brooklyn College. Scholarships and loans allowed him to finish.

Goldmacher feels fortunate that an internship during his third year of medical school brought him from New York to San Francisco's Mount Zion Hospital (now part of UCSF) in 1967, during the Summer of Love. "It was a major year to be in the Bay Area…" and is where he then decided to live.

"I was already pretty political," he said. "If drafted into the army, hundreds of us [medical students] signed pledges not to serve in Vietnam." He fulfilled that pledge when, as one of 12 medical students who received fellowships from the National Institute of Mental Health, his research counted as active duty.

His background also influenced Goldmacher to become a community psychiatrist. "What's happening in the community is what generates mental

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disorder," he said. "My expertise is policy and planning." Prior to becoming the California Department of Health Services' Assistant Director for Planning, his career included stints at San Mateo Community Health and at Highland Hospital's emergency room.

He went on to serve as director of Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services for Contra Costa County, and for nearly the next 25 years, was a medical evaluator for individuals who were seeking workers' compensation for job-related psychiatric problems.

Goldmacher closed his Berkeley practice in 2011 to become a full-time filmmaker. He said his love for film began when "my older sister used to take me to the movies. As an adult, I took a film class at UC Berkeley extension. I just fell in love with it. But I deferred my film-making dreams."

Well, not completely. While he was still working, he made three documentaries. His first, "Do No Harm" (1975), revealed the pharmaceutical industry's controversial marketing and research practices. An award-winning feature-length documentary, "Ruthie and Connie: Every Room in the House," about two lesbian activists in New York City, premiered in 2002 at the Berlin International Film Festival and aired worldwide on HBO and television stations. A 2011 documentary, "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?" had widespread showings, featured Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, and was reviewed favorably in the *New York Times*.

Since leaving medicine, Goldmacher has been working on the screenplay for another film, "No Going Back," this time a work of fiction. He described it as "a political thriller about climate change. I think it will be my last film."

Another project is a workshop encouraging his fellow seniors to write about their lives. The first session of what he has characterized as "A Letter from Your Grandparents" drew about 10 participants.

"Donald has brought a powerful sense of purpose to those of us at Merrill Gardens who struggle with the chaotic dismantling of what we consider to be the cornerstones of American democracy," said **Ruth Feldman**, whom he calls his co-pilot.

"He informs, he inspires, he encourages. Donald reminds us that we have the lived experience, the expertise, the perspective — and now the drive — to strive for a society every grandchild deserves."

"I adore the people here," Goldmacher said. "We're the special generation. We're here for the grandkids. We're here for the future."

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JCC of the East Bay Signals a New Chapter for the Rockridge Community

by Anna L. Marks

A transformative Jewish center of activity is currently taking shape in Oakland's Rockridge neighborhood. Spearheaded by the Jewish Community Center East Bay (JCCEB), the ambitious project — opening in early 2026 — will set the stage for the convergence of community, culture, and collaboration in the East Bay.

"We've officially begun construction," confirmed **Melissa Chapman**, the organization's outgoing CEO. "The permits are in place and exterior demolition, including the removal of the old staircase and remnants of the former Yoshi's building, will start by the end of this month."

The project is more than a brand new facility — it's a vision for a centralized, expansive community center that brings together over 20 nonprofit organizations under one roof, along with vibrant community involvement from the broader Rockridge area.

"Having a hub for Jewish life in the East Bay, which hasn't really existed before, it's incredibly exciting," Chapman said. "This campus is the first of its kind globally, designed with partnership and collaboration as its foundation. We believe it will become a model for how to build community moving forward. This is about co-creating a community space and supporting the fabric of Rockridge."

The **grand opening is anticipated for late March or April 2026**, although some activities, including beginning and intermediate Mahjong groups, are already underway at the temporary space at 5939 Chabot Road. Chapman clarified that the preschool will open in August to avoid mid-year disruption for the children. "People are eager for events and classes, and younger families are especially interested in preschool and childcare."

Initial plans for the campus were more ambitious — and more expensive. "Three years ago, we considered knocking down buildings and starting fresh, but realized we could repurpose the beautiful existing structures," Chapman explained. That shift saved the organization approximately $150 million, reduced the environmental impact, and allowed for design that aligns to evolving community needs.

Community involvement has been a cornerstone of the planning process over the past year, which included more than 25 meetings with a neighborhood committee working group comprised of representatives from the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) and Chabot Village Task Force.

"We were able to deal with some challenging situations, think through best solutions, and listen to each other. We send weekly email updates and post signage on Chabot with information on how to stay connected," Chapman noted. (To sign up for project updates, email Tracy Craig at *tracy@craig-communications.com*).

In December 2024, the campus was officially transferred to the JCC, making it eligible for nonprofit tax exemptions. This action gives tenant organizations a financial benefit; still, fundraising remains a significant undertaking. "We've raised over $20 million, but the total project cost is north of $100 million," Chapman said. The funding focuses primarily on individual donors and foundations within and beyond the Jewish community.

The Bay Area is home to the fourth largest Jewish community in the country, the majority of whom live in the East Bay. As the JCCEB transitions its base from Berkeley to Rockridge, its historic building in North Berkeley will eventually be sold. "It's 115 years old and requires millions of dollars in repairs; we can't expand there because we have no more space," Chapman explained. "We're exploring a leaseback agreement to maintain our after-school program while preparing for a new future."

Interest from Rockridge neighbors hasn't waned; the working group recently addressed community concerns regarding the removal of more than 50 trees (see Letter to the Editor and commentary from RCPC board member Mark Aaronson on page 12). "It's unfortunate that some of the early communication fell short," Chapman acknowledged. Everything we're doing will create a healthier tree environment and landscape… this will become a beautiful urban forest."

Though Chapman will soon be moving back to her hometown to lead the Chicago JCC, her legacy is firmly rooted in this bold, community-forward vision. "This project is a labor of love," she said. "This community deserves a place like this — vibrant, inclusive, and built to last." ■



A View from the Inside Out: How Left is Left?

by Ella Smith, high school student and Rockridge resident

Oakland remains a city caught in contradiction: full of promising progressive policies on paper, but a broken system on the ground. As a high school student, I've watched helplessly as our city struggles against homelessness, violence, drug abuse, and debt. These issues continue to mount — growing increasingly out of control. At this point, Oakland's problems are too complex to be addressed from just one perspective. However, despite a growing need for a new approach in city government, the past mayoral election has only pulled Oakland further towards the extreme left.

I've considered myself a Democrat since before I knew what that meant. Growing up in the Bay Area and living in Rockridge has exposed me to progressive thinking and diverse voices. Beyond that exposure, I've valued the heavy emphasis on activism within the Oakland community. But how can liberal policies be "right" if I still pass tents on the side of the road every day? With only 12 percent of voters in Alameda County registered as Republicans, progressive dominance creates the illusion of widespread agreement.

Still, in many parts of Oakland, hearing gunshots is not abnormal. Businesses continue to fall victim to gang violence and theft, while the population of unhoused individuals has risen by 9 percent in the past two years. Although Rockridge is considered a safer neighborhood, we cannot ignore the broader reality. We must recognize that, despite positive intentions, electing increasingly progressive candidates has done little to make Oakland safer or stronger.

This past mayoral election allowed Oakland to reset from the repercussions of electing former progressive Mayor **Sheng Thao**. Despite her numerous promises, Oakland suffered a $129 million budget shortfall during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

This past election, I saw promise in former City Councilmember **Loren Taylor**, a democratic candidate with moderate centrist ideals and actionable plans to reverse the mistakes of previous leadership. For once, I saw a candidate who balanced conservative economic discipline with a commitment to social equity in order to benefit the entire community. Rather than choosing sides, we must combine numerous viewpoints, whether liberal, conservative, or somewhere between.

I hope progressive **Barbara Lee** can raise the city towards a brighter future, but it's frustrating to watch Oakland continue on a path that has repeatedly failed us. We deserve better than ideological promises — we deserve tangible improvement. ■

Dogs of Rockridge

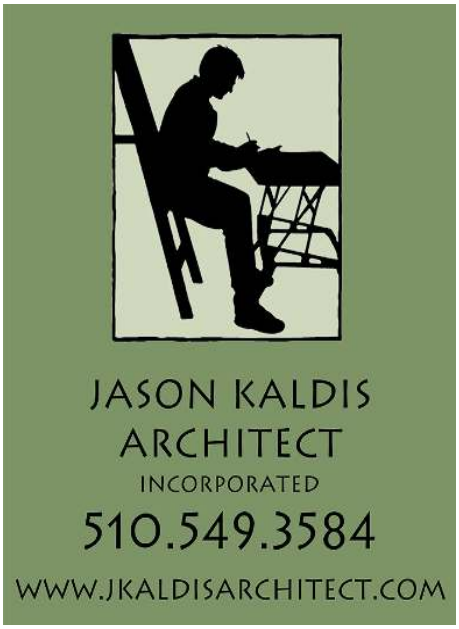


Nori is a 4-year-old Goldendoodle who enjoys giving paw and exploring nearby trails. He's a big brother (in age and size) to 3-year-old twins Marlowe and Linden who drop food from their plates for him and try to hold his leash on walks. Nori loves his friendly human and furry neighbors in Rockridge. You can often find him on College Avenue walking his siblings to the Little School or at his favorite store, Cask, which he refuses to leave until he gets a treat.

Meet **Mr. Bruce** of Lower Rockridge. He's a chug from Muttville, SF's senior dog rescue — part Chihuahua, part Pug. You can see him trotting about the neighborhood ready to arrest his next treat (or anything really) from the streets and into his belly. You may not recognize this soulful gaze because of the OutFox protective gear he wears, but stop and say hi if you see Mr. Bruce on your block.



Does your furry friend live in Rockridge? If so, send a photo of your four-legged companion and short commentary to: editor@rockridge.org.



Trees, JCCEB, and RCPC

by Mark Aaronson, RCPC Board Member

The Jewish Community Center East Bay's (JCCEB) application to the Oakland Planning Commission for renovations to its Rockridge site, bounded by Claremont, College, and Chabot, included an application for tree removal, almost entirely from the center of its property, to create a park-like area where young children can enjoy outdoor recreation. The removal work mainly took place in April.

In an initial April 25 response to a community question about tree removal and replanting (see Letter to the Editor on this page), the general contractor overseeing the development work provided the following information in his weekly report on construction activities: "To support the redevelopment work, we will have to remove 50 [this has been updated to 53] trees that are either in poor health or located in areas where construction will occur. We know trees are extremely important and will be keeping over 30 trees and adding over 70 new trees as part of our City approved landscaping plan. In addition, most of the mature trees along Claremont Avenue and Chabot Road will remain. The new trees will include a mix of native species and trees that have special meaning. The final selection of trees will emphasize the use of native trees for at least 50 percent of planting."

The Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with the JCCEB reached on this project establishes a Neighborhood Committee composed of JCCEB and RCPC appointees. This Committee receives weekly reports regarding all construction activities. The Committee's purpose is to monitor construction and operational activities on JCCEB's site and seek to resolve any problems that may arise. Two residents who live on the Chabot block adjacent to the site, and I, are the current RCPC appointees.

The final agreement was reached after 2 ½ years and more than 20 meetings, including several large public gatherings. Regular ongoing meetings were attended by JCCEB representatives, RCPC board members, and neighborhood residents (mainly from the Chabot block most affected by the changes in site uses). The CBA's substantive provisions primarily address traffic, programming, and noise issues. There was full knowledge that the JCCEB planned to re-landscape the central area of the site by removing hardscape and trees and doing substantial replanting. The JCCEB was forthcoming about its plans, and no one objected to the proposed removal of trees during the discussions. All 16 coastal redwoods on site are being retained, and many trees being removed are diseased.

The land use permits obtained by the JCCEB included a Tree Removal Permit and were approved by the Oakland Planning Commission on November 8, 2024. The associated work also required City approval, and was signed by certified arborists on March 28, 2025. ■

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Letter to the Editor

Tree Removal at JCCEB Development Site

Dear Editor: I saw a red paper notice from the City of Oakland posted on the fence next to Claremont Avenue on the JCC/former Dreyer's headquarters property. The notice asks for public comment on the proposed cutting down of 23 trees at 5901 College Ave., Oakland. According to the Oakland Tree Removal Permit staff, this address does not match the main building, 5929 College Ave.

Even though a College Avenue address was used in the Tree Removal Permit application, the notice was not posted in front of the address listed on the application, or even on College Avenue. The notice was posted on Claremont, where there is much less foot traffic.

The trees are on the JCC property behind the main building. I have been told that some of the 23 trees are diseased and have to be removed, and that there will be healthy trees planted to replace them. For me, replacing only the diseased trees would be a good outcome. But...there was a huge community outcry when Dreyer's tried to cut down these same trees years ago.

The *Rockridge News* usually carries articles about proposed tree removals. This time, there was nothing. The location where the permit application was posted, and with an address not matching the main building, seems deceptive. The Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) has been monitoring the development at this site. Wherever the communication breakdown occurred, I feel that RCPC and the JCC are obligated to keep the public informed on issues like the proposed tree removal. I also wonder if there are any more potentially controversial aspects of the JCC project that are being kept from the community.

Jon Gabel, Former RCPC Board Member
Ocean View Drive ■

Performances with a Side of Sweet

by Malena Lopez-Maggi

Xocolate & Confections is honored to welcome the Poet Laureates of Dublin, San Francisco, and Oakland — **James Morehead**, **Tongo Eisen-Martin**, and **Maya Raveneau-Bey** — for an evening of spoken word poetry and handmade chocolate. The free event is on **Saturday, June 21 at 6:30pm** at Xocolate & Confections, 5854 College Avenue (chocolate will be available for purchase).

Got an idea for a gathering? The chocolate and candy store is a great venue for events and is open for community bookings — perfect for writing circles, yoga classes, craft nights, or even speed dating.

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BEST BEVERAGES of College Avenue

The Chocolate Dragon: Coconut Chill

5427 College Avenue

When the work day is over, I like to walk with my toddler and stop somewhere on College Avenue for a treat. One of my favorite destinations is **The Chocolate Dragon**, which I am grateful to have around the corner from my house. The Chocolate Dragon isn't just a place for delicious beverages, homemade baked goods, and a remarkably diverse array of chocolate bars; it's a warm and inviting community hub.

While I would recommend any of their wonderful beverages, desserts (excellent bread pudding), or baked goods (almond tea cake is a favorite of mine), as the days are heating up, I want to highlight the **Coconut Chill**. This beverage is a refreshing and delicious mix of coconut water and dark chocolate served in a tall glass over ice. Not too rich and not too sweet — it's the ideal way to cool down while indulging in a little something special.


Photo: Eli Kaplan

While many cafes these days are dominated by silence and laptops, the vibe at The Chocolate Dragon is perfect for catching up with a friend, sharing something tasty with a child, or just enjoying a quiet moment over a book and a spectacular hot chocolate. The Chocolate Dragon is a true Rockridge gem, open morning and night for our community to enjoy. ■

— Eli Kaplan, RCPC Board Member

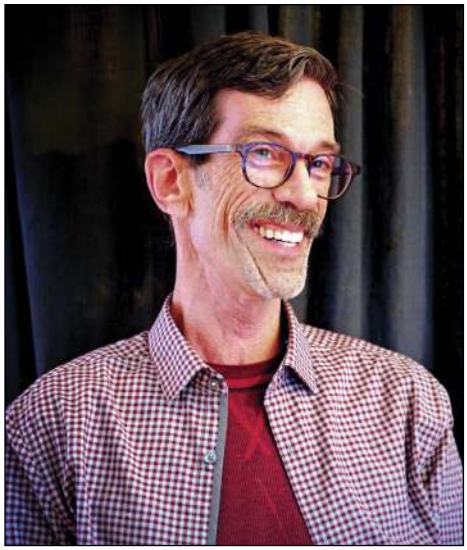
What's your favorite thing to eat or drink in Rockridge? Share your reviews with your neighbors by sending a 150-word description along with a photo to: Editor@rockridge.org.





CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thomas Stephen Daniels
May 20, 1959 – April 6, 2025



Tom Daniels was a long-time and beloved member of the Rockridge community, first moving to College Avenue from Berkeley in 1990, and then to Monroe Avenue in 2004.

Tom was born and raised in Arizona, living in Prescott and Phoenix with his family. He is predeceased by his mother, Jean Marie Daniels, his father, Albert Oatman Daniels, and his best friends, Jeffrey King and Daniel Kane. He is survived by his brother, Richard Daniels (Palm Springs), one niece, two nephews, his Uncle Douglas Robinson (Palm Springs) and eight cousins around the United States.

His chosen family in California also survives him, best friends Deborah Guerrero and Rhonda Coffman (Santa Rosa), Darin Jensen and his children, Ella, Jack, and Max (Oakland), Andrea Jensen (Oakland), Russ Morgan (Seattle), and Linda Wright (S.F. and New Zealand).

Tom was a cherished hairstylist who worked in salons along the College Avenue corridor for many decades, from the original Alexander Pope and Moonshadow in the Elmwood, to Alexander Pope, Elizabeth H., and Sahaira when it opened on College Avenue. He continued his career at Sahaira on Domingo Avenue until he set his scissors down too early for all of us.

One might have come to know Tom through his talents with the shears and clippers (maybe not so much his color techniques), but many more came to love Tom for his kindness, humor, compassion, empathy, and genuine interest in our lives.

There has been an outpouring of love from his clientele, and a common thread among them is, "Tom may have been my hair stylist, but I counted him as a friend." People came for the haircuts, but they stayed for the love. Some may have moved away, but many returned regularly from far distances to have their "hairdid." With Tom, it was not simply an appointment but an audience; Tom's chair was a ministry.

His legacy in the local community may be as a superb stylist, but his impact was greater than that. Tom cooked hundreds of Sunday dinners at the Jensen-Kane house and was a fixture at holiday gatherings. Jack learned to bake and developed a passion for cooking at Tom's knee. Jack carries Thomas as his middle name. Ella and Tom were great shopping buddies and girl-gab sisters, Max and Tom were great playmates, their patience for each other amazed

When the Jensen-Kane kids lost their other dad ten years ago, Tom and Darin's sister, Andrea, were front-line support, acting as surrogate parents, maids, and cooks, as this young family grieved and found footing. Without Tom and Andrea, this family would not have thrived as it does today.

Deborah was Tom's constant friend since he was twenty years old. They bore the harsh and sad realities of the AIDS epidemic, supporting each other through the losses in their shared chosen family, as well as losses by other tragedies of loved ones in all their families. A fun fact from that era: Tom dated and lived with the disco superstar, Sylvester.

In the last five years, Tom developed an art practice — perhaps channeling his urge to "cut things up," and began making collage artwork. He left behind a large body of work, including more than 120 collages that are being scanned and organized into an art book to be part of his legacy.

Tom passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones. Family and friends will gather on **June 14, from 2-4:30pm, at the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 685 14th St.** (liturgy at 2pm, reception from 3-4:30pm) to celebrate Tom — his life, his spirit, his art, and his talent. ■

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JUNE 2025

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All Ages Silent Book Club: Fridays; 3:30-5pm every week

For Children
Storytime Thursdays and Saturdays: 10:30am.

Chess Club: Wednesdays: 4pm. All ages and skill-levels welcome.

Build, Make, Play Crafts: Thursdays; 4pm every week in June and July

Read to a Dog: Thursdays; 4pm every week.

Special Summer Events for Children up to 12 years old; Tuesdays at 6:30pm:
Mr. Elephant Music and Puppets: 6/3

Cunamacue Afro-Peruvian Dance and Music: 6/10

Puppet Art Theater Company: 6/17

Per Sia Drag Queen Storytime: 6/24

For Teens, Ages 12–18
Henna for Teens: Wednesday 6/4: 2-3pm. Learn about the ancient art of henna at the library this summer and get your own Henna tattoo with artist Rachel Palacios.

Beaded Curtains: Wednesday 6/11: 3-4pm

Teen Advisory Board: Second Wednesdays, 6/14, 4-5pm. Join the Rockridge Branch Library Teen Advisory Board and take an active role in creating, planning, and implementing programs and services you want to see at your Rockridge library.

Button Basics: Wednesday 6/18: 3-4pm

Metalsmithing: Wednesday 6/4: 3-4pm. Come on by and make your own jewelry with help from artist and teacher Darcy Nicholson. In this two-hour workshop you will learn to use a jeweler's saw and other tools to work with metal and create amazing jewelry. All supplies are included and you get to take your piece home when you're done! Must be there for full two hours to participate.

Summer volunteers wanted! Teens ages 13-17 are invited to apply at: www.oaklandlibrary.org/teen-volunteers.

For Adults
Adult Crafting Series: On Hiatus till Fall

Spring 2025 Meet the Author Series: Wednesday, June 4, Emile DeWeaver and Lenore Anderson will discuss their books, *Ghost in the Criminal Justice Machine* and *In Their Names*. Books will be available for signing from A Great Good Place for Books.

Rockridge Gardening Series: Pollinators. On Saturday, Jun 14th, 2-3pm. UC Master Gardeners of Alameda County teach us about attracting bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to your garden oasis. Discover plant selection, layout design, and nurturing practices that encourage these beneficial creatures to flourish in your garden sanctuary.

Ask Your Area Home Experts: Every 2nd Friday, noon-2pm. Get answers, tips, and connections from a Senior Loan Advisor and a Realtor, both Rockridge locals. Have questions answered about home ownership, maintenance, finance, investing, ADUs, downsizing, moving, and more.

Rockridge Book Club: Every 2nd Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm. Please call 510/597-5017 for more info and to get a copy of the book. June's book is *How to Know A Person: The Art of Seeing Others and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks.

Needlework Circle: Every Thursday, 1:30-3:30pm (new time for June and July). Bring your yarn and fiber arts projects to Rockridge Library. Build community, share your passion, learn, have fun.

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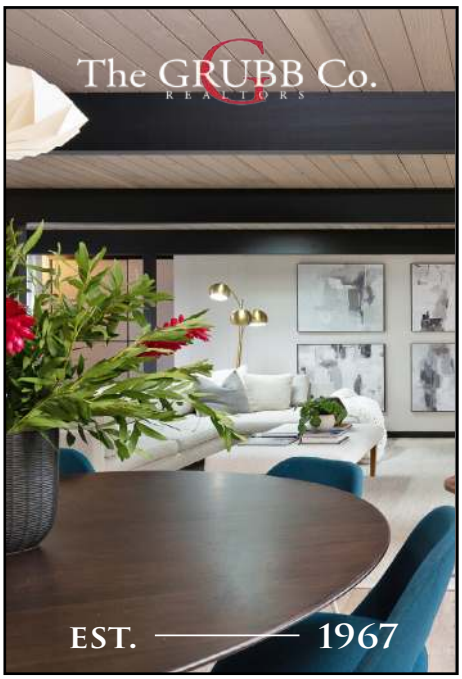
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