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The mission of TNT is to enhance the quality of life in our diverse community through revitalization of our homes, businesses, schools and public services by providing an ongoing forum for community education, interaction and empowerment.

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Children's Hospital Community Meeting

Children's will hold a community meeting for immediate neighbors of the hospital on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 PM in the hospital's Outpatient Center basement, room A. This is for neighbors on Dover Street between 52 and 55th streets, and on 52nd, 53rd, 54th and 55th streets between MLK and Shattuck. The hospital wants to update these neighbors first on the scope of the project it will be filing with the city. A catalogue of hospital property, leased and owned, will be shared, and the project's chief engineer will be there to answer questions. A community-wide forum open to all is also being planned. The date will be announced soon. Questions? Email talktochildrens@mail.choc.org or call 428-3367, ext 2258.

—Gary Turchin, Director, Public Relations,
Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland

Neighbors Concerned Over Hospital Expansion

Neighbors have filed a rebuttal against Measure A on the February 5th ballot. This is the measure that calls for a \$300 million parcel tax to subsidize construction of a 12 story high-rise for Children's Hospital, a private medical facility. Alameda County homeowners will be taxed \$24, small businesses \$200, large businesses \$250 annually for the next 35 years.

CHO has bought homes within and outside the footprint of the proposed site (the block between 52nd and 53rd streets, Dover and the overpass). They have not ruled out the possibility of exercising eminent domain over homeowners who refuse to sell.

Neighbors have met with CHO to present their concerns about a high rise being built in a residential neighborhood without neighborhood input. We are not against CHO's expansion, but would like to see it done in a way that will not destroy the neighborhood.

One alternative to a tower that will block sunlight and create noise and light pollution 24/7, is

to close off 52nd Street between the on-off ramps and MLK, create parking under the freeway overpass, and build an entrance/drop off area on MLK. This would connect both sides of 52nd Street - now a dangerous thoroughfare. It could include a bike path, park and safe, easy access to the Temescal business district.

For more information go to www.livableoakland.org or email sqparker@pacbell.com.

—Susan Parker, Livable Oakland

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Temescal Calendar

Mondays (Ongoing), 7 PM. East Bay Toastmasters Club. An opportunity to develop confidence in public speaking and leadership skills. East Bay Church, 4130 Telegraph. 652-5912.

Wednesday, Jan. 9. Temescal Merchants Association monthly meeting. All are welcome. Call for details. 653-7196.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 7 PM. Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Steering Committee meeting. Everyone welcome. Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster. 420-6974.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 7 PM. Community Meeting regarding the expansion of Children's Hospital. This meeting is for neighbors on Dover Street between 52 and 55th streets, and on 52nd, 53rd, 54th and 55th streets between MLK and Shattuck. Children's Hospital Outpatient Center Basement Room A, 52nd and Shattuck. 428-3367, ext 2258.

Friday, Jan. 11, 7:30 PM. Poetry Saloon. Bring a poem that you have written and one by someone else to share, or come to enjoy. 472 44th Street. 654-6495.

Monday, Jan. 14, 6:30 PM. Candi Farlice presents "The Art of Organizing" workshop, a mini seminar that will help you rethink your home and work space. Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph. 597-5049.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 10 AM. Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek. Lake Temescal inlet near the Broadway Terrace park entrance. 459-3967 or temcrk@mountaincurrent.net.

Wednesday, Feb 13. Temescal Merchants Association monthly meeting. All are welcome. Call for details. 653-7196.

Thursday, Feb. 14, 9 AM. Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Steering Committee meeting. Everyone welcome. Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster. 420-6974.

Friday, Feb. 15, 7:30 PM. Poetry Saloon. Bring a poem that you have written and one by someone else to share, or come to enjoy. 472 44th Street. 654-6495.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 10 AM. Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek. Lake Temescal inlet near the Broadway Terrace park entrance. 459-3967 or temcrk@mountaincurrent.net.

Temescal News and Views Seeks Editors

Are you looking for a way to contribute to the community? Become part of the team that makes Temescal News and Views a reality! If you enjoy writing, layout, editing, or proofreading and have some time every two months, we would love to talk with you. Contact Viki Maxwell and Seana Tilton at temescal_news@yahoo.com.

New Walking Officer in Temescal

Please welcome Officer Kaiser Albino to Temescal. All are encouraged to call Officer Albino whenever you observe suspicious activity or any safety concerns you may have. His cell phone number is 750-4586. He is on duty Monday through Friday, 1 PM - 9 PM.

Temescal Library News

Towards the end of February, daffodils might already be sprouting up around Temescal Branch! On November 10th, three wonderful volunteers—Amanda Joost, Nancy Elliott and Louise Kreifels—spent the morning planting 100 bulbs here. They were part of a citywide project sponsored by Keep Oakland Beautiful and The Home Depot. Thanks also to our city gardener, Clint Pugh, for putting in circular planting beds for bulbs and adding topsoil in preparation for planting. Amanda, Nancy and Louise were enthusiastic and made plans to come back and do more work around the grounds. If you want to volunteer to be part of the crew, check with library staff.

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to get organized, you should plan on attending "The Art of Organizing" workshop here on Monday, January 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Candi Farlice will conduct a mini seminar designed to help you rethink how you use your space at home and at work.

In January, we will be extending the loan periods on some of the tools in the Tool Lending Library. You can check with Tool Library staff for more details.

As many of you know, children's librarian Joy Shiohita left Temescal in August for a position at the Main Library. We should have our new children's librarian on board early in 2008. In the meantime, three librarians have been filling in. I want to thank Rachel

Spalding, Kelley Trahan and Rachel Aronowitz for their hard work and excellent public service skills during this interim period. Each brought something unique to the branch.

— Sally Bean, Temescal Branch Manager

Temescal Aquatic Masters Swim Team Needs Members

Temescal Aquatic Masters is a local masters swim team that practices daily at Temescal Pool on 45th St at Lawton. We have morning practices during the week and on week-ends for early birds, and evening practices during the week for night owls. Temescal Masters caters to all levels of swimmers and has an excellent coaching staff to help you develop and continue to grow your stroke. Our team is diverse in age and abilities and has many wonderful members. The workouts are varied and encourage you to increase your skill level as the swimmers are divided into lanes with other swimmers of like speed and ability. We encourage everyone to come try our team free of charge the first time and \$45.00 a month for as many swims as you can participate in or \$30.00 for a 5 swim pass book to be used as you wish. There are men's and women's locker rooms for changing, hot showers, safe places to leave your personal belongings and easy parking on the street. We are always looking for and welcome new members so please stop by the pool and swim with us. You'll soon be addicted. Swims take place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5:45 - 6:45 AM; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7- 8 PM; and Saturday and Sunday at 8:45 - 10:15 AM. For more information, visit our website at www.temescalaquaticmasters.org.

— Beth Cohen, Temescal Aquatic Masters Swim Team

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