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The voice of north Oakland's Temescal neighborhood

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TNT seeks 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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TNV publishes submissions from community members. We do not fact-check, although we correct inaccuracies if we know about them. We strive to achieve a neutral tone and may edit articles accordingly, but ultimately TNV reflects the point of view of the authors and not that of the editors.

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Join the National Night Out

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5, 2008, between 7PM and 9 PM. This is America's night out against crime and is promoted by the Oakland Police Dept.

You can either attend the nearest block party or host one. Hosting can be easy if you plan a potluck. If you have grill, ask neighbors to bring something to grill and a side dish to share. Or, just host a dessert potluck or ice cream social. Make copies of your "invite" and post them on doors on your street block and see what happens!

Each registered block party will receive a visit from city staff that will have give-away items for the kids and a special gift for the host. For more information, or to register online, visit <http://www.oaklandnet.com/nno2008.html> or call 238-3091.

Be sure to go out and support your local businesses on this night also. Getting out of your house this night is a way to "claim" the streets and make a safe community!

- Deborah Quay,

Economic Development Committee, BID

Temescal Street Cinema - a FREE outdoor summer movie series featuring Bay Area Filmmakers

Through July 17th, Thursdays 8:30 PM, Bank of the West Building, 49th @ Telegraph. Presented by the Temescal Street Collective and The Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District.

Free popcorn and special events. Limited seating. Come early or bring a chair. For full movie schedule, special events and trailers: www.temescalstreetcollective.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!

-Suzanne L'Heureux and Catarina Negrin

Expand Your Universe!

Chabot Space & Science Center, located in the Oakland Hills, is celebrating our 125th anniversary in 2008 and we are actively recruiting new volunteers! Our awe-inspiring facility and historical observatories are close by and we have unique opportunities for working closely with the public, sharing knowledge and inspiring interest in our Planet Earth and the universe.

Extend your own sense of wonder by joining our dynamic volunteer program and enjoy opportunities to learn to operate historic telescopes, enjoy conversations with visitors on the exhibit floor, inspire a new generation of scientists and environmentalists working with over 50,000 school children that visit each year.

Help Chabot Space & Science Center provide a world-class educational experience for our visitors. Volunteer shifts available weekdays, weekends, some evenings, holidays and special events. For more information see our website www.chabot.space.org or to learn about our next orientation, please contact Megan Gray 336-7414 or mgray@chabot.space.org.

-Lesley Stoup,

Volunteer Asst., Chabot Space & Science Center

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Beat 12X News

On March 15, your NCPC held its annual Town Hall meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church located at 49th and Webster. It was a lively event with elections, group discussions, and several guest speakers.

Elections:

Your new Board Members this year are: Lee Edwards & Ellen Gierson: Co-chairpersons, Treasurer: Loretta O'Brien and Secretary: Susan McDonough

Group Discussions:

We split up into 3 geographic groups and made a list of concerns. We then brought these concerns back to the larger group and had Captain Toribio, (our area OPD Captain) Jane Brunner (our City Council rep), Paul Brekke-Meisner (our Neighborhood Services co-ordinator) and Everette Peterson (our Problem Solving Officer), speak to those issues.

Some of the concerns brought by the 30+ Temescal neighbors in attendance were: escalating crime, blight, trash, graffiti, abandoned cars, reporting crimes, illegal dumping, car thefts, 911 dispatchers, non-emergency police contacts, neighborhood crime watch and armed robbery.

Interested in our esteemed guest speaker responses? Please come to your next Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Meeting! Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at 7PM. We meet at Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster Streets.

Please come to this Thursday's meeting. Come with your concerns, problems, etc. We will decide the best way to approach the matter and give you the support you need to fix it.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can call Ellen Gierson at 658-8713.

-Ellen Gierson,
NCPC Co-chairperson

Ella Baker Center: The Basics

The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights is a strategy and action center working for justice, opportunity and peace in urban America. Based in Oakland, California, we promote positive alternatives to violence and incarceration through our four cutting-edge campaigns.

The Problem

Decades of disinvestment in our cities have led to despair and hopelessness. For poor communities and communities of color it's even worse, as excessive, racist policing and over-incarceration have left people even further behind. We now face a cycle of violence that makes everyone less safe.

The Solution

We need to break the cycle of violence and reinvest in our cities. Ella Baker Center offers smart solutions and uplifting alternatives to violence and incarceration.

The safest neighborhoods aren't the ones with the most prisons and the most police. They're the ones with the best schools, the cleanest environment, and the most opportunities for young people and working people.

Our Campaigns

Those three ideas — justice, peace and opportunity — guide all of our work at Ella Baker Center. They are the foundation of our four campaigns and initiatives:

Books Not Bars - Campaigning to reform California's abusive & costly youth prison system.

Green-Collar Jobs Campaign - Creating opportunities in the "green" economy for poor communities and communities of color.

Bay Area PoliceWatch - Supporting victims and survivors of police abuse and their families.

Silence the Violence - Uplifting young people and addressing Bay Area violence with a mix of social activism and street culture.

Ella Baker Center has 24 full-time staff, including 6 attorneys and an MBA. Staff take part in an ongoing training program including political education, media skills and contemplative practice. We have more than 12,000 e-mail subscribers from all 50 states.

We're funded by more than 40 foundations and by hundreds of generous individual donors.

We use a mix of tactics to accomplish our mission, from grassroots organizing, direct action and media advocacy to public education, policy reform and legal service. This has earned us a reputation for tenacity and innovation. But more importantly, it has earned victory after victory for our campaigns.

We are proud of what we have accomplished in our first ten years, and we look forward to the next ten years of fighting for justice, peace and opportunity in urban America.

www.ellabakercenter.org. 428.3939 x299.
344 40th Street.

-Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

Welcome To Temescal!

The Mixing Bowl is Open!

Breakfast specials, salads and sandwiches, coffees, teas and cool drinks. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8-5 Saturday 9-6 Sunday 9-5. Ask about the Lunch Special! 4920 Telegraph.

Marc 49 Opening

Marc 49 is very excited to be joining the Temescal neighborhood. We have been working very hard these last few months on our dining room and outdoor patio to get everything just right for our opening during the end of June. Our hours will be Sunday through Thursday 5-11pm and Friday and Saturday 5-Midnight. We will be serving Panini, salads, appetizers, wine, beer and specialty cocktails. Our wine list will be changing frequently to intrigue our customers' palates. Please check us out at www.marc49.com for our complete menu and wine list.

Many people have asked 'where did your name come from?' The answer is that after researching the wine industry we came across the French word 'marc', which is a term used to describe the pulp, seeds, and skins left over after the pressing of the grapes. Marc has also been defined as the alcohol that comes from those pressed grape skins. From our quant space it is hard to ignore the fact that 49th

street runs straight into our front door, hence Marc 49 was born.

We hope that you will come see us soon and cannot wait to finally open our door.

-Courtney Belanger,
Manager, Marc 49

Bear Naked at the Temescal Triangle

Bear Naked Burgers is now open in the Temescal Triangle. The menu features fresh salads and paninis, organic-natural meats and free-range chicken from Fulton Valley Farms. Enjoy flavorful cheesecakes, ice cream and an assortment of pastries from Semifreddis. Food service begins at 11am. For earlier service, visit Bear Naked's Espresso Bar for organic fair trade coffees and teas from Mr. Espresso.

Bear Naked Burgers. 5179 Telegraph (next to La Calaca Loca)

Aunt Mary's Cafe

A new restaurant opening in Temescal: Aunt Mary's Café, at 4307 Telegraph. This restaurant will begin serving breakfast and lunch before eventually adding dinner to their menu, (which will feature Regional American cuisine with Southern and Texan emphases). Everything will be made in-house and feature fresh, local ingredients. The new restaurant features a covered courtyard open to the sidewalk and an open kitchen with counter seating. There is also a lounge area for coffee and pastries.

Aunt Mary was a remarkable character, putting herself through law school before becoming a head librarian, one of the few jobs available to educated women in the forties. She was also a dedicated and adventurous Southern cook. Her recipes and spirit inspire the menu at Aunt Mary's Café.

Come by for migas, biscuits and gravy, smoked oyster Caesar, chicken fried steak or Buttermilk Pie, among other offerings.

Opening this summer. Hours: 7am-3pm.

Deborah Quay,
Economic Development Committee, BID

The "New" Studio One Art Center Is Open

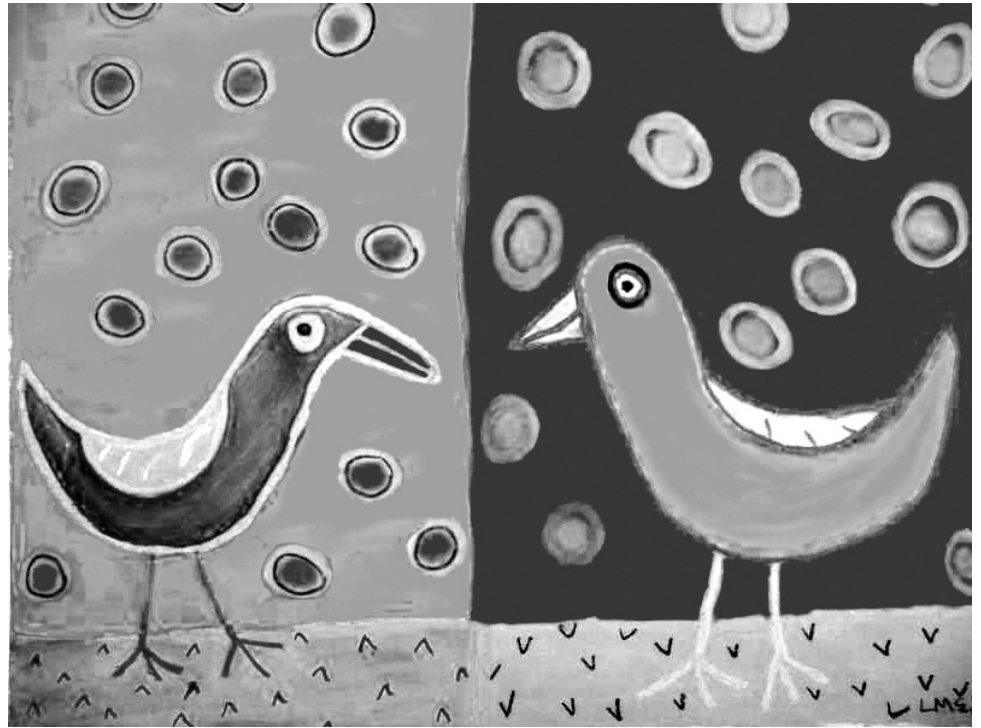
Major Renovations Funded by Measure DD

The City of Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR), in collaboration with the Community Economic Development Agency (CEDA), Shah Kawasaki Architects, and

Councilmember Jane Brunner celebrated the re-opening of North Oakland's historic Studio One Art Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Saturday, May 31.

Studio One "Goes Green"

From the start, it was the goal of the City of Oakland, that Studio One Art Center be as green as possible. Working with Stopwaste.org, the "new" Studio One Art Center will exceed California energy code requirements by 31% through the use of high-efficiency boilers, energy efficient lighting and occupancy sensors, super-insulated roof and walls, and dual-pane glazing. The building also incorporates waterless urinals, low-flow toilets and faucets, high efficiency irrigation, recycling of 75% of its construction debris, low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) finishes, cork floors from a renewable natural resource, high fly-ash content concrete, and the infrastructure required to install roof-top



"Two Birds"

by local artist, Laura McCamy



solar panels in the future. The City's and Architect's commitment to sustainability was rewarded with a Savings by Design Award from Pacific Gas and Electric.

Since 1948, Studio One has provided hands-on, high quality art experiences for children and adults through classes, workshops and labs. For more information on the "new" Studio One Art Center, contact Karis Griffin, Cultural Arts Supervisor, City of Oakland, Office of Parks and Recreation at 238-3052 or Kola Thomas, Center Director, Studio One Art Center at 597-5027.

-Submitted by Bill Lambert,
Temescal Telegraph B.I.D. Boardmember

Temescal merchants win Oakland Indie Award

Two Temescal businesses, Ruby's Garden and Tip Top Bike Shop take home the 2nd annual Oakland Indie Award (presented by OneCalifornia Foundation). This award recognizes the

social & environmental impact of Oakland's independent businesses and artists. Tip Top won the "Newbie" category because they inspire "everyday riders" and are extremely environmentally conscience. Ruby's won the "Ripple effect" award since they mainly carry clothing from local independent designers and flowers from family owned farms. Other nominees from our area include: Afterglow, Bakesale Betty, Genova Deli, Lanesplitters, Leo's Audio, Mariposa Bakery, Siobhan Van Winkel, and Well. Thanks to them, Temescal is such a fabulous place to be.

-Deborah Quay, Economic Development Committee, BID

Bodie Design: Upcoming Events

Jewelry designer Susan Hunter (www.bodie-designstudio.com) will return to Oakland at the Montclair Village Jazz & Wine Festival on Sunday, September 7, 11am-6pm (www.montclairjazzandwine.org) with her unique cast and hand-forged silver jewelry. Also active in the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) community, she will selling her Kick ALS sterling silver pendants at the upcoming fall ALS Walks (www.bayarealsa.org) on September 13 (Los Gatos), October 4 (Monterey) and October 11 (Oakland).

-Susan Hunter,
Bodie Design Studio

Upcoming Events At Poetry Saloon (Drunk on Poetry!)

Next Saloons:

July 11 & August 8

For the reading, bring a couple of poems of yours and someone else's or 3-4 pages of prose, or come just to enjoy. Dessert, coffee and tea are provided.

One-day workshop: "Let the Crazy Child Write!"

Saturday, July 12 10 am to 5 pm. Fee \$80.

Ten-week summer workshop

Start Tuesday, July 1. 7 pm to 10 pm. Fee \$400.

Week-long retreat: "Writing Highway 395"

July 27 - August 3. \$800 fee includes meals and tent accommodations. Writing exercises and workshoping in conjunction with daily excursions to the exotic eastern Sierra. Contact Heather Heppner, Silver Beaver Outfitters, (925) 686-4894 hepyosef@yahoo.com

Call 654-6495 to register. Hope to see you here!

-Clive Matson,
Poetry Saloon

Events at the Temescal Branch Library

Lawyers in the Library:

Monday, July 7 6 - 8 pm

Free legal information and referral presented in conjunction with the Alameda County Bar Association. Sessions are popular and sometimes subject to change. Call in advance to confirm on the day of the program. Temescal Branch: First Monday, 6 to 8 pm; *sign-up for lottery at 5:45 pm. Main Library: First through Fourth Thursday, 6 to 8 pm; sign-up for lottery by 5:45pm.

Jewelry-Making for Teens:

Friday July 18, 3 – 4 pm

Create earrings, bracelets, or necklaces with Chelsea Robinson. Create jewelry for yourself or as gifts. Advance registration is required.

Literacy through Art:

Monday July 14, 6:30 pm

Mona Brookes, founder of MonART, will talk with parents about encouraging their children to have fun reading and drawing from the inspiration of books. Includes a hands-on experience in drawing, with parents and children age 4 years and older.

Willy Claflin:

Monday July 28, 7 pm

Meet a ventriloquist and his puppet friends and others for stories and sing-alongs.

Opera Piccola:

Thursday July 24, 11 am

Enjoy music, drama and comedy in a fun-filled theatrical experience.

The Bubble Lady:

Thursday July 17, 11 am

You will marvel at giant bubble animals, wigs and much more.

Preschool Storytimes:

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Stories, Songs & Fingerplays for children, ages 3 to 5

Tool Lending Library: Temescal Branch

Borrow tools, including chainsaws and weed whackers, for no charge as long as you're a resident or property owner in Oakland, Piedmont, or Emeryville. Contact the lending library for registration info and a list of available tools. Wednesdays, Saturdays, 10 am-5:30 pm, Tuesdays, 12:30-8 pm and Fridays, 12-5:30 pm. Oakland Public Library, Temescal Branch, 5205 Telegraph. 597-5089. OaklandLibrary.org.

Calendar

Wednesday, July 9, 6 pm. Temescal Merchants Association monthly meeting. All are welcome. Call for location. 653-7196.

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

Friday, July 11, 7:30 pm. Poetry Saloon. Bring a poem that you have written and one by someone else to share, or just come to enjoy. 472 44th Street (between Telegraph and Webster). 594-2200.

Saturday, July 19, 10 am. Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek. 459-3967 or temcrk@mountaincurrent.net.

Friday, August 8, 7:30 pm. Poetry Saloon. Bring a poem that you have written and one by someone else to share, or just come to enjoy. 472 44th Street (between Telegraph and Webster). 594-2200.

Thursday August 14, 7 pm. Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Steering Committee meeting. Everyone welcome. Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster. 420-6974.

Saturday, August 16, 10 am. Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek. 459-3967 or temcrk@mountaincurrent.net.



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Volunteers are doing the work of getting out this newsletter (and occasional fliers)—but we still need to pay the printer! If you value our community efforts, please consider making a donation. Any amount will help. Make your check payable to TNT, and send it with this form to:

TNT, c/o 4112 Emerald St., Oakland, CA 94609.

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Are you looking for a way to contribute to the community? Become part of the team that makes Temescal News and Views a reality! We currently have two openings: Editorial Staff: Contact Seana at fredrickapartments@yahoo.com. Distributor: Call Clint at 658-7345.