

## A NEW PARK IN TEMESCAL

A meeting was held in December at Oakland International High School to hear community input regarding a half acre parcel the City and Oakland Unified School District is considering developing. Wow, it surely was great to see so many people come out on a cold and rainy December evening to hear the presentation. Basically, the City will apply for Federal funds (from Prop 84, I believe), to develop this "park". Therefore, funding will be at least a two-three year process. If we don't get the funding we don't get the park, apparently.

It will be situated on the present site where the portable units now sit. The parcel measures 120' x 220' length x 70'. Lots of great suggestions were offered: multi-use field, acoustic music stage, picnic area with tables, skate park, soccer practice area, and children's play space. Someone asked that public art with sculptures be displayed at the park, Another mentioned open space. The most popular response is a dog park. One young woman brought a petition with 75 names asking a dog park!

All of the ideas are great to dream about, for after all, we do not have a park in the Tem to call our own.....yet. Oh, wouldn't it be swell to have a park in the Temescal at last?

If you would like more info about this project, please contact:  
Ami Schwartz, Project Delivery, City Of Oakland, 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza 94612 or [aschwarz@oaklandnet.com](mailto:aschwarz@oaklandnet.com)

*-Ellen Gierson, Temescal Neighbor*

## A NEW WAY TO CONNECT WITH YOUR TEMESCAL NEIGHBORS

Woodruffians is a free neighborhood mailing list. Like other lists, it is a way for people to share neighborhood information.

Woodruffians has a key difference: It uses your home address to automatically connect you with people that live near you. Picture a map of your area. Imagine a circle on that map around your block and a few neighboring blocks with your house at the center. This is your woodruffian neighborhood. You can exchange messages with people inside the circle. Every house has a different circle.

Some neighborhood lists get too big. The circle means that only a small number of people are on your list and they all live near you. The conversations tend to be respectful and neighborly.

I created woodruffians initially for my block, but the circle concept means that it works no matter where you live. There are over 600 people in Oakland using woodruffians, including many in Temescal.

To participate, just send your first name and \*home address\* to [support@woodruffians.org](mailto:support@woodruffians.org). I'll create an account for you and send you additional information. Of course it works best if your neighbors participate, so please invite them.

*Woodruffians never shares your home or email address with anyone.*

*-Kelly, Woodruffians' Administrator*

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## Calendar

Mondays, 7 PM	<b>Toastmasters Meetings. Develop confidence and public speaking skills.</b> 4130 Telegraph. (415) 644-0507 x 403
Wednesday, 6 PM March 10, April 14	<b>Temescal Merchants Association monthly meeting. All are welcome.</b> Temescal Library. Call for details. 653-7196
Thursday, 7 PM March 11, April 7	<b>Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Steering Committee meeting</b> Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster. 420-6974
Friday, 7:30 PM March 12, April 9	<b>Poetry Saloon. Bring a poem that you have written and one by someone else to share, or come to enjoy.</b> 472 44th Street. 654-6495. Check us out on Facebook as Matson Poet.
Friday, 8 PM March 12	<b>Magic Jester Improvisation Show.</b> Temescal Arts Center, 511 48th Street
Saturday, 10 AM March 20, April 17	<b>Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek.</b> Lake Temescal inlet near the Broadway Terrace park entrance. 459-3967 or <a href="mailto:temcrk@mountaincurrent.net">temcrk@mountaincurrent.net</a>
Saturday, 7 PM Sunday, 7 AM, 8 AM March 27 - 28	<b>Oakland Running Festival</b> <a href="http://www.oaklandmarathon.com">www.oaklandmarathon.com</a>

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### Reporting Crimes in Oakland

If you witness a crime in progress in the city of Oakland, call **911 from a land line** or **510-777-3211 from your cell phone**. Dialing 510-777-3211 will connect you to an Oakland 911 Dispatcher. 911 from your cell phone will delay the response time, since your call will go first to a CHP emergency dispatcher located in Vallejo, who must then forward your call to the Oakland Police.

To file a police report on a crime against you that is hours old and no medical help is needed, call the **non-emergency number, 510-777-3333**.

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## Laugh the Night Away!

Magic Jester Theater invites Temescalians to come see our improv variety show on second Fridays at the Temescal Arts Center. Funny, inventive and full of heart, our theater performances are entirely made up on the spot, inspired by audience suggestions. Seamlessly blending witty repartee, physical comedy, song and dance interludes, science fiction and fairy tales, Magic Jester improv troupes take the audience on a wild ride through an unpredictable imaginative landscape. Also featuring guest musicians, poets and standup comics. Appropriate for teens up.

**Upcoming shows:**  
March 12 and April 9, 8PM-10PM, tickets \$10 and \$5 for students. 511 48th St. at Telegraph. For details, e-mail Michael Davenport at magicjestertheater@gmail.com. Website magicjestertheater.com. Join us on Facebook.

-Jessica Hamburger, Magic Jester Theater

Studio One  
Spring 2010 Registration

Studio One Art Center would like to invite all residents of the Temescal neighborhood to enroll in the upcoming Spring 2010 session. Classes for both children and adults are offered throughout the day, afternoon/after school and evening hours. Sample of classes offered: **ceramics, jewelry, stained glass/glass fusing, photography, painting & drawing, children's & teen ballet & hip hop, parent & child classes in clay, teen classes in ceramics, cartooning, cooking...** Let's say, a lot of classes are being offered. Contact Studio One by phone 597-5027 or stop by to pick up a current schedule of classes. [www.oaklandnet.com/parks/programs](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks/programs) Located next to the Temescal Pool 365 45th Street

-Moses LaSabra, Studio One Art Center

## Temescal BID News Update

It's hard to believe that the Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District has entered its fifth year of operations. It's been quite gratifying for the Board to contribute to the Temescal District's ever-increasing revitalization and vibrancy. Regular activities include providing sidewalk sweeping five days a week, street banners and planters throughout the district and special events such as the Temescal Street Fair, Summer Street Cinema, and Halloween Trick or Treat.

Last year's highlights included:  
**The first Taste of Temescal.** Positive feedback indicates it's a keeper!  
**Private Security.** In response to a believed spike in crime over the Holidays, the BID hired private security to patrol the commercial corridor during the last two weeks in December.  
**Public Lighting.** After implementing a Neighborhood Project Initiative Grant (through Oakland's Redevelopment Agency) to install lighting on private buildings on Tele between 40th and 42nd St., we have been awarded yet another



## Help Support This Newsletter and TNT.

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 Thank You!

Yes, I want to help. Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of:  \$10  \$25  \$50  Other \$  
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grant for \$75,000 for public lighting in the aforementioned area this year.

Have you noticed another round of murals at the PGE substation building at Shattuck and 52nd? It's hard to pick a favorite among the banners designed and produced by California College of Arts (CCA) students with BID funding. Of the new additions, the rooster mingling with the parking meter appears to be a favorite!

Look for transforming artwork this summer called "Temescal Flows" at the underpass of Hwy 24 on 52nd linking Children's Hospital to Telegraph. Local artist, Alan Leon, was selected by the BID through a competitive process for this endeavor. He recently unveiled his designs at the Temescal Library - thanks to all who participated and gave feedback. The 100 foot artwork will be funded mostly by the BID and in part by an Oakland Cultural Arts grant. The design is being finalized now and we anticipate this colorful design installed this Spring/Summer.

Mark your calendars as the 7th Annual Temescal Street Fair will take place on Sunday, June 6th.

We are always looking for volunteers for our promotions. We also appreciate feedback. For information on BID projects, call Darlene 860-7327, email [Darlene@temescaldistrict.org](mailto:Darlene@temescaldistrict.org) or [www.temescaldistrict.org](http://www.temescaldistrict.org)  
-Darlene Rios Drapkin, Executive Director  
Temescal Telegraph Community Association

## Community

## Support a Good Cause

Want to get in shape and support a good cause while doing it? Then get in the game with Team Ella Baker Center at the 2010 Inaugural Oakland Running Festival! Temescal's own Ella Baker Center for Human Rights is bringing together people from all different fitness levels to show what a healthy and vibrant Oakland looks like -- and to demonstrate what's possible when a community comes together to make real change for real people. Join us! Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. 344 40th Street. [www.ellabakercenter.org](http://www.ellabakercenter.org).  
-Abel Habtegeorgis, Media Relations Manager  
Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

## Oakland Running Festival

Experience all the sights and sounds that Oakland has to offer at the new Oakland Running Festival featuring **Oakland's first marathon in 25 years!** Runners will begin on Broadway, race along Piedmont and College Avenues, pass by beautiful Lake Temescal and then tackle the hills of Montclair. After a breathtaking view of the Cities by the Bay, runners will journey through the vibrant neighborhoods of Dimond, Fruitvale, Chinatown and historic Jack London Square. Then it's a final lap around sparkling Lake Merritt and a sprint to the finish at City Hall.

Saturday & Sunday, March 27 & 28, 2010  
Marathon: Sunday, 7 am  
Half Marathon: Sunday, 8 am  
Twilight 5K: Saturday, 7 pm

For details on the Oakland Running Festival visit [www.oaklandmarathon.com](http://www.oaklandmarathon.com).

## Restaurants

Aunt Mary's Café  
New Hours for 2010

**Breakfast & Lunch Tues-Sat 10am-2pm**  
While Aunt Mary's will not offer dinner service this winter/spring, evenings are available for special events (wedding rehearsal dinners, birthday parties...). Please give us a call to see what can we do for you. Thank You for all of your support! Jack/Nu 601-9227. [amc@auntmaryscafe.com](mailto:amc@auntmaryscafe.com). 4307 Telegraph (between 43rd & 44th) -Nu & Jack, Aunt Mary's Café

Scream Sorbet  
Coming Pretty Soon

Opening at 51st and Telegraph, between Scout Hardware and Flamingo.

You may already know the sorbet from the Temescal farmers' market. For those who don't, Scream is up to a few exciting things.

We hand select our ingredients at the more than 30 farmers' markets we serve across the Bay Area. Our mantra is to buy what tastes amazing, and then figure out how to turn that into sorbet. This approach has yielded well more than 100 flavors in a year and a half's time.

Ingredients represent a part of the story, but production techniques are equally important. Scream is making use of Pacojets to deliver sublimely dense textures. There are few, if any, outside of high-end restaurants making use of these machines. Conventional wisdom says their one-quart batch size is uneconomical. We say if there is a way to fashion a better dessert so it must be. Hence, our smooth and rich line of nut sorbets, and vivid fresh herb flavors that are incorporated rather than infused.

It is as yet undetermined if Scream will provide ironing boards for customer seating.  
-Noah Goldner, Scream Sorbet

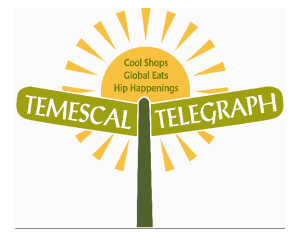
## Seniors

Be Safe at Home:  
No Cost Safety Modifications

Are you or a family member over 62 years or older or disabled? Are you an Oakland homeowner with low to moderate income? If you answered yes, you may qualify for no cost safety modifications in your home through Rebuilding Together Oakland's year round Safe-At-Home Program. Safe-At-Home Program **modifications include installation of bathroom handrails/grab bars, door knobs/faucet grips, raised toilet seat adapters, hand held shower heads, nightlights, tub anti-skid safety mats, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, shower stools and interior handrails.**

Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO) is a nonprofit that rehabilitates the homes of low-income homeowners particularly those who are elderly or disabled, so they may live in safety, comfort and independence. RTO also rehabilitates nonprofit facilities

## Thank You



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that work directly with low-income communities. RTO fosters community service by relying on skilled and unskilled volunteers for its rehabilitation projects.

For more information about Rebuilding Together Oakland's Safe-At-Home Program call 625-0316 x104. For details about Rebuilding Together Oakland's annual rebuilding programs and other ways to get involved visit [www.rtoakland.org](http://www.rtoakland.org)

## Health

## Brain Fitness in 2010

Oakland Adult and Career Education offers 3 different kinds of brain fitness classes. OACE offers computer based classes using software designed by Posit Science, **Memory Camp** is a classroom based session that meets once a week at 6 different locations and a distance learning class that you do at home using cognifit software that you purchase, for a discount, when you enroll. Learn something new, take a class and apply what science is telling us about staying cognitively fit. **Our classes are free**, however, there is a lab fee of \$35 for the Posit Science classes. For details, call Joan Adams at 452-2074 or visit <http://pvas.ousd.k12.ca.us>. McClymonds Educational Complex. 2607 Myrtle St.  
-Teri Barr Older Adult Program  
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