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Celebrate at the Temescal Holiday Skate and Stroll: Saturday and Sunday December 20 and 21

Popcorn, candy canes, hot chocolate, egg nog and lively merchants await you on Telegraph, all weekend long, at the Temescal Holiday Skate and Stroll. Santa wouldn't miss this celebration and you shouldn't either! You'll find Holiday cheer, lights, decorations, elves, choral singers, and an outdoor ice skating rink. Yes you read that right, ice skating in Temescal!

Not only that, on Sunday, December 21st, a Holiday parade starts at the Temescal Farmer's Market at 12:30 pm. Santa, his elves and musicians will lead parade participants to the skating rink at 49th and Telegraph. Kids, neighbors and pets are all invited to join. Be sure to arrive at the Farmer's Market early, as the East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse will be hosting a craft table where people can make parade accessories for themselves and their pets (begins at 10:30).

What a great opportunity to have fun with your community while dropping in on your favorite local merchants for a little last minute Holiday shopping! And don't forget to smile when you take your picture with Santa!

The Temescal Telegraph BID invites you mark your calendars:

Temescal Holiday Skate and Stroll (rain or shine)

Saturday and Sunday, December 20th and 21st – 1-6 pm

Outdoor Ice Skating Rink at 49th and Telegraph by Frazee's paint

Santa, goodies, choral singers, and more!

Holiday Parade and Crafts

Sunday December 21st at the Farmer's Market

Crafts begin at 10:30 (led by East Bay Depot for Creative Re-use)

Parade begins at 12:30 and leads to Outdoor Ice Skating Rink at 49th and Telegraph

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful community event. If you can donate even an hour during the two days of celebration, please call 860-7327. We are still sorting out the needs. We thank you in advance!

-Suzanne LHeureux, for the TTBD

Temescal Branch Library

On December 10th, 1918 our beautiful library first opened its doors to the public. This year we are celebrating and commemorating our 90 years in this community with a series of displays and activities that we hope you will enjoy.

In early December, we will have mounted three displays and we invite you to stop by the library to see them.

We feel that the history of a community can be traced on a timeline of its neighborhood library. With that in mind, our main display of photos, documents and explanatory narrative highlights changes at the library and in the community throughout the years, making connections to major historical events. Volunteers Martha Bergmann and Jeff Norman have been hard at work since June going through archives and historical documents to put together this very informative and interesting timeline.

Another display will focus on Carnegie libraries and Temescal's place among the other 2509 Carnegie libraries built between 1883 and 1929. Staff member

Deborah Hansen-Ching and volunteer Louise Kreifels are in the process of restoring a vintage cabinet that was abandoned in a corner of our basement storage room to hold this display of artifacts and photos, which staff member Alice McCain is putting together.

The third display, which is being prepared by Dimond Branch staff member Giovanna Capone, is about the Colombo Club, founded in the Temescal neighborhood in 1920. This display will be in our meeting room.

We are also putting together a notebook of library memories from people in the community. If you have something you would like to write, please pick up a form at the front desk.

If you are interested in art, we will host two workshops by local artists. For the first one, on Monday Dec 1 from 6-8pm, Alan Leon will be conducting a workshop of "Short Order Poetry" in celebration of our 90 years in the community. The second will be on Saturday Dec 6 from 1-3 pm.

Nancy Elliot will guide participants in creating collages that depict our building's unique architecture.

Finally, on the evening of Wednesday Dec 10th, 2008 we invite you to come to a reception to celebrate our 90th birthday. As of this writing, we are still working out the details, but please call the branch as we get closer to the date for more information.

We look forward to seeing you in the library.

-Sally Bean, Branch Manager, Temescal Branch Library

SadieDey's Café 3rd Annual New Year's Pre-Eve Dance Party Featuring the world reknown ASHEBA!!!

Party starts at 5pm. Countdown to midnight is at 6pm sharp. Tickets are \$15, party of 4 is \$50. Includes Reindeer games, treats, and live concert by ASHEBA. 4210 Telegraph. 601-7378. www.sadiedeyscafe.com

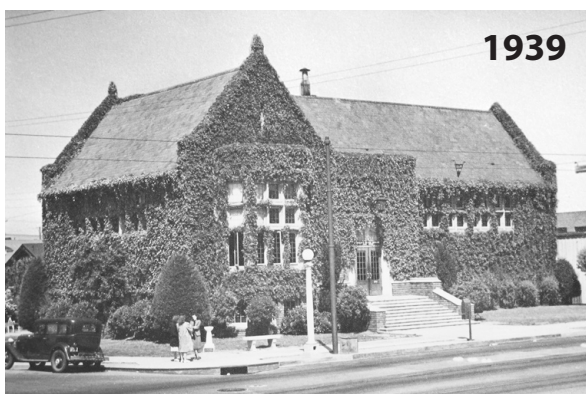
-Sue, SadieDey's Café

Eyesore to Artwork at 52nd and Shattuck: The Temescal Mural Project

Several years ago, before I joined the Board of the Temescal Telegraph B.I.D., the image came to me of converting the blank, bleak and barren gray walls of the PG&E substation at Shattuck and 52nd St into an artistic asset for Temescal. If you notice, the building is comprised of a series of framed, recessed, concrete panels... just right for a series of public murals. How could one establish a long term, inexpensive, non-controversial, AND educational community art program?

With a minimal, but sufficient, financial commitment from the B.I.D. and contacts at both PG&E and the California College for the Arts (CCA), I set out to gather enthusiasm and commitments. Well over a year later, the BID had executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) in place with both PG&E

Then and Now in Temescal



Courtesy of the Oakland History Room



Jeff Norman

Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. Completed in 1918, the Temescal Branch Library is one of five public libraries in Oakland whose construction was funded by wealthy industrialist and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie. Originally named the Alden Branch after Temescal town founder Solomon Alden, the name was changed in 1949 at the request of the Temescal Merchants Association.

Courtesy of Shared Ground/Jeff Norman, www.sharedground.org

and CCA to proceed with a “Temescal Mural Project”.

Student artists in CCA’s “Center for Art in Public Life” program studied Temescal’s history from resources found at the Temescal Library (Jeff Norman’s works – thanks!) and are currently creating large murals using themes of “welcoming” and “Temescal history”. These murals will be purchased by the B.I.D. and installed on the exterior of the PG&E building. By the end of this year we’ll have 4 new murals, with 2 more coming by June, and 2 more each semester that CCA’s community art class is taught until the panels are filled. The murals will be interspersed with banners along both the Shattuck and 52nd St. frontages to create a colorful and inviting “gateway” to Temescal at this busy intersection. The artwork will convert a former eyesore into a vibrant Temescal art asset.

It has been a passion and a pleasure to work on the “Temescal Mural Project” and to further our neighborhood’s look and feel. Watch for an announcement in the January TN&V newsletter about a public dedication ceremony for this “eyesore to artwork” effort.

-Bill Lambert, Board Member, Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District

Breakfast at Aunt Mary’s

Ok folks,

I had an amazing breakfast at Aunt Mary’s on Sunday. It’s called the Southern Bubble and Squeak (I have no idea why) but it’s was delicious—potato and southern greens cake with fried eggs on top plus a wonderful flaky buttermilk biscuit. Being from Texas I’m picky about anything calling itself Southern but I can attest this is the real thang! They serve

Cornbread, grits and even hush puppies! Also a kid’s menu.

They also have more CA infused scrambles, a frittata etc. One of my cohousers says the coffee and mochas are good and the owner Frank assured my he’s be getting chais (for us non-coffee chai addicts)

Jack and Nu are Temescal neighbors and really hope to create a neighborhood hangout. I hope you can support them by making lower Telegraph a more attractive location.

The ambience reminds me of the Crepevine in Rockridge with the front patio.

Open 7am-3pm everyday for breakfast and lunch

<http://www.auntmaryscafe.com>

-Karen Hester

Debrief of “Getting Published” October 1, 2008

Seventeen writers were present, and we got a fermenting brew going. Quite a concise, informative presentation was given by Bee Hylinski -- many thanks to her. She gave us a lot to take in, as getting published can be complicated and daunting.

For this reason we’ve decided to make our next gathering a support meeting. Come with questions, and if some of you bring projects, so much the better. We’ll pool our resources and give specific help. Perhaps a few of you will bring drafts of query letters?

Bee has also agreed to give a recap, for those who missed this first meeting, and she’ll be there for further questions on the Book Passage course, “So you have a manuscript -- now what?”

Sallie Goetze, whom we asked to come in November, has graciously

agreed to visit our December meeting, on the 5th, and present on self publishing and print-on-demand.

Next meeting: 7pm Wednesday November 3. 472 44th St. 654-6495 or 508-5149 cell. clive@matsonpoet.com. <http://www.matsonpoet.com>. <http://www.redroom.com/author/clive-matson>.

Hope your writing goes well.

-Clive Matson

Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Our Neighborhood, Our Responsibility!

Hello friends! Are you tired of the same old crime and quality of life issues plaguing your neighborhood? Well, your NCPC is here to help you out. Each month, we take on 3 neighborhood problem issues and one traffic concern. We detail what we would like to have done with these issues and, our new, Problem Solving Office, Officer John Cunnie, gets to work figuring out how to handle each problem.

Our Board works directly with the police to see that Temescal’s crime prevention needs are met. We urge each of you with an issue, crime related, quality of life, new idea for community activity, etc., to come to our meetings or contact us. We are here to help make Temescal safer for you!

Our meetings are short and move along quickly, we know your evening time is important. We often have guest speakers from the community and last week we gave away 5 anti-car theft clubs in an end of the meeting raffle! Wow, such a deal!

We meet at the Church on Webster at 49th St, at 7pm the second Thurs-

day of each month. Hope to see you there. ellenrocs+ncpc@gmail.com. 593-8678.

-Lee Edwards and Ellen Gierson, NCPC
Co-chairpersons, beat 12x

Come Meet Aunt Mary!

The newly opened Aunt Mary's Cafe is warming the hearts and stomachs of Temescal with its tasty comfort food and warm friendly atmosphere. The menu, built around traditional American dishes from the South and Southwest, is eclectic and inventive.

For breakfast you can choose from items such as Southern Bubble and Squeak (not a deep fried mouse), which consists of a savory potato and southern greens cake topped with an egg and smothered in a delicious buttery sauce. Or, for the more conventional, try their malted waffle or home-style buttermilk pancakes. Lunch offerings include a tangy pulled pork sandwich, buffalo chili, and chicken fried steak with beer

gravy. They also have salads so you won't feel too guilty...

Aunt Mary doesn't skimp on quality, choosing flavorful fair-trade coffee over traditional diner brew. An on-site baker serves up flaky, melt-in-your mouth biscuits, thick country-style bread, and calas--deep fried, lightly sweetened rice fritters that will make you wish you were from the south.

The owners, and most of the staff, are Temescal residents who share a commitment to the community. They look forward to welcoming neighbors with special events and local art exhibits. During the sunny fall mornings, guests can enjoy the shaded patio or sit in Aunt Mary's spacious dining room starting at 7am weekdays and 8am week-ends. Aunt Mary's Café 4307 Telegraph (near 43rd St.). www.aunt-maryscafe.com.

-Lisa N. Tana

Calendar

Wednesday, November 12, 8:30 am. Temescal Merchants Association's Merchant Mixer sponsored by the Business Improvement District. All are welcome. Aunt Mary's Café 4307 Telegraph. 653-7196.

Thursday, November 13 & December 11, 7 pm. Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Steering Committee. All are welcome. Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster. 420-6974.

Friday, November 14 & December 12, 7:30 pm. Poetry Saloon. Bring a poem that you have written, one by someone else to share, or just come to enjoy. 472 44th Street. 594-2200.

Saturday, November 15 & December 20, 10 am. Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek. 459-3967 or temcrk@mountaincurrent.net.

Monday, December 1 - Wednesday, December 31 Oakland Public Library's Temescal Branch 90th Anniversary Exhibit. Temescal Branch. 5205 Telegraph. 597-5049.

Wednesday, December 10, 6 pm. Temescal Merchants Association monthly meeting. All are welcome. Call for location. 653-7196.

Saturday December 20 & Sunday, December 21, 1-6 pm. Temescal Holiday Skate & Stroll (rain or shine). Outdoor ice skating rink at 49th & Telegraph.

Sunday, December 21, 10:30 am. East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse: Holiday Crafts at the Farmer's Market. 12:30 pm. Holiday Parade. Begins at the Farmer's Market and leads to Outdoor Skating Rink at 49th & Telegraph.

TNV Volunteer Opportunities

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.



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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.

Thank You!

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