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

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The First Ever Temescal Turkey Trot presented by Gym Class Fitness

Thanksgiving Morning at 8AM

Join the neighborhood in a fun, FREE, casual 1.5 mile or 5k walk/run. Meet your neighbors and burn some calories before eating the day away, cranberries and all.

All the details are on our website as well: gymclassoakland.com

The short of it is:

A 1.5 mile or 5k run/walk.

7:30AM meeting time on Thanksgiving morning

8AM The Trot begins

Meeting point: Gym Class Fitness (5427 Telegraph)

Trot course: Begins and finishes at corner of Claremont and Telegraph. The trot goes up Claremont and back down.

Feel free to dress up in funny costumes. It's par for the course, but not required. You can, however, count on seeing me or one of our friends in a turkey costume.

Kids are welcome. Families are encouraged. We'll have t-shirts for sale (I recommend buying on our website beforehand to ensure yourself one).

For a course map or to pre-order a limited edition Turkey Trot T-shirt, visit gymclassoakland.com or call 655.5777.

See you there, Turkeys!

*-Brian Burke
Gym Class Fitness*

Temescal Holiday Skate & Stroll

Saturday & Sunday, December 13th & 14th, 1PM-5PM

Temescal's Hip Holiday event returns! Candy canes, carolers, hot chocolate and pop corn and lively merchants await you on Telegraph Ave. from 48th to 51st, all weekend long.

Have fun at the outdoor ice skating rink (skates provided). Drop in on your favorite local merchants for Holiday shopping.

And don't forget to smile when you take your picture with Santa!

Building on last year's event, we are looking for volunteers to help plan this event and during the weekend of the event.

For event details, contact Darlene Darene@temescaldistrict.org. 860-7327.

Another Reason to Love Aunt Mary's Café!

Aunt Mary's Cafe hosted a benefit dinner last month to help raise much needed

funds for our neighborhood newsletter, Temescal News & Views. This was a

FABULOUS experience all the way around! The food was excellent, the atmosphere was friendly and the live music (performed by the Temescal Trio) was a treat.

Thank you to everybody who came to the dinner and thank you especially to Nu and Jack for their amazing efforts and unwavering commitment to our wonderful neighborhood. They are truly inspirational!

*-Seana Tilton,
TNV volunteer*



On Saturday, September 12, Temescal-born historian, Ray Raineri, (right of center, wearing baseball cap) led a walking tour of Temescal as part of the Oakland Heritage Alliance's annual summer walking tour program. Over two dozen people followed Ray through Temescal's business district—up and down Telegraph from 51st to 39th along the short segment of Shattuck, and up Claremont as far as the Colombo Club. The group also detoured onto Clarke St., between 48th and 49th, to learn about some of Temescal's oldest homes.

-Jeff Norman,
Shared Ground

Mural to connect Children's Hospital to Temescal

A new mural that will transform the dreary 52nd Street underpass into a work of art has won approval and a grant of \$14,000 from the City of Oakland Open Proposals art panel. The project, dubbed the "Temescal Flows" mural, is being sponsored and underwritten by the Temescal/Telegraph Business Improvement District (TTBID) providing \$60,000 of its own funds for phase one, as part of four phases.

Early in 2009, the TTBID issued a request for proposals to the Oakland arts community seeking a vision that would convert the imposing 300-foot long underpass into a gateway and connector of the Children's Hospital corridor to the Telegraph Avenue business district. Six projects were submitted and a single proposal, Temescal Flows, created by Oakland artist Alan Leon, was selected.

The Temescal Flows mural features undulating waves of color designed that evoke the natural watershed and creek system that is native to the area. Embedded in the waves of color, like cameos,

are images of the history of the area, its people, pioneers, businesses, and icons like Children's Hospital.

The project was selected because it was the most transformative project submitted. Instead of a blot on the landscape, which the underpass is now, it will become a landmark that people will recognize, as surmised by BID Board's subcommittee that worked on this project.

SEE & COMMENT: on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., location TBD - A Design forum to see mock-

ups of the mural, ask questions, make comments and help fine-tune the design. For meeting location and to view images of the mural online, turn to www.temescaldistrict.org/mural by the middle of November.

-Submitted by Gary Turchin,
TTBID Board Member

The 1st Annual Taste of Temescal Got Rave Reviews!

Heard from "Tastees": "The event was fantastic. The food was so delicious and the people both attend-

ing and hosting were fabulous."

"UNBELIEVEABLE - 450 plus people crawling around Temescal bumping into friends and discovering new businesses.

Taste of Temescal met its objectives:

1. Community building - Another Hip Happening to create an increasingly pedestrian friendly Telegraph Avenue
2. Exposure for the district by showcasing its tasty eateries and retail
3. All of the proceeds went towards local non-profit partners - Emerson Elementary, Claremont Middle School, Oakland Tech High School, Women's Cancer Resource Center and Good Cents for Oakland all received checks ranging between \$1,000 to \$2,000 each! By all accounts Taste of Temescal is a keeper. Feedback further indicates folks can't wait a whole year for another "Taste". So we will consider conducting another one in April! Thanks to the 20 restaurants who donated food and labor as well as the volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. And thanks to all who bought tickets!

-Darlene Drapkin

Temescal Auto Care-Check these guys out!

Temescal residents save 10%!

I needed to have some maintenance done on my car, so I stopped by one of Temescal's newest businesses, ADS Temescal Auto Care, located at 426-40th at Webster. 655-6626 or cell 710-8619.

They fixed me up with an alignment, tire rotation and oil change, all at a very affordable price, and he gave me a 10% discount! Such a deal!

Tong Nguyen says they specialize in doing electrical work and they are also wholesalers of starters and alternators.

They sell tires at very reasonable prices and will give Temescal residents a 10% discount, just ask! Mr Nguyen, who is ASE certified, says that he does "dealer quality work at lower prices."

They are in the preliminary stages of investigating how to "go green".

-Ellen Gierson

Temescal Resident

Miracle on 42nd Street

How do you bring a neighborhood to life? You show that it is loved. How can we show that we love our neighborhood? By making it beautiful both outwardly and inwardly. As the owner of a small business here in Oakland I have shown my love for Temescal by first locating my business here and then raising awareness and funds for various local organizations. As much as I love having my business here, I was also frustrated by the view as I entered work everyday. Broken glass, garbage, and graffiti lined the path along 42nd. If it made me sad, of course it made my customers and neighbors sad too. How could we take back this little stretch of blight? I brought this issue to Darlene of our Business Improvement District and we worked together to plan our takeover.

With a \$500 grant from the BID, landscaping by Joy Lung of Misty Morning Gardens and plenty of amazing volunteers, we have created our own small miracle on 42nd St. We tilled, we dug, we planted, we sweated, we watered and most importantly we laughed.

We have claimed this small stretch as a loved place that we look forward to seeing grow and help in the revitalization of Lower Temescal. Come see for yourself and let us know if we can help you plan your own mini takeover. The BID has two more grants to award in the district. And have you noticed the new lights on buildings on Telegraph between 40th and 42nd? That was thanks to a grant from the City's Redevelopment Agency.

-Sue Older-Mondeel

Now Open!

Temescal Produce Market in The Temescal Triangle!

5121 Telegraph at 51st Street.

Open Daily: 8 AM - 9 PM.

Drop by and say hello as they get under way.

-Carlo Busby

Temescal Merchants Association

Phat Matt's BBQ

I dropped by Phat Matts BBQ on Telegraph (3 blocks from MacArthur BART) last weekend for a truly tasty treat. The award winning food was, indeed, phenomenal and the portions were generous. Smiles were worn by all who greeted us and I greatly enjoyed speaking with owners Charlotte and Matt, learning about the fun and exciting road that led them to open their new restaurant on Telegraph.

Phat Matt offers dine in service, carry out and catering. Location: 3415 Telegraph. 812-1710. www.phatmatts.com.

So good it'll make you want to slap yo mamma!

-Nikki Medina

Temescal Resident



Tong Nguyen (Owner) and John (Mechanic)

Temescal Calendar

Mondays, 7 PM. **Toastmasters Meetings.** Develop confidence and public speaking skills. 4130 Telegraph. (415) 644-0507 x 403.

Saturday, November 21, 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, December 9, 6 PM. **Temescal Merchants Association monthly meeting.** All are welcome. Temescal Library, Call for details. 653-7196.

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

Friday, December 11, 7:30 PM. **Poetry Salon.** Bring a poem that you have written and one by someone else to share, or come to enjoy. 472 44th St. 654-6495. *Check us out on Facebook!*

Saturday, December 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.



Shop locally!

A message from Children's new president and CEO Dr. Bertram Lubin

Children's has been around nearly 100 years, and I've been here for 36.

After two months on the job, I've learned that while the challenges facing Children's are formidable, I also firmly believe that crises create opportunities.

One opportunity I am enjoying is the chance to rebuild relationships with our community and our neighbors. I've been gratified to receive hundreds of emails from across the city, county and state, including from elected officials, everyday citizens and medical colleagues. I take it to heart that so many people care about this hospital and want to help.

I know you have confidence in Children's Hospital Oakland's ability to care for children. But you can also be confident that we will work diligently to make sure Children's can continue its mission for another 100 years, right here in Oakland.

We now have an opportunity for a fresh start to meet these challenges together. I hope you'll support our efforts to provide world-class pediatric healthcare here in Oakland that is accessible to all children who need it.

I am confident we can find solutions to our challenges that benefit everyone.

Let's move forward together.

-Bertram Lubin, MD

Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland

President and CEO

Join Temescal News & Views as a volunteer on the editing team and help make a difference in Temescal!

All talents, skill-levels, and experiences are welcome, so don't be shy!

If you'd prefer to write for our newsletter, please feel free to do so—we want your news & views!

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All contributions are appreciated—time, money, resources, etcetera.

For details on volunteering, sponsoring, story submissions, or general information, please send an e-mail to:

fredrickapartments@yahoo.com

Happy Holidays from TNV!

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-Thank you!

Yes, I want to help!

Enclosed is my contribution of:

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I'd like to volunteer. Please call me.

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Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____