TEMESCAL PLAZA
OAKLAND, CA
FOR LEASE
“Temescal is a good mix of hipster cool and the real deal,” said Jennifer Reed, who was splitting a chocolate chip cookie with her daughter Esme, 3, at a turquoise ironing board outside Bakesale Betty’s.

“If you need to be in San Francisco for work or a party, you can get there in 20 minutes on public transit or from 20 to 40 minutes driving.”

“A lot of young families are moving to the area who want that urban feel but where they can build community, too. There are always activities and events brewing in the neighborhood.” said Darlene Rios Drapkin, manager of the Temescal Telegraph Community Association.

...Temescal seems like a foodie haven.

A row of former horse stables just off Oakland’s 49th street has become a destination micro community for Bay Area artisans and designers.

- 7x7 Weekend Outing: Oakland’s Temescal Alley
1,300 SF
PLUS MEZZANINE

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Doughnut Dolly
482 B 49th St
Located in the hip Temescal Alley, Doughnut Dolly is charming shop tucked in an alley around the block from Pizzaiolo and Bakesale Betty. The softball-size doughnuts ($3) are a delight - yeast-raised, hand-rolled and filled-to-order. This boutique has made Oakland quite the hub.

Bakesale Betty’s
5098 Telegraph Ave
“Folks line up for Bakesale Betty’s, then grab a seat at one of the ironing boards — no tables here — on the sidewalk to chow down on massive fried chicken sandwiches or luscious strawberry shortcakes.” Number of fried chicken sandwiches Bakesale Betty can sell on a Saturday: 1,100.

Doña Tomás
5004 Telegraph Ave
“This diverse neighborhood, filled with small homes, started to gentrify a decade ago with the opening of Doña Tomás, an upscale Mexican restaurant. Today, there are many excellent eateries packed into a few short blocks.”

Pizzaiolo
5008 Telegraph Ave
In the morning Pizzaiolo’s coffee-and-pastry program is one of the best in town. In the evening, the crowds head over for another Chez Panisse graduate’s pizzas and pastas.

Burma Superstar
4721 Telegraph Ave
Its trendiness means that you’ll quite likely wait for a table. And once you get inside, this restaurant’s coolly dark design — black bar, black ceiling, black-and-concrete floor compliment its flavors.

Cholita Linda
4923-27 Telegraph Ave
A favorite stand at the Temescal Farmer’s Market, Cholita Linda officially opened a brick and mortar store in 2014. Know for their fish tacos, adorable decor, and family vibe, Cholita Linda is a bit hit in Temescal.
OAKLAND’S LARGEST EMPLOYERS

1) Oakland Children’s Hospital
   1,970 employees

2) Pixar (Emeryville)
   850 employees

3/4) Kaiser Permanente Oakland
     6,606 employees

5) City of Oakland
   4,630 employees

6) Alameda County Offices
   7,734 employees

7) Oakland Unified School District
   5,689 employees

8) Peralta Community College
   2,020 employees
Krista Knudsen Thomas has lived in Temescal, a vibrant multicultural neighborhood in North Oakland, Calif., since 2007. She moved into a 1920s house on 44th Street, one of a pair that the family of her then-boyfriend (now husband) had bought for a total of about $625,000. Her sister-in-law lives in the other house. “A little compound,” Ms. Knudsen Thomas, 41, calls the arrangement.

From the secure niche, Ms. Knudsen Thomas, who owns a Pilates studio in the Montclair Village neighborhood of Oakland, has watched Temescal develop with the unevenness of a colt. Referring to the continuing homelessness, crime and spotty conveniences (the neighborhood, for instance, lacks a grocery store), she said, “There’s an influx of people with more money, but I haven’t seen that it’s improved people’s lives.”

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But many in the neighborhood are con- cerned about the loss of established businesses and the displacement of low-income residents.

Some have challenged a proposed 24-story development across the street from the Bay Area Rapid Transit MacArthur Station on 40th Street. They say that with 402 market-rate apartments (as well as 45 affordable ones), it would effective- ly be a vertical gated community whose height and wealth would be at odds with the area.

And there were cheers last year when the Kingfish Pub & Cafe, which had operated on Claremont Avenue since the re- peal of Prohibition, moved its entire build- ing 35 yards to 5227 Telegraph Avenue after it was threatened with demolition to make way for a condominium project.

At the same time, many of the enter- prises that give Temescal its cachet not only contribute tax dollars that help it prosper but are sensitive to the needs of an economically diverse community. Ruby’s Garden, for example, a children’s store at 5026 Telegraph, sells new and secondhand clothes so there’s something affordable for everyone, while Temes- cal Brewing opened in June 2016 at 4115 Telegraph Avenue with the slogan: “Fresh beer. No jerks.”

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What You’ll Find

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HAPPENINGS AROUND TEMESCAL

Temescal Farmers Market

5300 Claremont Ave.

Year Round, every Sunday
9am - 1pm

In an area where we have one of the world's renowned farmers' markets, it is easy to overlook neighborhood markets. But the truth is that often we don’t have the time or the will to elbow through the crowds at the Ferry Building. On the weeks when you’d like to avoid the weekend farmers’ market crush, or you’d simply like some drama-free shopping at markets that will provide you with many of your necessities, consider one of the Bay Area’s neighborhood markets.

Temescal Street Fair

Telegraph Avenue
Between 45th & 51st
North Oakland

The festival attracts over 15,000 people of many ethnicities from all over the Bay Area as Temescal has emerged as one of the East Bay’s hippest neighborhoods.

The festival is sponsored by the Temescal Telegraph Community Association, founded to revitalize the economic potential of Temescal, one of Oakland’s oldest neighborhoods. The event features two stages (Main Stage and Kids’ Stage) and promotes local craft artists and cultural performers, representative of the rich mosaic of culture in the area.