

PANIL Notes

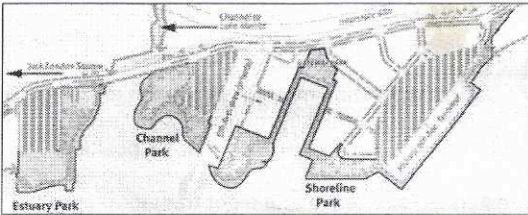
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PANIL Meeting: Wednesday, 6/14, 7:30 pm — Oak to 9th Project

**Speakers: Naomi Schiff, President, Oakland Heritage Alliance
Rajiv Bhatia, MD, MPH**



Visualization of the view from Embarcadero towards the planned Channel Park (at top) and with a building of the size proposed



The striped areas were shown as parkland in the Estuary Policy Plan, but are now proposed as building sites.

Oakland voters passed the Measure DD park bond by an 80% margin in 2002. This bond was designed to implement the Estuary Policy Plan and provided \$18M to develop waterfront parks in the Oak Street to 9th Avenue area.

Now Oakland Harbor Partners wants to build 3,100 housing units on our waterfront, cutting out 40% of those parks. From a notice in the Montclairian sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club, "The remaining parks would mostly be hidden from public view, and serve owners of pricey new condos. Wall-to-wall buildings, 6 to 24 stories high, would block views of the water from the Embarcadero, the main access street. For example, the developer wants to take a third of Channel Park for condos, blocking views (see visualizations at left)."

How important are parks, the intent of Measure DD and the Estuary Policy Plan to you?

The City Council is scheduled to hear this item on 6/20. Come to the PANIL meeting on Wednesday, 6/14 and get informed.

Source (photo and diagram): Naomi Schiff

PANIL Notes

As you have no doubt noticed, distribution of PANIL Notes has been sporadic at best this year.

Publication of PANIL Notes will be suspended during the months of July and August so the publication can undergo a complete review.

The Steering Committee expects to have everything back on track by September. Memberships will be extended two months, as well as current advertising.

We still need distributors. If you have an hour a month you can contribute, please call Margitta Gardner at 652.6609 or e-mail migbrynas@aol.com. Thanks!

Upcoming meetings

Kaiser

City Council, Community and Economic Development Committee public hearing
Tuesday, 6/13, 4 pm
City Hall, Hearing Room 1

City Council, first reading/public hearing
Tuesday, 6/27, 7 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

City Council, public hearing/final passage
Tuesday, 7/11, 7 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

Oakland library master plan

Proposed Bond Measure for the 11/06 ballot

Life Enrichment Committee
Tuesday, 6/13, 6 pm
City Hall, Hearing Room 1

City Council, public hearing
Tuesday, 6/20, 7 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

For all city meetings: free parking at the Clay street garage and for public transit info go to www.BART.gov or www.actransit.org.

Note: Oakland committee /council meetings are broadcast on KTOP (Cable Channel 10).

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GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS TUESDAY, 8/1, 7 TO 9 PM

**Host a block party on
National Night Out – it's Amer-
ica's night against crime!**

Research shows that neighborhoods are
safer when residents know each other.
Please strength our neighborhood by orga-
nizing a block party, barbeque, ice cream
social or other event that will bring your
neighbors together. Each registered block
party will receive a visit from police officers,
fire fighters or other city staff to talk with
neighbors and pass out give-away items.

To register your block party, contact Na-
tional Night Out Coordinator Brenda Ivey at
238.3091. The deadline to register your
party is 5 pm on Friday, 7/7. Only regis-
tered groups will be eligible for a visit. The
following information is required:

- name of host
- address
- home and work telephone numbers
- event address
- e-mail address
- approximate number of people attend-
ing

Note: If you plan to block off your street,
you will need to obtain a block party permit
from the Special Events unit of the Oakland
Police Department (238.3154).

911 stats

On an average 65M calls are made to dis-
patch each month, about 18% higher than
last year. Approximately 25M were emergency
(911 or 777.3211) calls. 32M were non-
emergency and 8M abandoned calls. This aver-
ages out to approximately 2,200 per day or 90/
hour.

Calls are ranked by priority:

- 0) Very highest priority (terrorist attack,
major disaster)
- 1) Eminent dangers (life threatening medical
emergency, accident with injury, crime in
process)
- 2) Emergent crime (not an immediate threat
such as drug dealing, accident without in-
jury)
- 3) Non-emergency (cold report, burglary after
burglar has left)
- 4) Dispatch not required (report over phone or
by mail)

When calling: 911 or 777.3211 should be
used for priorities 0, 1 and 2. 777.333 should
be used for priority 3 and 4 calls.

During the month of April there were:

- Priority 1 – 2,694 calls, 10.4%
- Priority 2 – 16,947 calls, 65.5%
- Priority 3 – 5,656 calls, 21.9%
- Priority 4 – 577 calls, 2.2%

A dispatch hiring freeze has been in effect for
several years. The current authorized number of
dispatchers is 72. However, only 67 positions
are currently filled and that includes five out on
extended sick leave and eight trainees.

Because of the dispatch shortage, there have
been times when calls are backed up for twenty
or more minutes when several major incidents
have happened simultaneously, e.g.: multiple
murders, major traffic accident, etc. However
according to the dispatch computer the average
wait time is 20 seconds for emergency calls and
45 seconds for non-emergency calls.

Due to the shortage of officers, the average
time to dispatch an officer is approximately five
minutes for a priority 1 call, 53 minutes for a
priority 2 call and 130 minutes for a priority 3
call. This means that (currently), a call
concerning drug dealing will not be assigned to
an officer for nearly an hour and a call regarding
a non-injury accident will not be assigned to an
officer for over two hours.

Remember: 911 calls on cell phones go to the
California Highway Patrol in Vallejo. For that
reason, it is suggest that residents program their
cell phones to speed dial 777.3211
(emergency) and 777.333 (non-emergency).

Source: Osman Vincent

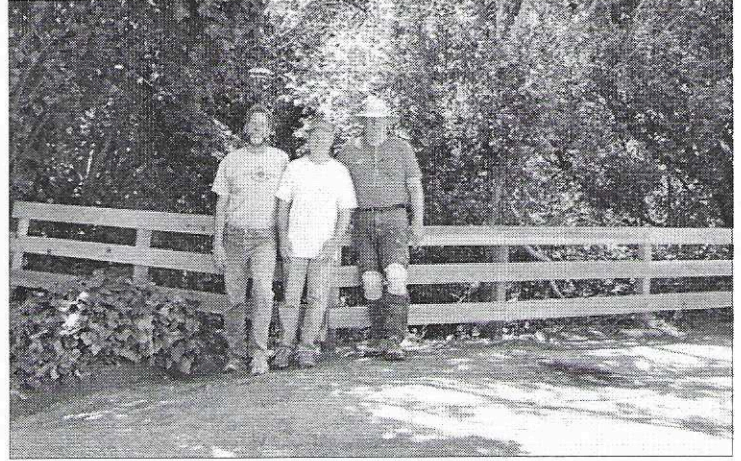
**Treasures, trinkets and more
can be found at
the 11th Annual**

John Street Jumble Sale

**Saturday, 7/22
9 am to 1 pm
100 block of John Street
and well beyond!**

**For more information,
call Lesley Mandros Bell
at 654.1386**

Piedmont Avenue residents celebrate Oakland Earth Day — April 22



Entrada, Glen and Arroyuelo neighbors work on their portion of Glen Echo Creek. Check out the new fence. Nice job!
Photos courtesy of Phil Laing



In addition to the Entrada/Glen/Arroyuelo and Glen Echo Park crews, neighbors:

- weeded the median on Pleasant Valley Road between Piedmont Avenue and Moraga (sixteen bags were filled!)
- cleaned debris from the Richmond Boulevard portion of Glen Echo Creek
- planned future enhancements for the Mather/Gilbert traffic islands

It was a great (clean-up) day in the neighborhood!

Clean up at Glen Echo Park (Monte Vista Avenue)
Photos courtesy of Ronile Lahti



Memorial Day Celebration at
Mountain View Cemetery
Photo courtesy of Phil Laing

ON THE AVENUE

April Tulip and Art Festival

Thanks to the following merchants who helped make the first Piedmont Avenue Tulip and Art Festival such a great success: A Step Forward, Abigail, Avenue Cuts, Black Swan Books, Chapel of the Chimes, Cremalite Dessert Café, Dress Best for Less, Ecclesiastique, Gaylord's Caffè Espresso, Given Gold, L'Amix Tea Bar, Lucciola Children's Books, J. Miller Flowers and Gifts, Montano Velo Bike Shop, The Packaging Store, Park Avenue Restaurant and Bar, Piedmont Doors and Windows, Piedmont Hairport, Piedmont Healing Arts Center, Piedmont Network Chiropractic, Piedmont Springs, Piedmont Systems, Polish on Piedmont, Rooz Café, Sophisticated Lady, JB Turner and Sons, V-Tex Fabrics and Eclipse Collection and Waterlillies.

Special thanks to the following sponsors: Piedmont Grocery, Joan Dark of Pacific Union Realty, Piedmont Copy and an anonymous donor from PANIL.

Thanks also to the PAMA/PANIL Coordinating Committee: Ann Kraynak, Tim Haggerty, Allison Rodman, Doreen Herbruger and Ronile Lahti

And, many thanks to Mountain View Cemetery for kicking off the month-long event with their great Tulip Extravaganza and providing the festival banners.

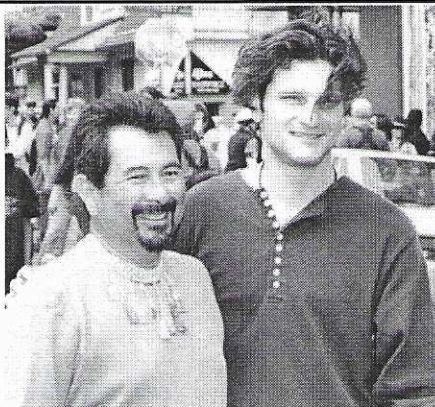
Hope to see you next year

Banners

The permanent Piedmont Avenue banners are now up and the out-dated Summit/Alta Bates Hospital banners are down! Thanks are due to Wilmer Fong for the design, PANIL and PAMA for coordinating the installation (and removal of the old hospital banners) and Councilmember Jane Brunner for providing the funds. Enjoy!

Ohlone Mural

It wasn't without controversy, but we finally dedicated the mural. Thanks to all of you who came and supported the Avenue and Rocky Baird, our resident artist



Artist Rocky Baird and Andrew A. Galvan, Native American Indian Consultant and Curator of the Mission Dolores Museum, San Francisco.

Rocky consulted with Andrew during his creation of the Ohlone Mural.

Ohlone Mural dedication: 4/29/06

Photo courtesy of Phil Laing

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Library community meeting

By Ronile Lahti

On Sunday, 6/4 members of the community and the Oakland Library's administrative staff met at our branch to discuss where we fit within the library's master plan.

The future of our branch has been the focus of PANIL's library committee for the past several months. It's obvious that there are certain physical deficiencies that the branch must overcome — lack of an ADA compliant bathroom and stack access are two that come to mind.

Possible solutions:

- keep the branch at 41st and Piedmont Avenue and expand to 4,000 square feet
- keep the branch at 41st and Piedmont Avenue and expand to 5,200 square feet
- move the branch to the parking lot at 40th and Piedmont Avenue (included in this proposal is an underground garage and some surface parking)
- don't make any changes

The library's master plan is very extensive and impacts every branch in the system (including the development of four new branches). And, as always, money is an issue. Current plans are to place a bond measure on the Fall, 2006 ballot (see page 1).

For more information go to www.oakandlibrary.org or come to a PANIL library meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month, 5th floor lounge, Piedmont Gardens, 7 pm.

SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL Good-bye to PANSA

It is with regret that we say good-bye to PANSA (Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood School Association). For many years, PANSA has been the neighborhood's primary advocate for Piedmont Avenue Elementary School. Thanks in large part to this organization the school was painted, a new wing added, computers installed, Reading Partners became an integral part of the school environment and Owl Park (aka the school playground) was completed with new trees, new sod, new game and picnic tables, new play structure and a Rocky Baird mural. Special thanks are due to John and Renata Woodbury, Lesley and Steve Mandros Bell, Ruby Long, Kirsten Evans-Orville, Kerry Hamill and Christine Abrams, as well as many other PANSA members too numerous to mention, for their contributions to the school and our community.

New ways to volunteer

Two new groups have started at Piedmont Avenue:

- Piedmont Avenue PTA. Call the school's office at 879.1460 for more information.
- New yahoo group: walktoschool-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. They have scheduled community play dates and garden work parties for 7/9 and 8/13.

Hopefully, these two groups will continue the spirit and dedication of PANSA.

IT'S SUMMER TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales at our library

By Helen Bloch, Children's Librarian

Join the library for a summer of fun!

From 6/10 to 8/12, children and families can once again participate in the **Oakland Public Library's Children's Summer Reading Program**. Children can win a free book and more by signing up for the program and reading eight hours. Parents and older children may read to children who aren't reading yet. Participants who read eight hours or 32 picture books will also be entered into a raffle for even more prizes. Once again this year you can join in a family literacy fun program and learn creative ways to make reading more fun for your family.

Also, join us for the following programs (in the library and on the lawn, weather permitting):

Mon, 6/12, 7 pm Marcus Raymond, Juggling and Silliness Galore

Mon, 6/19, 7 pm East Bay Depot - Animal Crafts that "Paw, Claw and Scale"

Mon, 6/26, 7 pm Puppet Art theater presents Tommy's Pirate Adventure

Mon, 7/10, 7 pm Timothy James, Magician Extraordinaire

Mon, 7/17, 7 pm East Bay Vivarium, Live reptiles and amphibians

Sat, 7/22, 10 am Family Reading Fun Program

Mon, 7/31, 7 pm Opera Piccolo presents Hansen and Gretel, Help us sing/act!

Mon, 8/7, 7 pm Gary Lapow, Singer/Songwriter

Sun, 8/20, 1 pm Summer Reading Celebration at the Oakland Museum (admission free with completed reading log or coupon)

Please check with the branch for registration or other special requirements.

Our branch is open:

Mon	12:30 to 8 pm
Tues	10 am to 5:30 pm
Wed	10 am to 5:30 pm
Thurs	10 am to 5:30 pm
Fri	Noon to 5:30 pm
Sat	10 am to 5:30 pm

PANIL elections

Steering Committee elections are conducted by mail in July. Ballots are sent to all PANIL members the last week of June, and the results are announced in the September issue of PANIL Notes.

Here are your candidates:

Joan Dark

Joan is active in the neighborhood in many ways. As a realtor, she specializes in the Piedmont Avenue area and donates a percentage of her realtor's fees to the Piedmont Avenue Elementary School. Currently, Joan serves as chair of the PANIL library committee.

Margitta Gardner

Margitta has been involved in the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood for several years. She coordinates PANIL's Whistlestop program, is the neighborhood watch captain for her block, co-chair of PANIL's public safety committee and a member of the Piedmont Avenue Friends of the Public Library.

Martin Huff

Martin is a retired CPA, former Executive Officer at the California State Franchise Tax Board, former auditor-controller for the city of Oakland and a current resident of Piedmont Gardens. Martin serves as the senior liaison on the PANIL Steering Committee and coordinates advertising for PANIL Notes.

Bill Manley

Bill has lived in the neighborhood since 1990. He is active in the Citizens Planning Council for the MacArthur BART Transit Village, works for the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, coordinates PANIL's financial records and is co-chair of the PANIL public safety committee.

Valerie Winemiller

For over thirty years, Valerie's special interest has been land use and zoning and she often speaks for the neighborhood before the Planning Commission and City Council. A member of PANIL since its inception she works to see that development in the area meet the city's stated policy goal to "preserve and enhance" the best in the neighborhood.

Don't forget to vote!

Calendar**PANIL Meeting**

2nd Wednesday of the month,
(See page 1 for information)

Steering Committee

1st Friday of the month, 7 pm
5th floor lounge
Piedmont Gardens
110 41st Street

Glen Echo Creek**Work Day**

2nd Saturday of the month
9:30 am, Monte Vista Avenue
654.1930

Chapel of the Chimes Tour

(Historical and Botanical)
3rd Saturday of the month
10 am to noon, FREE, 654.0123

Mt. View Cemetery Tour

Docent led tour
2nd Saturday of the month
10 am, FREE

Piedmont Avenue Branch Library

160 41st Street, 597.5011

Storytimes

Toddlers
Every Wednesday, 10:30 am
Preschool
Every Wednesday, 11 am

Summer Reading Program

6/10 to 8/12

See page 5

Saturday Knitting Club

Every Saturday
3 to 4 pm

Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgender Book Club

is now holding meetings at the
L'Amey Tea Bar
Piedmont Avenue at Linda
2nd Monday of each month
6:30 to 8 pm

For more neighborhood news go to
<http://www.panil.org/calendar/>.
To place an item on PANIL's calendars, e-mail Minnie Sage at mam-sage@earthlink.net.

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Come to Councilmember Jane Brunner's Annual Picnic

When: Sunday, July 9, Noon to 4 pm

Where: North end of the Lake Temescal picnic area

Bring a side dish to share

For more information call 238.7001

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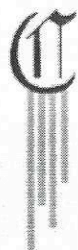


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