

PANIL Notes

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Citibank banks on library! By Joan Dark



L-R: Robb Manley, Citibank area manager; Jeff Vandevor, Citibank financial center manager, Piedmont Avenue Financial Center; Joan Dark of PANIL; Margitta Gardner of Friends of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library; Jane Brunner, District 1 Council member; and Kerry Hamill, District 1 representative, Oakland Board of Education
Photographer: Linda Taylor

On Saturday, February 11th, a unique celebration was held. At a sunny afternoon party which flowed congenially between the library and Citibank, PANIL and the Friends of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library thanked Citibank for three decades of almost free use of the library building. Citibank presented the library with a check for \$5,000 and Citibank became the first recipient of our "Community Star Award" for support of a beloved and much-used institution. The "Library Band" (aka the San Francisco Medicine Ball Band) played on, cake was served, the Piedmont Avenue Elementary School Clown Troupe entertained and the

Friends of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library's book sale made over \$500.

Jane Brunner (city council), Carmen Martinez (Director of Libraries) and Kerry Hamill (school board) were on hand to thank Citibank and express the City's support for the library, its staff and its crucial place in our community.

Our thanks to all who assisted with this event.

Stay tuned for further developments about "the little library that could and does!"

MARCH MEETING

Your Old House windows: Do you really have to choose between history and energy efficiency?

By Valerie Winemiller

We know what the aluminum/vinyl window sales people say. What's the real story on wood windows? With a slide show and hand-outs, experts on wood windows tell all!

Can your old windows be fixed? How? What's the comparative energy efficiency of the various choices? (It may not be what you think!) What's wrong with aluminum or vinyl on an old house, anyway? What raises the value of my house the most?

Bring photos of your old house and have your questions answered.

Speakers:

- Jane Powell, old house restoration expert and author of *Bungalow Kitchens*, *Bungalow Bathrooms*, *Bungalow Details*, and *Linoleum*.
- Bill Essert of Wooden Windows, Inc., repair and replacement experts, consultants who showed the Oakland School District that repairing the historic windows at city landmark Oakland Tech was cheaper and longer lasting than the replacements planned.

PANIL MEETING

**Piedmont Gardens
110 41st Street
11th Floor Sky Room**

Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 pm

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPD) – Paul Brekke-Miesner, Neighborhood Services Coordinator (NSC) and officers from the Oakland Police Department

Your Old House windows: do you really have to choose between history and energy efficiency?

April 2006 Piedmont Avenue Tulip & Art Festival

For further information, please call Valerie Winemiller at 653.4552 or send e-mail to vwinemiller@hotmail.com.

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April 2006 Piedmont Avenue Tulip & Art Festival

The April 2006 Piedmont Avenue Tulip & Art Festival will begin with Mt. View Cemetery's 38th annual tulip display featuring 30,000 Dutch tulips. Along with individual merchants hosting and displaying local artisans, there will be free events every weekend in April.

Friday, 3/31, Saturday and Sunday, 4/1 and 4/2 – 10 am to 3 pm

Mt. View Cemetery

"Tantalizing Tulips" in the Tower Chapel

Featuring tulip floral arrangements created by the following: Berkeley Florist, Callalily, J. Miller Flowers & Gifts, Bonnie Pearson, Floral Design Studio, Flower House, Lee's Florist & Nursery, Lyal Nickals Florist, Mei Wo Florist, Montclair Florist, Orchid Florist, Seiferts' Floral Company, Seulberger's Flowers & Gift's, Sumito's Floral, John S. Towata's Flowers, Merritt College Floral Design, Orinda Garden Club, Piedmont Garden Club

Sunday, 4/2 – 2 to 4 pm

Oakland Lyric Opera – "Opera Scenes and Arias"

Chapel of the Chimes

Saturday, 4/8 – 10 am

Mt. View Cemetery Docent Tour

Saturday, 4/8 – 2 to 4 pm

Gospel Music Concert

Chapel of the Chimes

Sunday, 4/9 – Noon to 4 pm

Antique Car Collection and Trolley Car Ride

Piedmont Avenue at Pleasant Valley Road

Piedmont Piano and the Chapel of the Chimes

Saturday, 4/15 – 10 am to noon

Chapel of the Chimes Docent Tour

Saturday, 4/15 – 1 to 3 pm

Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League (PANIL) plant swap

San Francisco Medicine Ball Band

Key Route Plaza (41st and Piedmont Avenue)

Sunday, 4/16 – noon to 4 pm

Cherry Blossom Viewing and Tea

Chapel of the Chimes

"Jazz at the Chimes" – 2 to 4 pm

Chapel of the Chimes

Saturday, 4/22 – 10 am to noon

Piedmont Avenue Historical Walk

Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League (PANIL)

Gather at Key Route Plaza (41st and Piedmont Avenue)

Saturday, 4/29 – 1 to 3 pm

Ohlone Mural Dedication and Celebration

41st and Piedmont Avenue at Gaylords

San Francisco Medicine Ball Band

Watch the kiosk at 41st and Piedmont Avenue for additional events and any time changes.

Partial list of sponsors: Piedmont Avenue Merchants Association (PAMA), Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League (PANIL), Chapel of the Chimes, Mt. View Cemetery, Piedmont Copy and Jeffrey Neidleman and Joan Dark of Pacific Union (GMAC Real Estate)

IMPORTANT DATES

Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center Master Plan Project

Case No: ER 05-0004

Notice of release and availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

Review period – 3/2 to 4/16/2006
Copies are available at –

- Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, Monday - Friday, 9:30 am to 5 pm
- Oakland Public Library, Social Science and Documents, 125 14th Street, Oakland
- <http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/majorProjects/Section/Kaiser.html>

Public Hearings:

Monday, 3/13, 6 pm

Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

Wednesday, 3/22, 6:30 pm

Special meeting of the City Planning Commission, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland (DEIR comments, comments on Master Plan, General Plan amendment, rezoning)

All comments must be received no later than 4 pm on Monday, 4/17.

For further information, please contact Valerie Winemiller at 653.4552 or vwinemiller@hotmail.com.

MacArthur BART Transit Village

Case No: ER 06-0004

Notice of Preparation (NOP) to prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was published on 2/15.

Public comment period for the NOP ends on 3/16.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, 3/15, 6:30 pm City Planning Commission, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland.

Staff recommendation for hearing: receive public and commissioner comments about what information and analysis should be included in the EIR.

For a description of the project, vicinity map and site plan go to: <http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revisedplanningzoning/MajorProjects/Section/Macarthur.html>.

If you have questions, please call or e-mail:

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Calendar

PANIL Meeting

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

Steering Committee

1st Friday of the month, 7 pm
655.1723

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

Saturday Knitting Club

Every Saturday
3 to 4 pm

Free tax help at the following branches (thru 4/17):
Main, Chavez, Dimond and Temescal
Call 238.3134 for info

Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgender Book Club

is now holding meetings at the L'Amyx 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 mamsage@earthlink.net.

Can you help?

Piedmont Avenue Elementary School's Reading Partners are accepting books until Wednesday, 3/15 for their March book sale. The sale is limited to students at Piedmont Avenue Elementary School. The goal is to make sure each student is able to purchase at least one book.

If you have children's books you would like to donate, please bring them to the school library marked "for book sale" or contact Ruby Long at 595.9514. Thanks!

Count Me In!

____ Here's my check for \$_____ (minimum \$15.00) to join PANIL.

____ Please send me a safety whistle (\$3.50/each).

Name/s _____

Address _____


Phone/Email _____

Mail to PANIL, PO Box 20375, Oakland, CA 94620
Contributions to PANIL are not tax deductible

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****April 2006 Piedmont Avenue Tulip & Art Festival****
Support our neighborhood – participate in the festival
Go to page 2 for a calendar of events
Bring your family and friends!!

In honor of the Piedmont Avenue Tulip & Art Festival
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Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood School Association

Piedmont Avenue School Library—4314 Piedmont Avenue

General Meeting and Book Care Night
—second Monday of each month, 7 pm

Call 510.654.6591 for more information

