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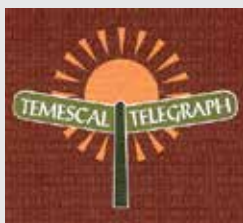
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Three Ways to Support More Swings and Play Features at FROG Park

FROG Park is a green space treasure for Temescal, providing a safe, clean space for field trips, birthday parties, playmates and family adventures. It was built in 2001 entirely by volunteers, and now we're seeking additional community support to further enhance FROG Park.

Our community fundraising drive will fund the addition of toddler swings, more regular swings, an ADA swing, a see-saw, pole spinners, and a climbing merry-go-round.

Here are 3 ways you can help us get more fun out of Frog Park:

1. Donate. Every dollar counts, and we need the full support of the community to make this a reality. Donate online at www.frogpark.org/swings.

2. Like Us. Join our community on Facebook. "Like" us and share photos of your children or families at the park during November. Two lucky Facebook friends will be randomly selected to win a \$25 gift certificate to a local book store. www.facebook.com/frogpark.

3. Matching Funds. If you work for a business that would like to help us enhance FROG Park for area children and families, now is the time to ask for their financial support! A local family foundation (that wishes to remain anonymous) will donate \$15,000 in matching funds for money contributed by companies by December 31, 2014. Please make sure your business knows about this opportunity to support our community fundraising effort for new swings and play features.

For more information email info@frogpark.org. ♦

—Annie Suttle, FROG Park volunteer



FROG Park toddler swing.



Shop Local this Holiday Season!

The Temescal Alleys will be hosting another holiday artisan fair on Sunday, December 7th from 11-4 pm. This will be a great chance to kick start your holiday shopping with wonderful gifts from the existing businesses as well as many additional and specialty vendors.

There will be special events happening in the alley shops, including a holiday print sale at Interface Gallery. There will be great food and drinks served up by our local restaurants as well as a craft beer vendor pouring drinks for a great cause!

Check our website for updated details: www.temescalalleys.com. ♦

New Police Commander for North Oakland Area 2



Temescal has a new police commander: Captain Darren Allison, who recently took over for Captain Toribio as the Area 2 Commander. Area 2 is the area traditionally known as North Oakland and includes Temescal, Rockridge, KONO, Golden Gate, Montclair, and Piedmont Avenue.

You can reach Captain Allison at DAllison@oaklannet.com or follow him on Twitter at [@area2opd](https://twitter.com/area2opd). ♦

Oakland Tech Baseball Christmas Tree Fundraiser!

If you plan to purchase a cut Christmas tree this season, please consider purchasing one through the Oakland Tech Baseball team. All money raised supports the Bulldogs and the baseball program at Tech. Trees will be cut fresh in Oregon on Thursday 12/4 and will be ready to pick up at Tech on 12/6 and 12/7. We deliver too!

Orders must be placed before 11/7. Visit the Tech website at oaklandtech.com and look for the Christmas Tree Fundraiser for Baseball link. Douglas Fir and Noble Fir trees will be available. Thanks for your support! ♦

—Julie Parker,
Oakland Tech Baseball parent

GOT AN ITEM FOR THE CALENDAR? E-mail: temescalnewsandviews@gmail.com

Every Sunday, 9 am - 1 pm. Temescal Farmers' Market, 5300 Claremont Ave., DMV parking lot. Please bring your own bags. The farmers' market also accepts WIC coupons.

Sundays, 9 am. Keep Temescal Clean & Beautiful meets to pick up trash and clean graffiti. 43rd & Shafter. Rain cancels. Gloves, bags and litter pick-up tools are provided. Call Tim Anderson at 698-2393 or AndersTim@gmail.com with questions. More info at <http://www.facebook.com/KeepTemescalClean>.

Every Mon - Fri, 9 am - 3 pm. The North Oakland Senior Center is open for members of the community. The annual \$12 membership entitles seniors 55 and older to qualify for discounts on activities and trips. Come enjoy arts and crafts, health insurance counseling, exercise and dance, trips and tours and classes at 5714 MLK Jr. Way, 597-5085.

Every Monday, 7 pm. East Bay Toastmasters meets at 4130 Telegraph Avenue; enter through the parking lot on 41st St. For more information contact Bill at 510-922-8414.

Every Tuesday, 2 pm - 7 pm. Phat Beets Farmers Market at Children's Hospital, 744 52nd St. between MLK Way and Dover.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Preschool story time. Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave., 597-5049.

Saturdays, 10 am - 3 pm. North Oakland Farmer's Market in the Santa Fe neighborhood at 5715 Market St., in the historic Arlington Medical Center "Doc Watson Clinic" parking lot. Sponsored by Phat Beets. <http://www.phatbeetsproduce.org>.

Saturday Nov. 1, 11 am - 1 pm. First Saturday playdates at Emerson Elementary School. Come to the kindergarten playground on Shafter to meet neighborhood families, play together and learn more about what's happening at Emerson. Repeats Dec. 6. Learn more about Emerson Elementary at <http://www.emersonschool.net/>.

Tuesday Nov. 4, 7 am - 8 pm. Election Day! The City of Oakland will use ranked-choice voting to elect the Mayor, City Council Members, City Auditor and School directors. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. For more information, go to: <http://www.acgov.org/rov>.

Wednesday Nov. 12, 6 pm - 8 pm. Community meeting with Oakland Unified Superintendent Antwan Wilson, hosted by school board member Jody London. This is a great opportunity for parents, students, teachers and other community members to meet OUSD's new Superintendent and learn more about his plans. Chabot Elementary School Multi-purpose Room, 6686 Chabot Road. Childcare is available for school-age children. To reserve a spot, contact jody.london@ousd.k12.ca.us.

Friday Nov. 14, 6 pm. Poetry Saloon (drunk on poetry!) We gather the second Friday of the month with a casual potluck at 6 pm, reading at 7:30 pm. For the reading, bring a couple of poems of yours and someone else's, or 2-3 pages of prose, or come just to enjoy. Dessert, coffee and tea are provided. Hosts are Kayla Sussell and Jayne McPherson. 472 44th Street between Telegraph and Webster. Contact Clive Matson at 510-654-6495 with any questions. Repeats Dec 12.



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