



LAKESHORE Homes Association

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

❖ Be more cautious and observant when going to and from the business district. Report any suspicious activities. Please focus on the behavior of the persons, e.g., cars with 3-4 people in them driving down the street slowly; persons soliciting without a permit. **Please call OPD non-emergency 777-3333 regarding suspicious persons/activities.**

❖ **For crimes in progress and other threatening or dangerous situations, please call 911 or by cell phone 777-3211.** Also call OPD emergency when you see people looking into car after car or looking into windows and otherwise trespassing on private property.

❖ If you are interested in safety and security training for your block, including refresher training if you have already had training, please **contact the LHA office at 451-7160** and we will **arrange for a Neighborhood Watch meeting** through the Oakland Police Department or visit the Neighborhood Watch website for more information and more *crime prevention tips*:
www.oaklandnet.com/neighborhoodservices.html

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Office Hours 10-1 Monday-Friday

Committee meetings are held at the LHA office at 7:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Preservation 1st Wednesday
Parks Committee 2nd Wednesday
Board of Directors 3rd Wednesday
Membership Committee 4th Wednesday

Board of Directors
Board President Gerry Montmorency
Vice President Vicky DeYoung
Secretary Mary Merrick
Treasurer Joshua Morgan
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What's Up

Check out LHA's new and expanded website at www.lakeshorehome.net

LHA Fall Wine Tasting
Sunday October 2 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the park at Carlston and Longridge. All proceeds to benefit the Oakland Police Department's Project O.P.E.N.

Calling All Foodies
The Eat Real Festival will once again celebrate all things tasty on Friday, Saturday and Sunday Sept 23-25th at Jack London Square. For more information, visit the website at eatrealfest.com

California Senate Bill 183 signed into law NOW requires that ALL SINGLE FAMILY homes be equipped with Carbon Monoxide detector.

If you have not already done so, please fill out the Email Authorization Indemnification Form included in this newsletter. Later this year the Association will begin communications via email to those who have authorized us to do so.

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August 2011

National Night Out a Huge Success

All over Oakland, a similar scene played out August 2 for National Night Out, a nationwide block party that encourages neighbors to throw an outdoor party and get to know one another in an effort to reduce crime. Last year, 37 million people across the United States and Canada participated.

This year, a record 559 people signed up to host parties in Oakland—over 100 more parties than last year, including by last count, at least 8 streets right here in LHA. The get-togethers ranged in size from a few people to several hundred. Police officers, firefighters and other city employees were divided into teams to attend each of the parties. They delivered pairs of A's tickets to the party hosts.

Our own gatherings included a number of potlucks and in one case a cocktail party. By whatever venue, it seems clear that everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, the chance to network with each other while sharing wonderful food.



Block party on Trestle Glen

The best deterrent to crime has always been neighbors watching out for each other. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the LHA CARES questionnaire. We hope to have a second printing of the booklets for everyone in the near future. If anyone is interested in attending a Home Alert meeting or schedule a home security audit call the office and we will make all the necessary arrangements. The enclosed Home Security Tips Check List may be useful to identify security problems in your home.

Wine Tasting in the Park



Come one come all to **Wine Tasting in the Park** on Sunday **October 2** from 2-5 p.m. in the park at Longridge and Carlston. Sample wines from local vintners with all proceeds **benefiting** the Oakland Police Department's **Project O.P.E.N** (Oakland Police Emergency Net). Project O.P.E.N was established to assist active, retired and disability retired Oakland Police Officers and their families in times of need by providing counseling, scholarships and training.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Over the past 6 months the Association has learned that a number of our long-time residents have passed away. Over the years they have enriched us as a community and we all are better for having known them. They will be missed but not forgotten as the quote from Helen Keller so eloquently states

*What we have once enjoyed we can never lose.
All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.*

Hobert Johnson a Trestle Glen resident since 1980

Elaine Dropkin a Trestle Glen resident in 1961

before moving to Longridge in 1963

Pat Everett a Hubert resident since 1966

Skip Harris a Hubert resident since 1964

Hans Dittman a Longridge resident since 1966

Karl Sauer a Rosemount resident since 1954

Marion Scherling a Mandana resident since 1929

AROUND TOWN

From September 23-25th, Jack London Square will be transformed into one epic food festival. Tacos inspired by flavors from around the world, curry, BBQ, hot dogs, ice cream, noodles, and a whole lot more of the Bay Area's awesome curbside eats. The Eat Real Festival celebrates all things tasty, fresh, and handmade with a focus on street food, local wines, handcrafted beers, and traditional food craft – all featuring sustainable, local ingredients. And no dish or drink costs more than \$5.

But eating is only part of the fun. There will be demonstrations to show you how to make it and grow it. From home cheesemaking to backyard chickens, you can explore a DIY lifestyle with demos and activities galore. Or just grab a taco and a beer and enjoy our full schedule of entertainment with bands, butchery contests, lit fest, and other tasty tidbits.

Entry to the festival is free. It is cash only at the individual booths. The festival hours are:

Friday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 to 5 p.m.



For more information go to eatrealfest.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

How Trestle Glen nearly became a Park-but didn't

By Kathleen Leles DiGiovanni, Director History Room Oakland Library

"Regrets? Yes—but for the City of Oakland—not for you." So began a gloating real estate advertisement from 1922 promoting house lots in Oakland's Trestle Glen district. The year before, the city had rejected an opportunity to buy the last remaining undeveloped tract in the glen, thus putting to an end a civic dream of an uninterrupted "necklace of parks" stretching from Lake Merritt to the crest of the hills.

The principal late 19th century landowner in this district was banker Peder Sather. Sather's immortality resides in the memorial gate his wife, Jane Krom Sather, donated to the UC Berkeley campus. Sather made the land available to the public as a pleasure park, known locally as Sather Park. After his death in 1886, his widow continued to allow informal public access to the land.



An early view of Trestle Glen



The 1893 construction of a trolley line over Indian Gulch by means of an elaborate wooden trestle brought more people to the park, which by now was being bought up piece by piece by Frank Havens' Realty Syndicate. The park, now called Trestle Glen, attracted merry-makers to dances, revivals, lodge conventions and veterans' encampments, even the Salvation Army's annual camp meeting as pictured below.



By about 1905, Realty Syndicate had purchased all of Trestle Glen, including the Sather Estate. In 1911, the first subdivision map for the district had been filed, taking in the present streets of Ashmount, Ardmere, Clarendon Crescent, and the top-most section of Mandana. The threat of development to this asset was clear. No less an authority than Charles Mulford Robinson in his 1906 Plan of Civic Improvement for Oakland noted Oakland's dearth of parkland for a city its size and recommended that the city buy as much of the tract as it still could. In its first annual report, Oakland's new Park Commission noted, "No city possesses greater possibilities in the development of an enchanting driving park through Indian Gulch and Dimond Canyon." In 1914, the Park Commission purchased an option to buy Trestle Glen and other land in the Sather Tract, giving rise to a proposed system of parks reaching from the lake to Redwood Peak. Financing for the "Wildwood Chain of Parks" could not be worked out. The next year, John Davie succeeded park supporter Frank Mort as mayor. Davie opposed the use of public money to buy the land and in 1916 put a stop to a City Council plan to buy it on an installment basis.

The city argued with the Wickham Havens Realty Company for years, with Wickham Havens offering to sell the land to the city and the city, in turn, offering to receive it as a gift. In the meantime, subdivisions encroached on the bottom of the glen until, in early 1921, only a 25-acre portion remained. A vigorous civic campaign was mounted to save this last bit of forest for the people by means of a bond measure, but in April the mayor and the city council determined that it was too late to place such a measure on the ballot and the last of the old oaks gave way to houses.