

# PANIL

## Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League

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**PANIL was formed in 1974 and to this day continues its mission to be the voice of the community on matters of public interest, public safety and neighborhood affairs. Member dues, advertising, and volunteer services pay for all activities.**

**WE'RE MOVING UP THE AVENUE!**

### **Moving Day for Piedmont Avenue Branch Library**

By Peg Janosch

We expect our beloved library to close in February 2012 and to reopen on the grounds of the Piedmont Avenue Elementary School (4314 Piedmont Ave). There will be no library services for the brief moving and set up period.

In 2009, Citibank, who had been renting the building to our Library, sold the library building. Citibank had charged a token rent of \$1 a month; the new landlord, Neil Goodhue, raised the rent in 2010 to \$4,250 a month.

There is no money in the city's budget to pay this amount for rent.

After considering a number of options the Library recommended that the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library move to a modular building located on the grounds of Piedmont Avenue Elementary School.

The modular building will be slightly larger than our current library, will be ADA compliant, and

have air conditioning and a restroom. Our rent to the Oakland Unified School District will be \$2,000 to \$2,500 per month. The rent, build out, and move, will be paid by Measure Q Funds.

To complete the move to the school grounds the Library must finalize a five year lease agreement with the Oakland Unified School District and receive approval from the School Board and the City Council. Our community may need to attend some of these meetings to show our support for the library. We will send notices of any action via the PANIL and Piedmont Ave FOPL email lists.

Housing the library in the modular is a temporary, 5-10 year solution. When the economy improves, more options, including establishing a Mello-Roos tax district will be considered.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

In February there will be a festive celebration of our library with a Moving Party. Picture yourself dancing up Piedmont Avenue carrying books!

**PANIL monthly meetings bring the information to you and lets you ask questions.**

## **Wednesday, November 9**

**Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council — 7:30pm**

**Patricia Rose, Neighborhood Services Coordinator**

**Mark Douglas II, Problem Solving Officer**

**General Meeting — 8pm**

**PANIL meetings are the second Wednesday of each month**

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

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**OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL  
 Oakland Tech High  
 School Welcomes Future  
 Students**

By Ronnie Spitzer, Tech PTSA  
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Every year, families tour high schools throughout the Bay Area seeking the right fit for their student. Oakland Tech offers prospective students the nationally renowned Paideia program, our award-winning "schools within a school" academies centered on different career fields, specialized academic programs, rigorous AP courses, the critically acclaimed Performing Arts program, athletics and more.

**School Tours** provide an opportunity for families and students to visit classrooms during the school day on:

- Tuesday, November 29
  - Tuesday, December 6
  - Tuesday, December 8
  - Tuesday December 13
  - and Tuesday, December 15
- All tours begin at 9am.

**Shadow Visits** for interested students begin in January. These visits are opportunities for interested 8th graders (and high school transfer students) to spend a day with a Tech student host. Before requesting a shadow visit, a family must have already visited Tech at least once: on a tour or through having another family member at Tech.

Sign-ups for a Tour or Shadow Day are available on the Oakland Tech Web site at <http://Oaklandtech.com/staff/admissions/prospective-families>.

**Recent awards/distinctions:**

- Tech highest scoring public high school in Oakland
- The Engineering Academy received one of two \$5,000 Education grants awarded this year by the Port of Oakland
- Tech Engineering Academy teacher Parker Merrill selected for a Jefferson Award
- The Oakland Tech Baseball Team was honored by the City of Oakland City Council

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1 ½ -- 3 "	\$65	\$180	\$325
3 - 4 ½"	\$75	\$200	\$363

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- Tech’s Orchestra won the first place trophy for High School Full Orchestra from Great America’s Music in the Park
- Oakland Tech teams captured first and second place in the Engineering High Schools Robotic competition at UC Berkeley
- Oakland Tech girls took first place for the Berkeley area schools section in the Iridescent Technovation Challenge
- Performing Arts junior Naomi Zingman-Daniels won Berkeley Rep’s annual Teen One-Act Festival playwright competition
- Tech baseball teams won the OAL Championship and Transbay Series
- Tech Boys JV Lacrosse team won the Northern California Junior League title



**Park(ing) Day on Piedmont Avenue  
(in front of Shimizu Sushi)**

**Jennifer Vasquez, Marla Nieto, Scott Johnson, Allison Moodie, Ken Peterson, Vickie Lieberman, Jane Timberlake, Ruby Long, Zaynab Abdullah, and General Soto**

Mr. Patton advised the proposed bike lanes on the Avenue are part of the city’s bicycle master plan that was adopted in 1999. The width of the Avenue is 52 feet from curb to curb. The proposal calls for: two traffic lanes — 12 feet/each, two parking lanes — 8 feet/each, and two bikes lanes — 6 feet/each. and is scheduled for 2012 when the street is to be resurfaced from MacArthur Blvd. to Pleasant Valley Road. Total cost is estimated at \$500K for the resurfacing and \$7K to set off the bike lanes.

**For more information:**  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/pwa/0/EC/s/BicycleanPedestrianProgram/Index.ht>

**BIKE LANES ON THE AVENUE?  
Piedmont Avenue Bike Lane Project**

Jason Patton from the City of Oakland’s bike project spoke at a recent PANIL meeting about proposed bike lanes on the Avenue.

**PANIL Meeting**

2nd Wednesday of the month  
 7:30 to 9 pm  
 Piedmont Gardens  
 110 41st Street  
 11th Floor Sky Room

**PANIL Steering Committee meets monthly**  
 For the time, date and place email [contact@panil.org](mailto:contact@panil.org)

**Glen Echo Creek Work Day**

2nd Saturday of the month  
 Monte Vista Avenue, 10 am  
 654-1930

**Mt. View Cemetery Tour**

Docent led tour  
 2nd and 4th Saturdays  
 10 am, FREE

**PIEDMONT AVENUE ART WALK**

**NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS**  
**THIRD THUSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**6 TO 9PM**

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**WWW.PIEDMONTAVENUE.ORG**  
**FOR A LIST OF PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS**

**Piedmont Avenue Branch Library**  
 160 41st Street, 597-5011

**Storytimes**  
 Toddlers  
**Wednesday, 10:15 am**  
 Pre school  
**Wednesday, 11 am**

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**PANIL needs help delivering  
this newsletter!**

A few blocks of our neighborhood receive this newsletter erratically because there are not enough volunteer distributors. Get a free workout delivering this newsletter—and get a new perspective on your block from your neighbors' front porches. It takes less than a hour per issue.

**Please contact Margitta Gardner at 652-6609 or  
MIGBRYNAS@aol.com if you are willing to help  
out with any of the blocks listed below:**

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Terrace Street, 4100 block

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