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### **Willard Neighborhood Association Items in This E-Newsletter**

#### **1. National Night Out, Ice Cream Social in Willard Park (New Event This Year!!) Tuesday, August 7**

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look /Report for Bus Rapid Transit is past, but that does not mean we should not  
at ways of improving transit today. A limited version of Rapid Bus, a high tech  
upgrade to bus service on Telegraph Ave. is now operational. With additional  
funding Rapid Bus could become a service that would be nearly as effective as  
Bus Rapid Transit.

#### **4. How to respond Homeless Camping in front of your house**

Homeless camping in the parking strip between the sidewalk and the curb is  
becoming a problem for residents at the North end of the neighborhood as  
no sleeping in Peoples Park is being more rigorously enforced by the UC PD.  
Members of the Willard Neighborhood Assoc. Steering Committee and  
concerned  
neighbors met with City of Berkeley officials and members of the Berkeley  
Police  
Dept. We wrote up a short outline of what neighbors need to do when they  
see homeless camps in the neighborhood.

#### **5. How to respond to blighted property in our neighborhood**

At that same meeting, we got some good answers about what can be done to  
help fight blight in our neighborhood. It starts with understanding what is the  
City of Berkeley's definition of a blighted property and I've written up a short  
and hopefully understandable version of the ordinance. I've also included a  
couple of people to contact at the City to get help with properties that meet the  
definition of blighted.

### **Other Events/Items of Interest (located at end of email)**

**A. People's Park Redesign "Visioning Workshop" this Sunday July 8th**  
**First Church of Christ Scientist, Bowditch & Dwight, 1pm to 3pm**  
**This public workshop will explore community vision of how People's Park**  
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**B. Additional Solar Workshops on Berkeley & Rockridge Collective Power**  
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**Program will discuss basics of solar power production as well as**  
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**Included is a list of things you might bring to the meeting to make**  
**it more productive for you.**

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**This is a special training directed specifically for those neighborhoods**  
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**Experience mini-facials, massage, aroma therapy, and more.**

## **Contact information of City of Berkeley and Willard NA (located at very end of email)**

### **President's Introductory Note:**

Its a good thing summer's here. The pace of the neighborhood is considerably slower with so many of our student neighbors on vacation. Its time for the Willard neighborhood to have some fun -- and we have two events coming up in August that we hope you will attend.

The first is our innaugural National Night Out. Founded around the concept of "take back the night", we are holding an ice cream social in Willard Park. The top two reasons for coming -- free ice cream and a chance to meet some of your neighbors you may not yet have met. Your Willard NA Steering Committee will be there as will our local police ready to answer any questions they can.

The second is our third annual Street Faire and Yard Sale.

Thanks -- Vincent Casalaina

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We will hold our ice cream social in Willard Park at the corner of Hillegas and Derby. Free ice cream will be served so make sure you save room for dessert that night. Please come out and meet your neighbors, talk to police officers, and help us to prevent crime in the neighborhood!

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help out with the event, including people to distribute fliers beforehand, set up, scoop ice cream, and clean up.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Janet Byron, [janetbyron@comcast.net](mailto:janetbyron@comcast.net) or 510-848-4008.

If you want to learn more about the history of National Night Out or what other communities are doing, you can go to the national website:  
<http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html>

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We have some real planning to do and I am with the city to get clarification of things like food service and what the total cost of permits be for the event. There are a lot of other jobs that need someone to make sure the work gets done.

What we need are volunteers to handle:

1. Marketing/Publicity
  - 1.a. Flyering the neighborhood prior to the event
2. Food service
3. Entertainment/Music
4. Liaison with the SF Mime Troup (they will be performing in Willard Park that day)
5. Yard Sale (Greg Murphy has this job in hand)

The heads of each group would then comprise the Street Faire Committee. Anyone who is interested in helping on this event should contact Greg Murphy --  
GregM@JFCS.ORG Do it soon!!!

## **3. Bus Rapid Transit or Rapid Bus + for Telegraph Ave. Transporation Commission meeting July 24**

The deadline for comments on AC Transit's Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report for Bus Rapid Transit is past, but that does not mean we should not look at ways of improving transit today. A limited version of Rapid Bus, a high tech upgrade to bus service on Telegraph Ave. is now operational. With additional funding Rapid Bus could become a service that would be nearly as effective as Bus Rapid Transit.

As part of my personal comments to AC Transit, I wrote extensively about what I call Rapid Bus +. This is something that we can work on now, and have tangible results soon. Rather than simply opposing BRT, I feel we should work on making the implementation of Rapid Bus + our transit goal. Below are my comments followed by an edited version of a Commentary by Michael Katz that appeared in the Berkeley Daily Planet. The url for a full version of each of the documents appears below the text.

### **Rapid Bus + as an Alternative**

*Vincent Casalaina, edited comments on AC Transit's DEIS/R for BRT*

**url for this document:**

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/pdf/nhextra/734472517/782299266/64599198.pdf>

... the DEIS/R is deficient in not considering as an alternative a more fully featured version of Rapid Bus (roughly equivalent to Enhanced Bus which was not studied 2.4.1) that could have many of the features currently considered only with the BRT alternative. The Rapid Bus + alternative, as others have called it, would start with two features of BRT that are currently planned, but not fully implemented, for Rapid Bus – traffic signal priority and real time bus arrival information at every stop. The Rapid Bus + alternative could easily have the proof of fare, reduced headway and raised curbside platforms advantages of BRT without the permanent loss of traffic lanes along Telegraph Ave.

The difference in projected trip times for Rapid Bus versus BRT between downtown Oakland and downtown Berkeley are only 7 minutes or approximately a 26% savings (Tables S.3.1 & S.3-2a). This reduction in time looks only at the time spent on the bus. It does not take into account the additional walk time to reach the more widely spaced BRT stops and likewise the additional walk time to reach the destination from the more widely spaced BRT stops.

The DEIS/R is deficient because it does not compare actual total trip times when calculating the effect of BRT on mode shift.

### **Actual Trip Time Comparison**

Jim Cunradi, AC Transit project manager for BRT, stated at the June 6 City of Berkeley joint Planning and Transportation Commission meeting that the BRT system was not designed as a long haul carrier to compete with the parallel running BART system. His vision of ridership is for the average trip to be a fraction of the full 17 mile BRT route, in the range of 3 miles or less. When you consider that alongside the projected end to end time savings, the effective time savings on an average BRT trip is about 4 minutes when compared to a Rapid Bus trip.

The extra walk time required to reach a BRT stop (since they are considerably further apart than the Rapid Bus stops) from an average riders house can be calculated if we assume an average of an extra 2 blocks at a reasonable walk speed of 1 min. per block to be approximately 2 min. Similarly the extra walk time from a BRT stop to the desired destination (allowing that AC Transit located the stops at the most used destinations) can be assumed to be half the extra walk time calculated to arrive at the BRT stop, or approximately 1 min.

When you compare the predicted total trip times on BRT to a similar analysis for Rapid Bus +, the average Berkeley resident using BRT is going to save approximately 1 minute per trip. I can understand why the DEIS/R shows such a low mode shift rate between the Build and No Build options since the average person is not going to look at a 1 minute differential as a compelling reason to mode shift to BRT if they had not already mode shifted to Rapid Bus, when Rapid Bus showed essentially the same time savings over the previous 40L line (Table S.3.1).

The DEIS/R is deficient because in calculating time savings per trip on each of the

various alternatives, the document does not look at the entire trip time for the most likely trips taken the system. It looks only at the time on the bus for trips well longer than those depicted by Mr. Cunradi as the most likely trips.

### **Elements for Rapid Bus + Taken from BRT**

In addition, at the June 6 City of Berkeley joint Planning and Transportation Commission meeting, Mr. Cunradi stated that since BRT is meant primarily for shorter trips along the corridor and that **the key to further improvement in bus speed is proof of payment.** (emphasis added)

It would be relatively straightforward to add the local vendor/unique punch proof of payment system that is successfully used in much of Europe to gain that next big jump in speed described by Mr. Cunradi. The implementation of such a system is quite low tech featuring the widespread sale of tickets in many local merchants along the entire corridor and especially grouped around the transit stops. This could well be a plus for local merchants, as it would bring additional patrons into their stores who would not otherwise have bought anything there.

The on board portion of the low tech solution is when riders board their bus, they punch their ticket with a hole punch located near each of the doors. The punch validates their ticket for that trip. That's their proof of payment. Each bus and date has a different physical punch pattern, to prevent fare beating.

The proof of payment system would greatly decrease the time needed to board and discharge passengers at the stops by eliminating the bottleneck at the fare box and allowing all bus doors to be used for ingress and egress. This decrease in wait time at each stop would cut the total trip time for Rapid Bus significantly when compared to the projected total trip time for BRT.

A further step in increasing the effectiveness of Rapid Bus + would be the decreasing of headway from the projected 12 minute headway (Table S.3-1) to something approaching the BRT headway of less than 5 minutes. One of the biggest time factors in overall trip time is the wait time for the next bus to arrive (headway). If it was possible to shorten that time, essentially making it equal between BRT and Rapid Bus +, then the actual overall trip times calculating for walk time to the bus stop, wait time at the bus stop and travel time on the bus would look very similar.

The final step in increasing the effectiveness of Rapid Bus + could be the use of raised curbside platforms at the major transit stops. The curbside platforms are already envisioned in several of the Berkeley alternate alignment routings (2.2.3.2). The major transit stops are already identified in 30+ stops on the Separate BRT & Local Service Alternatives 1 & 2 (Table 2.2-3). The raised platforms make the boarding process much easier for the handicapped, the elderly and those pushing carts and strollers. This will greatly speed up loading and unloading at the highest usage transit stops thereby greatly increasing the overall speed on the line.

If all these additional steps were implemented in the creation of Rapid Bus + it seems likely that the differential of actual total trip time between Rapid Bus + and BRT could be essentially eliminated at a fraction of the cost projected for the implementation of BRT.

The DEIS/R is deficient because in calculating time savings per trip on each of the various alternatives, the document does not look at including all the time savings possible by adding BRT elements to Rapid Bus. It must include the entire trip time, including walk time, from leaving one's house to arrival at the destination factoring in Proof of Payment, headway reduction and curbside platforms at major stops. The DEIS/R currently looks only at the time on the bus.

## **Commentary: Speeding Up Buses Without Screwing Up Telegraph**

*By Michael Katz Berkeley Daily Planet June 19, 2007*

**url for this document:**

<http://www.berkeleydailyplanet.com/text/article.cfm?issue=06-19-07&storyID=27334>

Ignore all the diesel smoke and rumbling around AC Transit's misnamed "Bus Rapid Transit" (BRT) proposal to take over two lanes of Telegraph Avenue, and two striking facts stand clear.

First, ... BRT threatens real damage to Berkeley neighborhoods and businesses, yet promises almost no tangible benefits to the public. ... (Second) A slightly modified plan — based on best practices elsewhere — could deliver broad benefits, with no detriments to anyone. ... Think of that as Berkeley's buying itself a big "carbon credit." This alternative ... might be called "Rapid Bus with low-tech Proof of Payment." ... I'll abbreviate it as "Rap with PoP."

What's not right with BRT on Telegraph? AC Transit answered that question last month in its draft environmental statement ([www.actransit.org/news/articledetail.wu?articleid=42622c20](http://www.actransit.org/news/articledetail.wu?articleid=42622c20)) That study shows BRT delivering only "negligible" changes in overall energy usage (page 4-152). It also shows only negligible reductions in air pollutants: just three one-hundredths of one percent, by 2025 (page 4-131).

... For transit riders, this BRT proposal offers only minimal benefits. It would run just one to six blocks beside the existing BART line, for its entire length. AC Transit's preferred spacing for Berkeley BRT "stations" (a half mile) would be almost as wide as BART's (a mile). This "rapid" route isn't even very rapid: From Berkeley's to Oakland's downtown, AC Transit estimates only five to seven minutes' savings.

... what AC Transit is doing right: the "Rapid Bus" service that AC Transit will bring to Telegraph on June 24. "Rapid Bus" will add express buses that make limited stops, and will allow buses to keep stoplights green until they clear intersections. These enhancements will capture most of the speed benefits realistically available to buses in this BART corridor.

AC Transit's Jim Cunradi told a recent audience that BRT would further speed buses by instituting "proof of payment" (PoP). Indeed, much of the world already uses PoP, which speeds boarding because riders buy tickets before they board. Bus drivers open all doors for entry at every stop, and waste no time processing fares, passes, or transfers. Periodically, an inspector boards to ask riders for proof that they've paid.

But PoP doesn't require the bus-only lanes, bus "stations," or high-tech ticket-vending machines in AC Transit's BRT proposal. Those are arbitrary components copied from

particular cities. Across Italy, Romania, and other European countries, I've seen a low-tech, low-cost approach to PoP that works just fine: Riders buy transit tickets from any corner store. They board their bus or streetcar, and punch their tickets on a hole punch located near the door. That time-stamped punch is their proof of payment.

AC Transit could readily adopt this basic approach to PoP not just on Telegraph, but across its entire fleet—speeding up the whole system, and attracting new riders. Add basic PoP to Telegraph's forthcoming Rapid Bus enhancements, and you get "Rap with PoP." That especially sweet combination would speed up buses without worsening congestion, aggravating parking shortages, or diverting traffic into neighborhoods.

**There are currently no Public Hearings scheduled by AC Transit to take additional public comment on BRT. Until the final Environmental Impact Statement/Report comes out, all concerns about BRT should be directed to the Berkeley City Council and the Transportation Commission.**

**The next scheduled City of Berkeley Public Hearing to deal with transit on Telegraph Ave is:**

Transit Sub-Committee, Transportation Commission, Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 pm  
Location has not been set at this time. you can email <ProBerk@aol.com> for location

#### **4. How to Respond to Homeless Camping in the neighborhood url for this document:**

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/pdf/nhextra/734472517/782299266/335366862.pdf>

The problem of camping in the space between the curb and the sidewalk is an issue in most of our neighborhood but its especially acute on the blocks just South of People's Park. On a regular basis, neighbors watch people leaving the park each evening with all their belongings and setting up their campsite in the parking strips. We met with the City of Berkeley and the BPD in order to clarify the application of current laws.

#### **I. Needed conditions to enforce PC647(j) – no lodging in public spaces**

Sidewalk and parking strip are public property  
Blocking the sidewalk is covered by BMC 13.36.10

- 1) Only at night (this interpretation was made by the City Attorney)
- 2) Must have belongings such as bedroll and other items (this interpretation was made by the City Attorney)

#### **II. Enforcement begins with resident's complaint – you must call to start the process.**

Call the BPD non-emergency phone 981-5900



You should complain about anyone you see camping in the parking strip or on the sidewalk, not just those camping in front of your own property. Its important to make the point that this neighborhood is not a good place to bed down.

### **III. What information should the resident have when calling in complaint?**

- Your address
- Your name
- Request to move camper
- Location of camper
- Description of camper (whatever description you can provide)

### **IV. Here's what the Berkeley Police will do.**

The BPD will give 2 warnings before a citation can be issued  
Council Resolution 60142 (warning section may be affected by Public Commons Initiative)

Responding officer will allow the camper reasonable time to comply with warning then will give second warning if there is still no compliance within a reasonable time a citation will be issued. In almost all cases the person leaves after being warned.

If someone has small warrants outstanding, the police use that as leverage to say, "If you don't move along, then I'll have to arrest you on the outstanding warrants".

If someone has major warrants outstanding, the police will arrest them and take them to jail.

For people with mental or drug issues, the police use the same protocol in all cases. If their problem is not just that they need a place to sleep, then they will be directed to other services, or taken there if need be.

If they move only a short distance, its the officer's discretion as to whether this constitutes a need for new set of warnings but a new complaint will definitely restart the process.

### **V. What can we do to help the police?**

Keep porch lights on at night / keep shrubs trimmed back.  
Light up the front of your house and the sidewalk.

WNA will switch out your porch light for a compact fluorescent if you agree to leave it on all night."

### **VI. What about camping in the local parks? Here's who you should call:**

Willard Park – call BPD	Peoples Park – call UCPD
non-emergency phone 981-5900	642-6760

City parks close at 10 pm  
Anyone there after 10pm gets moved on.

BPD Area Coordinator – Officer Steve Burcham 981-5778

## **5. How to Respond to Blighted Property in the Neighborhood**

**url for this document:**

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/pdf/nhextra/734472517/782299266/256576804.pdf>

### **Why do we need to work on blighted property in our neighborhood?**

There is a proposition called the "Broken Window" theory. Its basic tenant is that if you allow a neighborhood to look like its not cared for, then you encourage other quality of life problems. We want to be pro-active and keep our neighborhood looking well

kempt.

### **How can we be effective in that fight?**

When you are walking in the neighborhood, look for properties that need attention. If you know that law regarding blighted properties that's a big help, but just talking with the residents or bringing it to the attention of the WNA Public Works committee is a good place to start.

### **What is the law;**

#### **Section 12.92.030 Unlawful nuisance--Inadequately maintained property. (edited for readability)**

It shall be an unlawful nuisance for any person to maintain property in such manner that at least two or more of the following conditions are found to exist thereon.

A. Property which is not kept substantially clean and free from accumulations of overgrown, dead or decayed trees, weeds or other vegetation, rank growth, rubbish, junk, garbage, litter, debris, flyers or circulars.

B. Buildings where the exterior paint is substantially worn off.

C. Buildings or significant sections thereof including, exterior stairs, roof, foundation, walls, fences, signs, retaining walls, driveways, or walkways which are substantially broken, deteriorated, or defaced (grafitti), or windows which are missing or broken.

D. Property used for residential purposes which contains, in the outdoor area, any refrigerator, washing machine, sink, stove, heater, boiler, tank or any other household equipment, machinery, furniture, or item, appliance or appliances, boxes, lumber, dirt or debris, trash, garbage or refuse cans, or any items other than those commonly stored outdoors for a period of time in excess of seventy-two consecutive hours.

E. Where property is vacant and otherwise required to be boarded up, the boarding shall be done in a manner which does not itself substantially contribute to the dilapidated or deteriorated appearance of the neighborhood. To the extent feasible, the boarding up shall cause the property to have the appearance of an occupied residence as determined by the building official.

## **City of Berkeley staff responsible for Code Enforcement:**

Code Enforcement for blight – Gregory Daniel  
email: [GDaniel@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:GDaniel@ci.berkeley.ca.us)

Code Enforcement if its only overgrown weeds – Environmental Health  
email: [envhealth@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:envhealth@ci.berkeley.ca.us)

## **Other Events/Items of Interest**

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**First Church of Christ Scientist, Bowditch & Dwight, 1pm to 3pm**

**This public workshop will explore community vision of how People's Park might become someplace where more of the community feels welcome.**

# People's Park Community Workshops



We invite you to join us for a discussion and visioning workshop  
on the future programs and design of People's Park

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Workshop will include discussion of people,  
programs and place, and design concepts that will  
make the park safer, welcoming and more widely  
used by community members.

First Church of Christ Scientist  
2619 Dwight Way  
Sunday, July 8, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

*Pre-registration is required. To RSVP, call or e-mail Art Taylor at (415) 288-3390 or  
[taylor@mkthink.com](mailto:taylor@mkthink.com). Sign up also available at the People's Park office.*

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## **B. Solar Workshops on Berkeley & Rockridge Collective Power Program**

**Saturday July 21, Live Oak Park Recreation Center, 10am - noon, free**

**Saturday August 4, Rockridge Library, 5366 College Ave, 11am free**

These two workshops are a follow up to the successful workshop Solar City held at Willard Middle School on June 7 which introduced its large scale solar project for Berkeley and Rockridge. Cisco DeVries, Mayor Tom Bates' chief of staff, presented a short overview of how going to solar power fit into the scheme of Berkeley's Measure G goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% in Berkeley by 2020. Over 35 neighbors came to hear the presentation.

If you've been thinking about installing solar panels but have never gotten around to it, now might be a good time. The current rebate and tax credits are as high as they are likely to be for the next ten years, and electricity isn't going to get any cheaper. It will also help us reach our greenhouse gas goal.

At the two upcoming workshops SolarCity will provide an overall presentation of residential solar power. It will include information about how Solar Power is produced and then go over the details of Solar City's Collective Power Program as well. That's where Solar City works with a community to get as many households signed up at once as possible, which lowers their costs and lets them pass on a discount to you. For those who have participated in other Solar City collective power programs, the total savings is approximately 30% of the cost of solarizing your home or business.

The financial terms are quite good, because Solar City will file the paperwork and get your rebates directly from the state -- meaning you don't have to shell out that money yourself. If you qualify, you can get a loan through a green bank in San Francisco that they have an arrangement with, or from your own lender.

Solar City will have three Solar Consultants on hand to answer specific questions after the presentation.

### **The Berkeley and Rockridge Collective Power Program -- goals**

- 1) Convert Berkeley/Rockridge households and small businesses to solar power-totaling a minimum of 250kW**
- 2) Offset a minimum of 3.5 million pounds of carbon over the next 20-30 years using solar power**

You can register for both the Live Oak Park & Rockridge Library event at:  
<http://www.solarcity.com/Default.aspx?tabid=157>

if you know that you want to go solar, you can call Solar City for an on-site evaluation of whether solar makes sense on your particular building. You can contact them

directly at 888-765-2489.

**there are a few things that would make the meeting more directly useful for you.**

- 1) find out exactly how much electricity you used last year - in Kwatt hrs. you can either add up your electricity usage from your bills, or go to PGE's website and they have the last 12 months usage for your account on line. you'll need this to know how big a system you might want to install.
- 2) do a rough plot plan of your property / house which shows the ridgelines and any trees / buildings that cast shadows on your roof. you'll need this to give the engineering types from Solar City an idea of what space you have to work with.
- 3) this one is tougher -- take a look at the roof structure. you want to write down the size and spacing of the rafters. once you get more serious about wanting to install a system, you'll need this information so the engineers can figure out how much structural retrofitting will be needed.
- 4) you should take a good look at the roof itself. if its not in pristine shape (installed within the last 5 years), then you likely want to redo the roof as part of the installation. once the panels go on, its really tough to redo the roof when it starts to leak (most roofs are only good for 20 years max -- and the life of the solar panels is at least 25 years.).

with these 4 things in hand, you should be able to walk away at the end of the night with a good idea about what a system will cost to install, and hopefully the presentation will give you a good idea of the rebates (tax and other rebates) you could take advantage of.

### **C. Disaster Cache training, Saturday August 4 9am to noon or 1:30 to 4:30pm, free**

**This is a special training directed specifically for those neighborhoods that currently have a disaster cache -- that's us!!!**

For some of you, this will be a refresher on how to use the equipment. For others (especially many of the new cache groups), this will be your first training on how to use some of the cache equipment.

Because we now have 34 cache groups (8 original cache groups, awarded in 2003, and 26 new groups, awarded in 2006), we're offering two sessions of the same training:

Saturday, August 4

9:00-12:00 and then again from 1:30-4:30

Berkeley Marina (M dock area/park and classroom)

The training includes deploying hose, radio communications, use of medical equipment, cribbing, fire suppression, use of the 5 gallon backpack/pump (NEW!) and hooking to hydrants.

To keep this a manageable training, we request that no more than 4 people per neighborhood attend, and all must register beforehand. If we have a small number of people respond, we will increase the number of people who can attend from each neighborhood.

Please let me know by Monday, July 9 how many people will attend this training, with a list of names and your neighborhood name. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you for all you do to improve the quality of life and safety in Berkeley,

Dory Ehrlich -- Berkeley Fire/Office of Emergency Services  
981-5506

## **D. Whole Foods Spa day, Sunday July 8, 2-5pm, free**

Join Whole Foods Market in Berkeley for a day of relaxation and some well deserved pampering. Vendors will be joining us in providing mini-facials, massage, aromatherapy, natural makeovers, ayurvedic consultations and more. Refreshments will be provided. Experience the joy of natural therapy.

Contact Nick Heustis at (510)649-1333 x261 for more information.

3000 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley CA., 94705

\*\*\*\*\* City of Berkeley: Useful Contact Information \*\*\*\*\*

### **Police**

Police Emergency Number: 911 (from landline); 981-5911(from cell; preprogram with this number)

Police Nonemergency Number: 981-5900

Link to beat maps and a list of beat officers:

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/police/departments/beatinfo/beatlineup.html>

In Willard neighborhood, North of Derby is Beat 7, South of Deby is Beat 9.

Area Coordinator -- Steve Burccham 981-5778

### **Other City Departments:**

Neighborhood Services Liaison Jim Hynes <jhynes@ci.berkeley.ca.us> 981-2493

Public Works Customer Service: 644-6620 (streets, sidewalks, graffiti, sewers, litter, storm drains, street lights)

Tree Trimming/Planting (Forestry): 644-6566

**Written Communication with City Council:**

To comment to City Council, cut and paste the following email addresses:

City Clerk <clerk@ci.berkeley.ca.us>,

Mayor Tom Bates <Mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us>,

Councilmember Linda Maio <LMaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us>,

Councilmember Darryl Moore <DMoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us>,

Councilmember Max Anderson <MAnderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us>,

Councilmember Dona Spring <DSpring@ci.berkeley.ca.us>,

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All except Eastern edge of neighborhood

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Mayor Tom Bates 981-7100

**Zoning Adjustments Board:**

To comment to the Zoning Adjustments Board regarding projects on their calendar, email:

Zoning Adjustments Board <zab@ci.berkeley.ca.us>  
(best to submit your comments 10 days prior to meeting for inclusion in the advance  
packet to boardmembers, but late submissions will be distributed the evening of



the meeting)

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**Willard Neighborhood Association Newsletter:** The WNA Newsletter covers items of general interest to neighbors in the Ashby/Telegraph/Dwight/College area of south Berkeley, including announcements about community-building events, greening projects and work parties around the neighborhood.

If you're receiving this email, you probably either signed up at a neighborhood event or a neighbor forwarded it to you. Please note that to prevent spam, WNA always uses bcc and does not share your email address with third parties. Feel free to pass the WNA Newsletter on to other neighbors you think might be interested.

**To submit items for the newsletter:** Email content or links you'd like to see included in the Newsletter to Vincent Casalaina <ProBerk@aol.com>. Please note that due to the volunteer nature of the endeavor, the Newsletter does not typically include "letters to the editor" or "commentary" type articles. The Berkeley Daily Planet has a large section devoted to opinion.

**WNA Yahoo Group:** If you would like to receive messages (and participate in discussions) on the WNA Yahoo Group, please sign up on the website indicating your interest, and you will receive a confirmation of your membership.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/willardna/>

**WNA Neighborhood Links site:** If you would like to see the agendas and background information that the Steering Committee gets each month, you can find it here at this site. Also here are archived copies of the Newsletter and some additional contact information.

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/berkeley/willard/>

**Willard Park Blog:** If you would like to view and contribute to Mark Celsor's neighborhood blog go to his site.

<http://www.willardpark.com/>

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