

Jack London News

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Free

Developer Meeting

Thursday 1/19 7pm
200 Harrison Street

The monthly meeting on developer issues here in the area is Thursday, January 19, 2006 starting at 7pm. The purpose of this meeting is for developers, local residents, property owners, business owners, and someone from Oakland's Building Services to talk about on-going concerns and how to improve the situation. If you have a specific incident to report, please call (510) 453-8576 and if possible, also document the incident via email to dsmith@oaklandnet.com and feedback@jlda.org.

Neighborhood News Goes to Print

Following our online debut in February 2004, my quote from then is just as appropriate now, "We need reporting that gives a perspective from the streets, homes, and businesses of the Jack London District and by using local writers and keeping our focus on local issues, we can do just that."

This issue features free advertisements for various local merchants. If you would like to place an ad in a future printing, please contact me at the email address below.

Lastly, I would like your feedback on this debut issue. Your support is greatly appreciated, as is your input.

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Mingles Cabaret License Hearing



Several members of the Oakland Police Department gave testimony Wednesday, January 11, 2006 in Hearing Room 4 at City Hall in a hearing regarding Mingle's Cabaret License. Sgt. Thompson showed video footage of the loitering and traffic issues that are at the crux of the problem. In previous discussions between Mingles and OPD, solutions included an improved dress code, training of bartenders, and improved lighting outside the club. Mingle's has improved lighting as well and they have implemented more training for the bartenders. OPD gave them high marks for their security staff, but suggested that they still needed to implement a dress code. Club owner, Mr. Ivey responded that they had tried the dress code one weekend, but it caused a major decrease in business and they were unwilling to give

the idea more time as to "train" their customers. Mr. Ivey previously owned the Oak Tree (which is where Rolanda's is now, next door to Mingles) as well as other clubs in Oakland and Emeryville.

Attorneys for Mingles asked that the local residents not speak since the club was there long before they were. That request was declined and members of the community spoke, including Ron Sien go, who showed his own video footage of the sideshow events that typically happen on busy club nights.

The outcome of the meeting was not to revoke the cabaret license, but rather to set new conditions and to see if the problems continue. If the problems continue, a new hearing will be announced.

288 Third Street Webcam Online

Want to check out the construction scene at 288 Third Street? Go online to www.jlda.org/webcam and see the view from a Tower Lofts window. The photos are updated from 7am to 7pm daily and there are also links to time lapse movies. The March 2005 movie shows the excavation of the site and it's just as much fun to watch the traffic, weather, and shadows as it is the actual excavation.



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Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste

Don't throw your hazardous waste down the drain! Paints, cleaning chemicals, batteries, and other toxic items need to be disposed of properly. Check out the Alameda County Hazardous Waste website at www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=577. They will take hazardous waste at their site on 2100 East 7th Street at Embarcadero (take Embarcadero like you're going to the Park Street Bridge towards Alameda) without appointment on January 26-28, 2006 from 9am-1pm. It's always interesting to see the workers in white suits, but even better to know you're disposing of hazardous waste properly. Call (800) 606-6606 for further information. Jack London Mail (248 Third Street @ Alice Street) accepts Styrofoam peanuts and toner cartridges.

Free Vaccinations for Pets

The first "Shot Fair of 2006" will be held Sunday, February 26, 2006 at the Eastmont Town Center in Oakland. The information provided did not give the hours, nor are they open Mondays or Tuesdays, but the phone number to call is (510) 569-0702 and the website is www.eastbayspca.org/events/shotfair.cfm. At the last Shot Fair in October 2005, they helped 305 clients, provided 645 vaccines, implanted 126 microchips, and signed up 60 animals for free spay or neuter appointments.

District 3 Town Hall Meeting

District 3 Council Representative, Nancy Nadel, will be hosting the next Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at the West Oakland Senior Center starting at 7pm. The West Oakland Senior Center is located at 1724 Adeline Street.

The subject of the meeting is "Are You Prepared" and Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) information will be provided. CORE is a free program sponsored by the Oakland Fire Department. There will be door prizes, handouts, and other information provided at the Town Hall Meeting. If you have questions about the meeting, contact Carletta Starks at (510) 238-7032

Some local residents attended a CORE I training course in November and we hope to have news of a CORE II class coming soon.

Jack London District Survey Results

The Jack London District Association (JLDA) carried out a survey at the end of 2005 to find out the hot topics that locals care about. Around 50 people took the time to respond and the most common issues mentioned were crime and safety, noise complaints, and development in the area. JLDA is now finalizing details for the formation of specific committees to make progress in these areas and increase community participation for improvement of life in the Jack London District. Stay tuned for further news about the committees, how to participate, and the new JLDA membership program.

JLDA Board of Directors meet each month and meetings are open to all interested parties. The time and place for each meeting is announced at least a week in advance on the JLDA Calendar (www.jlda.org/calendar), although they do ask that you RSVP in advance if you would like to attend so that they can make sure that they have enough room. The email address to send your RSVP to is info@jlda.org.

Someone Took the Trashcans!

During the rain Wednesday (1/18/06), the trashcans were taken away. Where, you ask? To be repaired and improved! No one from JLDA was available for comment, but Jack London News will have more to report in our next issue. Repairs of the trashcans are being funded by the historic mitigation fund that the City required from several developers.



Save the Date - Sunday, April 23rd Neighborhood Clean-Up (aka Trash Bash VII)

The seventh annual neighborhood clean-up day is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, 2006. Mark your calendars now! Typically we have donuts, coffee, and juice in the morning followed by vigorous cleaning throughout the Jack London District, followed by a celebratory barbeque feast. We'll let you know as details are confirmed.



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