

The Highlands lowdown

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“Hats Off to Heroes!” -- That’s our 2011 4th of July Theme

by Tricia Schroeter

The Highlands 4th of July celebration is just around the corner! This year's theme is "Hats Off to Heroes!" and it's time to think about participating in our neighborhood parade down Lexington. How will you join in? Will you decorate your bike or wagon? Will you walk as a solo hero or get together with your neighbors, friends, or family to form a group and walk together? Whatever you decide, we want to see you walk in the parade as one of your favorite heroes.

Who is your hero? They come in all shapes and sizes: a favorite president, a civil rights hero, an athletic hero, a comic book super hero, an animal hero, or even a grandma or grandpa hero for all the things they've done for you. Use your imagination, bring your enthusiasm, and become a part of one of the best Highlands traditions.

If you would like to volunteer for the parade (a sure sign of a hero!), click on <http://bit.ly/HighlandsParade> There are many ways to spend some time working with

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Neighbors Turn Out for Fire Chief and Discussion of T-Mobile’s Antenna Proposal

by Sam Naifeh

A strong showing with overflow attendance of Highlanders and nearby neighbors at the April HCA meeting heard Fire Chief John Ferreira discuss plans for future staffing for fire services and T-Mobile representatives present their proposal for two 50-foot cell phone antenna mini towers on Parrott Drive and Cobblehill Place. Chief Ferreira’s presentation elaborated on his article in the March *lowdown*. The proposals for reducing fire service and an antenna drew considerable concern from the audience.

HCA President Rick Priola introduced the program. In

attendance were County Service Area #1 community association presidents Dr. Jerry Ozanne from Baywood Park and Alan Palter from Baywood Plaza, as well as Gerald McClellan of Baywood Park, Vice President of San Mateo United Homeowners. Olivia Boo of the San Mateo County Planning staff attended, joining the dialogue with residents. Residents presented issues that the County had not included in its evaluation of the proposal. Highlands neighbor James Goodman showed that an incomplete decision-making process had occurred with examples which demonstrated

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HRD Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 7 p.m.
Rec Center Social Room

lowdown Deadline

Friday, June 3

HCA Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.
Rec Center Social Room

FROM THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Rick Priola
HCA President

HCA Meeting: The April HCA meeting brought out a large crowd of Highlands residents and residents of nearby neighborhoods in County Service District 1. We had a doubleheader, with Fire Chief John Ferreira explaining in detail how San Mateo County intends to deal with shortfalls in funding for county fire services, and representatives from T-Mobile explaining their company's request to place a cell phone antenna and cell phone service boxes on a utility pole on Cobblehill Place. A staff member of the San Mateo County planning department was also there. People wanted an opportunity to raise concerns, ask questions, and learn about both issues, and they certainly had it at the meeting that went on till almost 10 p.m.

We thank Chief Ferreira for giving us his time and answering our questions. If you weren't at the meeting or want to refresh your memory, check out his article on page 1 of the April *lowdown*, which can be found on our website, www.highlandscommunity.org.

Community members had wanted T-Mobile to hear from the neighborhood, and we appreciate their representatives and the county planner's attendance at our meeting too. It was interesting to learn that utility poles can be "co-owned," and that PG&E and T-Mobile co-own the pole on Cobblehill where T-Mobile wants to place the antenna.

Many issues were raised both about the proposed antenna itself and the county's decision-making process. See page 1 for Sam Naifeh's article that elaborates on some of them. The next zoning hearing about the proposed antenna will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 10 a.m. in Room 101, First Floor, 455 County Center, Redwood City. You are encouraged to attend.

Public Safety: Lock your Car Doors. Break-ins on unlocked cars in the Highlands were reported as recently as May 8. Unlocked cars and valuable items left in cars make it easy for thieves. **If you see someone hanging around who looks suspicious to you, call 363-4911.**

4th of July: Time moves fast, and our big celebration will be here before we know it. Things are shaping up for "Hats Off to Heroes!" We still need volunteers to help out at the fireworks, parade, food booth, and midway.

Here are links to use to volunteer online:

Volunteers for Fireworks on the 3rd

<http://bit.ly/HighlandsFireworks>

Volunteers for Food Booth on the 4th

<http://bit.ly/HighlandsFoodBooth>

Volunteers for Midway Booths on the 4th

<http://bit.ly/HighlandsMidway>

Volunteers for Parade on the 4th

<http://bit.ly/HighlandsParade>

(the capital I in Highlands is **not** a typo)

As always, I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at the HCA meetings. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at hcapres@gmail.com.

**HCA Meeting May 24, 7:30 p.m.
Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of the Minutes
- III. Sheriff's Dept/CHP/CDR Cal Fire
- IV. Reports
 - A. First Vice President
 - B. Second Vice President
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Membership
 - E. *lowdown*
 - F. Public Utilities Committee
 - G. Emergency Services Committee
 - H. Land Committee
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business/Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

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HCA MINUTES

by Denise Haas

HCA Meeting, April 26, 2011

I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Rick Priola.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2011, was moved by Sylvia Mercadeau, seconded by JP Bernard, and carried unanimously.

III. Sheriff's Department/ California Highway Patrol/CDF — Deputy Sheriff reported 13 car burglaries in the neighborhood during the past month. The vehicles were all left unlocked. Residents are also reminded to make sure their home and vehicles are secure. For non-emergency concerns, call (650) 363-4000.

IV. Reports

A. First Vice President – No report.

B. Second Vice President – No report. Residents are encouraged to call to volunteer for the 3rd and 4th of July neighborhood festivities.

C. Treasurer – David Krakower presented the 2011 budget forecast.

D. Membership – Liesje Nicolas reported that the 2011 membership drive is more than halfway to its goal.

E. lowdown – Dorothy Greene announced that the submission deadline for the May issue will be April 28, 2011.

F. Public Utilities Committee – Misako Hill (misako.hill@cortel-

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llc.com) representing T-Mobile gave a report on the proposed placement of an antenna on a power pole they co-own with PG&E on Cobblehill Place. County zoning officer Olivia Boo responded to questions regarding the process. Residents are encouraged to attend the zoning hearing about this issue on May 19, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Room 101, First Floor, 455 County Center, Redwood City.

G. Emergency Services Committee County Fire Chief John Ferreira gave a report on the County-proposed reduction in the level of fire services at local fire station 7. Currently two engines are staffed at station 7; the County proposes to reduce station 7 to one engine and move the second engine elsewhere in the County. Station 7 covers CSA1, which includes the Highlands. Funding for the two engines are paid by CSA 1 property tax and a special parcel tax (\$67) intended for second engine paid by CSA 1 residents. The County does not intend to refund the special parcel tax.

H. Land Committee – No report

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business – None

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



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Recreation Center would like to thank all event volunteers and presenters who helped make the Eggstravaganza 2011 a success for all participants. We want to thank Highlands Elementary School and Cal Fire for their continued partnership with the Highlands Recreation Center, the Cal Fire Explorers, Magic Jeanne, the HYPERACTIVEZ Dance Team, Michaela Johnson-Carroll, Leann, Dayere McHenry, and all of the Highlands Recreation Staff.

Kids' Nite Out

5/20/11 6-10 p.m. \$25/Child with \$5 sibling discount

Take advantage of an evening out while your kids are having a fun filled night at the Rec. Pizza dinner and movie provided.

Lifeguard Training

Session 1 4/30, 5/1, 5/7, 5/8

Saturday/Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session 2 6/13-6/16

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

This comprehensive training program is for the individual who wishes to become a lifeguard at a pool. This will certify the passing student in CPR for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid, and Lifeguard Training. Students must be 15 years or older (proof of age must be shown at the first meeting) and must pass a water skills test to be admitted into the class. Bring class material, swim suit, towel, and comfortable clothing. **MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES PER SESSION!**

Youth Tennis Lessons

M/W	6/13-7/18	1:30-2 p.m.
	\$80/85	Ct. 1
M/W	6/13-7/15	2-3 p.m.
	\$168/173	Ct. 1
M/W	6/13-7/15	3-4 p.m.
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Pre-Tennis is an introductory tennis class (for children ages 3-13) that teaches balanced movement, foot-

work skills and eye-hand coordination.

Youth Tennis I is for youth with little experience or instruction. They will be instructed in the basic fundamentals of proper grip, forehand, backhand, serve, and volley.

Although ages to enroll are flexible, Youth Tennis I students typically range in age from 6-10 years old.

Youth Tennis II improves upon what was learned in Youth Tennis I and introduces tennis strategy to the students. Youth Tennis II students typically range in age from 8-13 years. (ASP Fee and Camp Fee: \$5 less than resident fee.) No Class 7/3

Summer Camp 2011

7:30 a.m.-6-p.m.

Weekly Fee: \$250/255 Wk. 3: \$202/207

Summer's right around the corner, and we're thinking an American vacation! Highlands Recreation Center is excited to host our ten-week summer camp jam packed with amazing destinations. If you're looking for a safe and fun environment for your children, get tickets now because HRC is your destination for fun! Registration is in progress and spaces are filling fast. Call (650) 341-4251

Dates

June 20-June 24

June 27-July 1

July 5-July 8

July 11-July 15

July 18-July 22

July 25-July 29

Aug. 1-Aug. 5

Aug. 8-Aug. 12

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Session 1: June 20-24,

Session 2: June 27-July 1

Session 3: July 11-15

Session 4: July 18-22

Session 5: July 25-29

Session 6: August 1-5

The Coyote Point Yacht Club is offering 6 one-week sessions of sailing instruction to boys and girls ages 8-16 who wish to learn to sail and/or improve their sailing skills. Each session runs Monday through Friday. Sessions are available in half-day and full-day options. The morning

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Gardening Hints

by Melissa Wilson

Preparing the soil: Soil preparation sets you up for everything that comes next. After you locate your underground utilities, you need to turn over your soil and amend it. Rent a roto-tiller from a company like Cresco. This will loosen your dirt and turn over your existing weeds so that they die. Alternately, if it is a small space, you can cut the roots and turn the soil over with a hoe. Mixing in fresh soil counteracts the clay we have up here. Plants don't like clay.



Soil is available from hardware stores or Lyngso in Redwood City. (If you are tempted to get free soil on craigslist, don't do it.) If you have any drainage, sprinklers, or electrical piping to run, and you can anticipate how you will plant, get it in now. Finally, put on a weed barrier (a black vinyl cloth) to block the growth of weeds if you are waiting to plant. Mulch over the weed barrier while you wait to plant; an attractive mulch is 1/4" to 3/4" mini mulch fir bark for its neutral look.

Political Campaign Commentary

by Cary Wiest

Thank you to those who took the time to vote by mail in the first "all mail balloting" special election in San Mateo County on May 3 to fill the vacancy on the District 1 seat on the Board of Supervisors that arose after now former Supervisor Mark Church was elected to be Chief Elections Officer & Assessor – County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County last November. As a former president of the Highlands Community Association (HCA), I know that the relationship between our community and the Board of Supervisors is key to maintaining the quality of our community and the services we receive. Relationships often take years to build, and our community representatives have spent decades building good communications and rapport between our community and our elected representatives.

As a community association, we have historically been very active in local elections even before potential candidates stated their candidacy. Any vacancy on the Board of Supervisors, particularly one in our district (District 1), is of extreme interest to our community and the HCA Board. Our issues as an unincorporated community often differ in priority compared to those communities interested only in the

larger countywide issues. It is important to be involved in the voting process so that we elect officials that understand our concerns and we build open lines of communications. As a community we want to be recognized as important so that our concerns are heard. Unfortunately we do not always feel that way.

At the standing-room-only April 26 HCA meeting conducted by President Rick Priola, several community concerns were on the agenda, including changes to our CalFire services and the location of additional cellular phone towers. Several candidates took time out of their busy campaign schedules to attend the meeting. This is the first step of introducing our community to a potential new supervisor and building a relationship. We felt it was important to recognize and thank the following candidates for the Board of Supervisors: Dave Pine, Richard Holober, Terry Nagel, and Demetrious Nikas for taking the time to attend the meeting.

As I write this, the election is still underway. Regardless of who wins, I thank the candidates for caring enough to attend our community meeting and being willing to serve in public office for this great county.

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Senior Network News

by Barbara Cohn



Good Grief! It's almost summer and time to think about celebrations. First is our June event. Lois Scott has very generously agreed to host a summer potluck. June 16 will be the date for another great time to catch up with friends and neighbors, as well as newcomers to the Senior Net. Just RSVP or get any questions answered at 345-5471. See you there!

And then there is the annual 4th of July parade. Seniors are doing a float (no, we don't have to walk it), and we need volunteers to help make it a winner. All it takes is a bit of time, some energy, and a call to Dianne at 571-6122 or Cliff at 349-5290.

Sometimes caregivers need just a little help; sometimes they just need someone to talk to. A group is forming in the Highlands that just might be the way to find others who know

the problems – and sometimes the solutions. If this fits your situation, call Dianne at 571-6122.

Finally we have some transportation solutions for those of us who aren't driving these days. First of all, the Rec is sponsoring Tuesday morning shopping trips to the Crystal Springs Shopping Center. For FREE you can be picked up and delivered there and back. I'm told that someone will even carry your groceries into the house for you. What more can one ask? Call Jeff at the Rec to reserve your space.

Last — a reminder about the Errand/Appointment Transportation mentioned in an earlier *lowdown*. For \$5, you can be taken on a round trip from your home to anywhere in San Mateo County on a Monday, Tuesday, or Friday. The only requirement is that you make an appointment a week ahead. Call 378-2750 and get going!

Highlands Book Club

by Jo Nassutti



We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Exercise Room at the Rec Center. For

June 7 we will read *The Ladies Auxiliary* by **Tova Mitvis**, a lyric debut novel by an insightful storyteller. Author Elizabeth Strout says "A truly compelling look into a community where the divine is always bumping up against the human." It is a very amusing book.

Our book for **July 5** is *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by **Yoko Ogawa**, one of Japan's most acclaimed authors, translated by Stephen Snyder. This is an enchanting story about what it means to live in the present, and about the curious equations that can create a family.

Questions, call Jo Nassutti at 650-345-8915. **Curious**, come by and observe.

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COMMUNITY AND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

UMC News

by Steve Schlichter

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may wish to pursue in the future. Classes include Robotics Invention; CSI Laboratory, Manga Cartooning and Comics, The Wonderful World of Physics, Game Design and Development, Algebra, Creative Writing, Fashion Design, Cooking, Self Defense, Basketball, Tennis, and more.

College for Kids will be held at Skyline College from June 20 through July 7, and at the College of San Mateo from July 5 through 21, Mondays through Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:45 p.m. Register early, space is limited!

For more information, schedule of classes, and testimonials, please visit www.CollegeForKids-smccd.com or call Community Education at (650) 574-6149.

Letter to the Editor

We drive too fast. This is a follow-up on the article about kids not playing in their front yards. When we speed, fewer kids play outside; fewer walkers walk; and fewer neighbors chat while gardening or walking their dog, in other words, we are a lot less of a neighborhood.

Here are some ideas:

Set your cruise control to 25 mph occasionally to remember what that speed feels like. It is easy to forget.

Remember, it is okay to be late to school and to work. A sense of urgency raises stress, releases adrenaline, and

results in less thoughtful decisions. My sense is that the fastest driving takes place right before school; this is a surprise since your kids are in your car and other kids are on the sidewalks.

Drive relaxed. One way to gauge your level of relaxation is to notice your peripheral vision working as you drive; vision narrows under stress. You may not see the child who runs into the street.

Relax and unwind. Find calm in the car. Make us all safer and our neighborhood even better.

Melissa Wilson



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HIGHLANDS SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Highlands School News*by Mary Tsao*

Thank you from Highlands Elementary – As the school year quickly comes to a close, the PTA and staff of Highlands would like to thank the greater Highlands community for its dedication and loyalty to our local school. It's amazing and wonderful that families in our community who don't even have students at Highlands find the time and money to donate to our school. We know the Highlands community is unique, and we are grateful for the support. Thank you!

State of Emergency for California Schools – After three years of massive budget cuts (\$20 billion from education alone), California is in a State of Emergency. The California State PTA and the California Teachers Association, as well as other groups, believe that the Legislature's failure to protect essential basic services is destroying our future. From May 9 to 13, Highlands Elementary participated in daily activities on campus designed to educate parents and community members about this crisis. If you passed by the school during this week you may have seen seven empty chairs outside. Each of these chairs represents an employee who may be laid off. Budget cuts hurt the administration as well as the children; next year class sizes will increase, and staff will be decreased.

Together we can demand lawmakers pass the pending tax extensions to prevent even deeper cuts. Time is running out for students and schools. Lawmakers need to pass a budget now that extends existing tax rates and protects public education from an additional \$4 billion in devastation. For more information, see <http://castateofemergency.com>.

Be a Champion – Support school kids in our community by buying

tickets to the May 25th Giants game. Join the San Mateo & Foster City Education Foundation as the Giants take on the Florida Marlins at AT&T Park on Wednesday, May 25th. You'll not only honor our Giants heroes, but support our younger heroes (our students) at the same time. To purchase tickets, visit www.smfcef.org.

Dates for your Calendar

May 26 – Science Fair at Highlands Elementary School
May 30 – Memorial Day, no school
June 10 – End of year picnic
June 15 – Last day of school



This can be you at the 4th of July Food Booth. To help, call Rick at 574-8313.

► **Hats off to Heroes:** from page 1

your neighbors to carry out our special event.

Volunteers are needed for one- to two- hour slots for the following areas: the 3rd of July fireworks, cleaning up after the fireworks, helping set up tables and chairs for the midway area, helping serve drinks and burgers at the food booth on the 4th, helping run the midway, games, and helping clean up at the end of the day. We are also looking to borrow red wagons again this year--please contact Tricia if you have one to loan.

This is an all-volunteer run event, and we would love to include YOU. To help, see page 7 for a list of links to sign up online to volunteer for the celebration.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

► **Rec Programs:** from page 4
option runs from 9 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon option runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The full-day option runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration Fees and Discounts: The cost per student for the half-day option is \$195 per session (morning or afternoon). The cost per student for the full-day option is \$375 per session (discounted). Registration fee discounts are available for a second family member registering in the same session and for Coyote Point Yacht Club members. Send requests for information or questions to Laurel Reid at: Youthsailing@cpyc.com, or call the Coyote Point Yacht Club office at (650) 347-6730. When registering with the CPYC, be sure to mention that you heard about this class in the Highlands Recreation Center brochure.

Theater Workshop
Entering 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades
 M-F 6/20-6/24 10am-12pm \$34/39 Off-site
Entering 4th, 5th Grades
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Join Ms. Jang for our one-week Theater Workshop. This workshop will consist of mini activities including theater focus on acting and use of voice. The final project will be to prepare for a final presentation for the parents on Friday, 6/24.

► **Neighborhood Discussion:** from page 1
that requirements in County regulations and criteria for cell phone antenna installations have not been met.

The community asked that T-Mobile representatives meet with County Service Area #1 representatives to work out an alternative to both antenna proposals that would provide a successful outcome for all parties. Community associations here have had previous experience in working out positive outcomes for cell phone providers in the past. CSA #1 representatives Jerry Ozanne, Alan Palter, and Rick Priola, along with Wil Pinney and Cary Wiest, will work

with T-Mobile and the County to find a good solution. We look forward to a mutually beneficial follow-up response from T-Mobile.

Thanks to all of our community members who attended. Many of you expressed relevant concerns and added important information about both proposed antenna proposals, which the County had not included in their study. The next zoning hearing on the T-Mobile cell phone antenna proposal is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Room 101, First Floor, 455 County Center, Redwood City. Please plan to attend.

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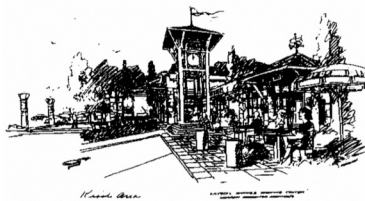
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A VIEW FROM THE HIGHLANDS

Go to the Village for Whatever You Need Plus a Tasty Treat

by Florence Beier

It was such a nice day after so many gloomy, rainy ones, that I decided to take a stroll to the village, Crystal Springs Village, that is. It's actually not that daunting. It took 20 minutes going down, 25 climbing back. My dream is for a graveled path through the trees going down with switchbacks from the end of Cobblehill Place – quite a change from the detour on Ticonderoga and along Polhemus, where there is no sidewalk.

My goal was to interview the new owners of Tasty Treats, conveniently located between Safeway, Verizon, and Starbucks on the sunny side of the village. Scott Dawe and his partner with the mellifluous Thai name, Mudjarin Rangkhasiriphan (call her Lily), have leased the attractive shop that was closed for almost six months. This is their first enterprise together, but Lily had a café in Bangkok before she came to the U.S. She and Scott met in San Francisco, when they were both thinking of opening their own businesses.

Crepes, smoothies, and gelato are the featured offerings at Tasty Treats. All their ingredients are fresh, with gelato made by Fiorello's in San Rafael. The menu has a wide variety of flavors and fillings. I ordered a crepe with turkey, spinach, mozzarella, tomato, avocado, and pesto -



yummy! I couldn't eat it all, so I took the remainder home in one of their compostable boxes. In addition to fruit drinks, they offer Thai tea and Thai espresso, but they have agreed not to compete with Starbucks' coffee concoctions. Open hours are now Tuesday through Sunday from 11 to 7 and until 8 on weekends, with plans to open early for breakfast. (For take-out call 312-1570.)

Crystal Springs Village and the businesses along Polhemus are such a convenience for us here in the Highlands. My favorite spots are the Produce store, My Place restaurant, and Little Hunan. Naturally the essentials are CVS, Safeway, post office, and bank. The major drawback is that not everyone wants or is able to hoof it, and dragging groceries or dry cleaning up the hill is impossible.

If you can't drive, you can have a free ride there in the Rec Center van every Tuesday morning. It picks you up at your home about 9:30 a.m. and delivers you and your purchases to your front door about 11, with an hour to shop. Just call Jeff Schwartz at 341-4251. You can also take advantage of "Get Up & Go" for shared ride transportation Monday, Tuesday, and Friday for \$5 by calling the PJCC at 378-2716. for details. The best bet for a ride is to ask a neighbor.