

City Connections

A good look at the City reveals much of what we do is done in collaboration with citizens, community groups, commissions, other institutions and agencies. On this page and elsewhere in this newsletter are a sampling of the ways we make connections in our community. These connections increase in importance as we enter a time of greater commitment to maintaining city services and improving their delivery.

Marin Circle Fountain

Those who negotiate the Marin Circle are now treated to a picture from the past. The lovingly restored Marin Circle — with its fountain, balustrade and walkway — is a reminder to all of a time

Town and Gown Agreement

Recent negotiations between UC Berkeley and the City ended on a positive note, promising a more productive relationship for the two bodies. Alarmed by the planned **Haas Pavilion and Edwards Field Expansion Project**, campus neighbors asked the City to develop mitigations on the troubling issues of traffic, parking and area congestion raised by such an expansion project. After months of discussion the City and Campus came to an agreement. Perhaps more important, the agreement represents a breakthrough for the community in terms of long term planning for large scale future development.

A planning advisory group, jointly funded and staffed by the Campus and City, will coordinate future development, housing, recreation, circulation, transit and parking plans and projects. Further, the group will assist in the creation of long-range plans and provide early, program-stage review of possible projects. Another crucial task will be the group's coordination of project planning pro-

CITY AND SCHOOLS JOIN FORCES



Photo by Jane Sawyer

Wiping Out Hepatitis B

Sixth graders in the Berkeley public schools now have the opportunity to get immunized against Hepatitis B through a City run program. City health promoters hold discussions with students, their parents, teachers, and the PTA about the devastating effects of this illness and the need to be immunized. So far, with parental consent over one-third of all sixth graders have taken their shots. This will be an ongoing program to protect all kids in the sixth grade and under.

For information call 644-6500.

Combating the Dropout Rate

the Fountain and Walk, a dedicated and hard working group of neighbors and interested preservationists, re-created this important landmark. Months devoted to meetings, planning, fundraising, cleanups, and hard labor paid off. The fountain is now restored, happily gurgling and softly lit at night.

This major grassroots effort brought community and City workers together. Public Works and Parks and Waterfront crews worked with the Friends during planning and installation phases and have assumed responsibility for upkeep of the fountain and walk areas.

Thanks a Million, Emeryville!

The City of Berkeley is sponsoring the **I-80 overcrossing project** (see cover story), but it is a collaborative project with the City of Emeryville, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. These agencies recognize and support the need for safe and convenient pedestrian, wheelchair and bicycle access across I-80. Berkeley is especially thankful to Emeryville for transferring \$1 million in transportation grants to this project. Planning for the total \$4 million project wouldn't have been possible without this infusion of "seed" money.

proposed plans or capital projects.

This planning advisory model signals a collaborative problem-solving approach. It may lead to more partnership efforts for the City and Campus in other arenas, such as academic and technical assistance for the Berkeley schools and community.

Keeping students in school is an important goal for any school. At Berkeley High counselors worked with City staff from the Student Health Center to create a proactive program to keep students from dropping out. This year they are receiving assistance from the federal AmeriCorps program to help over 100 vulnerable students stay in school. Participants are provided mentoring, tutoring, after school recreation, and counseling. Students learn to accept more responsibility for what they do and how to set goals and stick to them.

For information call 644-8835.

Businesses Get Climate Wise

Eighteen local industries have made the "Climate Wise" pledge to **conserve natural resources** to help abate global warming. Through this program, these firms show their commitment to the environment and at the same time lower their operating expenses.

The City grant program brings together a team of City and outside experts to work with businesses to help them save energy and reduce waste. Firms already "wised up" are **Acme Bread (pictured), Advance Heli-Welders, American Soil Products, Berkeley Mills, Cheese Cake City, EcoTimber, Hill Production Machining, Inkworks Press, Intermountain Trading, J. Fine Glass, J&S Candles, Metropolis Bakery, Peaceable Kingdom Press, Peachpit Press, Pinzette Glass, Sweeney Furniture, Uprisings Bakery, and Wheelskins.**

For information call 644-6170.



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