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## SEPTEMBER 24 & 26 Annual Meeting & Board Elections

SAVE THE DATES

## SEPTEMBER 17 Candidates' Forum on Zoom

On Thursday, September 24, at 7pm, the Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) will hold its Annual Meeting, including the election of six candidates to fill seats on the Board of Directors for terms ending in 2022. The meeting will take place at the Rockridge BART parking lot by the intersection of Forest Street and Shafter Avenue. The names and statements of all nominees appear on pages 3 through 5 of this issue.

For the health of our community, the meeting will be held out-of-doors, with hygiene protocols including physical distancing and face masks. Hand sanitizers will be available. For safety and to avoid crowding, the scheduled

business will be limited to the call-to-order, preliminary announcements, and voting. All voting will be by written ballot. Residents are welcome to use their own pens; disposable pencils will also be provided. The polling table will remain open until 9pm. All qualifying voters who have a ballot by that time will have an opportunity to vote. Residents who cannot attend on the 24th will have an opportunity to vote on Saturday, September 26, between 4 and 7pm, in the Rockridge Library parking lot at 5366 College Avenue. All activities will follow the health protocols described earlier. ■

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Any person with principal residence in the area of the City of Oakland contained within RCPC boundaries (see [www.rockridge.org/boundaries](http://www.rockridge.org/boundaries)), and who is at least 18 years old, is eligible to vote in the election. Voter identity and eligibility will be confirmed at the time of voting with photo ID and proof of residency. A current driver's license or California ID card can fulfill both requirements if the listed address is within the boundaries. A full list of acceptable documents is available at [www.rockridge.org/elections](http://www.rockridge.org/elections).

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 17 from 7-9pm. The Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC) will be hosting — for the first time, online — its RCPC Board Candidates' Forum.

Hear from 13 candidates as they vie for six board seats up for election. A seasoned strategic communications professional, Kathleen Cha, will be moderating the discussion as residents are invited to hear from these candidates and ask questions.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, this discussion will be hosted on Zoom, broadcast on Facebook Live, and recorded for those unable to attend. To attend the forum, please email [info@rockridge.org](mailto:info@rockridge.org) to receive log-in/dial-in information. ■

### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Read about the current slate of candidates on pages 3, 4 and 5.

## Local Assisted-Living Residents Adjust to Challenging Times

— By Judith Doner Berne

“We’re sort of in a cocoon here. We’re safe from the outside world. I’ve never done so many puzzles in my life.”

That’s what Bob Kelleher, a resident of The Point at Rockridge for more than three years, opened with as we talked about how he and his assisted living neighbors are coping with daily life in the age of Covid-19.

I was curious because even during

the original shelter-in-place order, most of us could still choose to venture outside for exercise and do essential shopping. But for several months I didn’t see any of the regular walkers from Merrill Gardens at Rockridge, the assisted living facility that is down the street. The Point is

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Maurizia Palmieri takes neighborhood walks with her daughter Silvia Hughes since Merrill Gardens at Rockridge has eased its lockdown rules.