

**ISSUE
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The Summer Issue!

Upcoming Events

Independence Day Party

Tuesday July 4
Fairwood Avenue
1-5pm

Wear your red, white, and blue! Let's celebrate the 4th of July together! Gather in the street and enjoy live music, a taco truck, and beverages. We'll party on Fairwood Avenue. All food and drink is FREE. Monique Lombardelli-Anton of Modern Homes Realty is generously sponsoring this event.

23rd Annual Block Party

Saturday September 9
Fairwood Avenue
1-5pm

It's the world famous Fairglen Eichler Block Party, here for the 23rd time! Mark your calendars and be there in September. Bring your camper chairs and your smiles. Music. Food trucks. Drinks. Fun for kids and adults. Annual dessert contest. Kid bike parade & more!



Seeking volunteers to run the bike parade! Please email block-party@fairgleneichlers.org

Bunco Game Night

Meets monthly
A neighbor's home
Time changes based on host

The ladies of Fairglen host Bunco Night once per month at their homes. Play Bunco, have a drink with your neighbors, and get a glimpse of someone else's Eichler. Bunco is an easy to learn dice game— don't be shy!

Email Fiona to be added to the email list at fionadsmith@gmail.com.

HA HA HA

You Know You're An Eichler Owner When...
The sound of cats jumping from roof to roof lulls you to sleep.

Congrats, Grads!



Ellie C. Booksin Elementary
Lena S. Booksin Elementary
Wyatt T. Booksin Elementary
Matilda G. Archbishop Mitty High
Addison Z. Bellarmine College Prep
Daxton Z. Willow Glen Middle

Nabeela's Eichler-made Treats

By Jenny Quigley

Baking can be a meditative process, and doing it in your own Eichler kitchen sparks a special kind of joy. But I was surprised last year when I stumbled across Nabeela Aijiz and her business Nabeela's Bakery on Instagram, and realized she was running it from her Eichler on Fairhill. Then I saw she was baking key lime pies (my absolute favorite) using limes from her backyard. One bite, and I've been hooked. I sat down with Nabeela to find out what it's like to make scrumptious pastries and breads for the people of San Jose.

How long have you been in the neighborhood?

Almost 2 years and 2 months.

Why did you decide to live in an Eichler?

I only wanted an Eichler house. I wanted to study architecture, but due to a series of unfortunate incidents, I ended up as an engineer. When we first started our house search, I said, "No cookie cutter houses. I need to find an architecturally beautiful house. We have to find an Eichler."

Was a good kitchen a priority in your home search?

I wanted a kitchen that was really functional because I cook and bake a lot. When we were house hunting, I did try to find a really good kitchen, but knew I could work anywhere. I lived in a tiny apartment when I started my business and I still made the kitchen work. If you have the will, you'll find the way.

How did you become a baker?

I've always been into food. I would read about cookies and cakes that we didn't have in India where I grew up. When I moved to the US, I said, "I can bake these things now."

I realized I wanted to move into the food industry because engineering was fun and I'm good at it, but it wasn't where my passion is. I started an internship at Urban Farm Collective in Sunnyvale, got my foot into the food



Neighbor
Feature



Seeded bran muffin

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Neighborhood
News**

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an event? We want to know!**

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industry, and slowly went from job to job. Then I realized it made more sense to have my own business. I've been in the industry for almost 8 years now.

To get a license for a home kitchen, you have to jump through so many hoops. I spent a lot of money and time getting licensed. Then I started advertising on my apartment complex's social hub. Neighbors were curious because they had seen my cakes at potlucks and started buying.

My business thrived during the pandemic because people didn't want to go out to bakeries. I delivered door to door, and it became successful. When I moved to the neighborhood, I had to re-grow my customer base, so I started advertising on NextDoor. I still have a few customers from my old neighborhood, though, and I have quite a few neighbors who buy now.

Peanut Butter Chocolate Cookie



What is your favorite thing to bake?

Sourdough bread. It requires a lot of technical skill. I like anything that uses all my technical skills in baking.

What are your culinary inspirations?

The California cuisine has inspired me. Living in the Bay Area, where we have farmers markets, is amazing. I'll go to the farmers market and be like "Oh, there's rhubarb! I should make a rhubarb cake." Also, since I come from India, I try to combine my Indian heritage with what we have here. I'll do a chaat, an Indian street food, but Americanized, with local ingredients such as asparagus.

What is your current home project or one you're looking forward to starting?

We're doing our front yard and back yard landscaping right now. Hopefully after that we will extend our solar, as part of a roof over the outdoor kitchen. So in the future, we'll have enough battery power to be off the grid for a while.

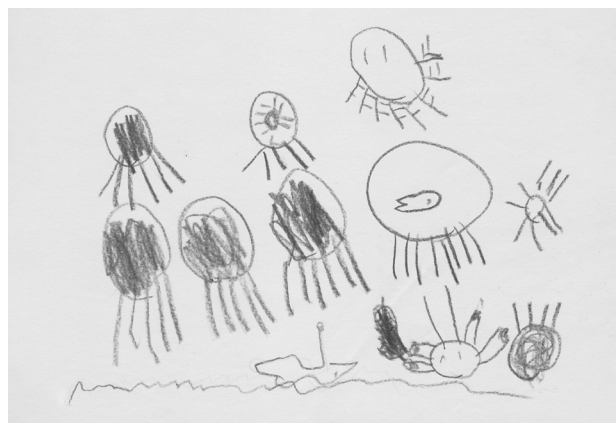
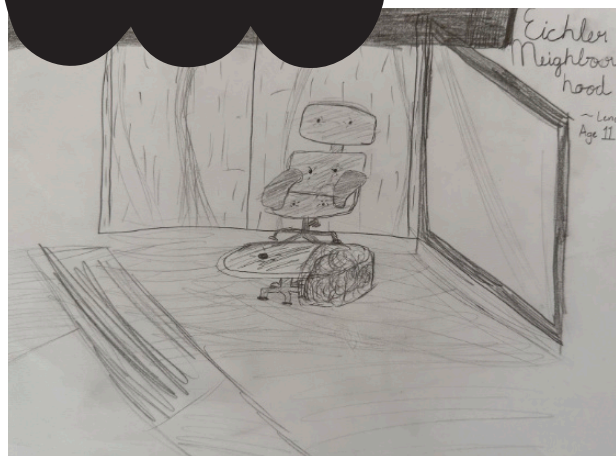


Brioche cinnamon bun

Learn more about Nabeela's Bakery and get your orders in early at nabeelasbakery.com. Follow along on Instagram at [nabeelasbakery](https://www.instagram.com/nabeelasbakery).

Kids Corner

By: Lena (11)



An Ocean Scene
By: George (4)

By: Apollo (5)

Little
Blockhead

Hi, my name
is Julian!

Age: 3.5

Interests include:

Running, "my red scooter"
and trains.

House thoughts:

"I like my atrium because I
can scoot and run in it."



Calling all sitters!

Do you babysit, pet sit, or house
sit? Calling all responsible
teenagers and friendly neighbors!
The people of Fairglen need you.
Need a sitter yourself? We've got
you covered, too.

Contact Emma at emmafaye@gmail.com

Eichler babies!

Winona
Siemasko
Maes
1/21/23

Leila Rose Chen
3/8/23

Pierce
Daniel
Ashburn
3/17/23

Jack Douglas
Armstrong
5/15/23



Fairglen Flashback!

By Emma Siemasko

Did you know we used to host a big art festival each year?

The Fairglen Art Festival started as one woman's art show and became a draw for artists and crafts-makers around the Bay Area. In 1962, Maggie Caploe of Fairgrove Court set up an exhibit of her crafts inside her Eichler and then invited her neighbors over for a look. Soon, fellow neighbors joined Maggie in displaying their art. The Fairglen Art Festival was born.

The festival was most active in the 1970s and 80s, petering out in the 90s. Not to brag, but it was likely the largest public event to ever take place in an Eichler neighborhood.

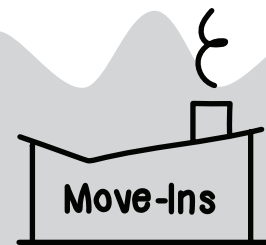
Although we no longer run the art festival, the FAF spirit is alive and well, evidenced by neighborhood artists who are still holding Open Studios where they showcase and sell their artwork. This May, Jonathan and Joella Kermit of 1622 Andalusia and Susan Butler-Graham of 1671 Fairwood hosted Open Studios where they showcased their art. All three artists participated in the original festival, as well.



Susan's Watercolor on paper - Bambi Xmas

The Kermits have lived in their Eichler for 44 years, describing it as their “first and only house.” Jonathan creates sculptures out of metal and found materials or “urban flotsam,” while Joella creates botanical prints using a technique known as eco-dyeing. You can learn more at jonathankermit.com and by emailing joellagray@aol.com.

Susan Butler-Graham creates watercolor and plein air paintings, which feature richly-colored animals and landscapes. Susan is also responsible for painting the utility boxes at Curtner and Cottle. You can learn more about Susan and her art at susanbgart.com.



2401 Fair oak: Dave and Sonia Wills, son Sammy and daughter Adina, plus their dog Callie bought the home in December.

2285 Fairglen: Yi-Kai Tseng, Jill Huang, and Khyle recently moved in July.

1632 Fairlawn: Jason and Sally moved in and are expecting their first baby in August.

1978 Margot: Welcome Ali and Mahsa Besharatian!

2308 Fairglen: Hello Yanar family who moved in June :)



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