#### With Love From:



#### Agua Viva Co-op Cafe

A worker-owned cafe dedicated to creating a warm, public space for learning about the Omni.



Dedicated to the production & accessibility of Earth-based medicine.



#### Global Womens' Strike **Omni Collective**

Working toward the return of military spending to the community, starting with women, the main caregivers everywhere.



#### **Bay Area Public School**

A free, self-organizing, anti-capitalist school with radical and contestatory politics.

**Chiapas Support Committee** 

Supporting autonomous health

care and education in

Zapatista communities.

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FILM COLLECTIVE



A new collective bringing art and artists to the Omni Commons.



#### **Birdhouse Art Collective**



## Bloc

A new collective for people who love Omni and want to help it thrive!

Building



# Counter Culture

A citizen science and DIYbio space that is open sourcing biology.



#### **Food Not Bombs**

Bringing free food to parks, political events, gatherings and social centers since 1991.



of writers, dancers, actors, & A radical film & video mischief makers who are out collective dedicated to social



A food justice group building farmers North Oakland.



markets and gardens in



change.

A place to build, learn, reclaim technology for the people, and create alternatives to the tech industry.



to do comedy that is a

reflection of the Bay Area's

diverse culture.

**Timeless, Infinite Light** An Oakland small press focused on contemporary poetry and critical theory.



## The Omni Commoner

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#### Welcome, from Your Fellow Commoners!

#### The Omni Commons

currently hosts over a dozen collectives committed to the mission of equity and community. We're actively recruiting new members for existing groups as well as entirely new organizations to collaborate with us. Contact us at omnicommons.org/wiki or info@omnicommons.org with inquiries on how to participate!

#### Have a question?

Chances are the answer is already on our website or wiki at omnicommons.org.

Send us a comment, question or other feedback at: info@omnicommons.org

Or check out the calendar of ongoing events at: omnicommons.org/calendar.

#### Participate!

Are you connected to an aligned group looking for occasional or permanent space? We have space available! Apply to be a member collective at **omnicommons.org/join!** 

We always welcome new volunteers to participate in various working groups—in particular finance, building & maintenance, commons (event management), and fundraising. See omnicommons.org/calendar for the next working group meeting, or omnicommons.org/lists for email lists.

### Security and Accessibility Updates

You may have seen our beautiful new front door that improves wheelchair accessibility. Exterior lighting has also been repaired and we will add more lights as finances permit.

After thorough research of privacy and security concerns, we have developed a security camera system that ensures footage can only be used when necessary for the safety of our community. You will soon see mounted security cameras to observe key areas of the exterior and sidewalk.

The cypress trees have been tastefully pruned back, but there is discussion about ways to improve them, so they do not serve as hiding places for both people and objects, including any potential messes left on the sidewalk in front of our building.

#### **Upcoming Special Events Calendar**

see omnicommons.org/calendar for updates

Tuesday 4/19	Thursday 4/21	Saturday 4/23
12:30-4:30pm Team Building Work Retreat for FQHC Services UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland (private event).	8pm-10pm Film(s) and a panel about squatting Homes Not Jails will be screening films about squatter movements from around the world, followed by a panel and discussion about the films and squatting in general. Donations will support East Bay Homes Not Jails and Omni Commons.	9am-5:30pm Catalyst Project's Anti-Racism for Collective Liberation Training for local groups supporting white people involved in anti-racist work. Event by invite only - contact: info@collectiveliberation.org

Sunday 4/24

Friday 4/29

#### 1pm-3pm

#### **Revolutionary Mothering**

Part of a book tour for *Revolutionary Mothering*, featuring workshops by the book's editors, centering experiences from mothers who are of color, low-income, queer, trans, and other identities on the margins.

#### 10am-6pm

#### **BASTARD Conference**

The BASTARD (Berkeley Anarchist Students of Theory And Research & Development) conference promotes multiple approaches to anarchism. Come and talk about the philosophy and theory of where we've come from, where we are, and where we're going. Throughout the building.

10am-5pm

## The Omni Commons Fair

(Community Dinner 5pm-9pm!) Showcasing the power within interdisciplinary collaboration and grassroots community organizing. The all day event will include a panel discussion about cooperativelyorganized arts groups featuring arts and cultural leaders in the Bay Area, an array of interactive booths which showcase Omni's interdisciplinary, creative, and practical endeavors, and guided tours of the space. A community dinner will be served at 5pm by Dos Manos, a new catering cooperative initiated by two longtime Omni volunteers.

#### **Regular, Recurring Events**

There are multiple events happening almost every day of the week at the Omni! All are open to curious newcomers.

Check our calendar for more details: omnicommons.org/calendar.

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Fundraising / Buy the Building / Until the Revolution Working Group, 6pm in the Blue Classroom

Synthetic Biology, Biohacking and Cheese, every other Monday at 7pm in Counter Culture Labs

Anti-Eviction Mapping Project
Meetup, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7pm

The Art of Science, the Science of Art, 4th Mondays at 7pm in Counter Culture Labs

Tuesday:

Hardware Hack Night, 7pm in Sudo Room

Biohackers and Mad Scientists Social, 7pm in Counter Culture Labs

Birdhouse Art Collective Weekly

Meetups - 7pm in the Entrance Hall.

Sudo Mesh: Building the Peoples Open Network - 7pm in Sudo Room

Film Night @ The Omni, every other Tuesday, 7pm in the Disco Room

Wednesday:

Sudo Room Weekly Party, 7pm

East Bay Homes Not Jails Meeting, 7pm in the Blue Classroom

(Wednesday Cont'd):

Fermentation Station

MycoFermentoOmniMondo, 7pm
in Counter Culture Labs

**Open Source Insulin**, 7pm in Counter Culture Labs

Bay Area Community Exchange (BACE) Timebank Monthly Meetups, 1st Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Treatment Room

Thursday:

Omni Delegates Meeting, 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7pm in the Ballroom

Commons Working Group, 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm in the Entrance Hall

Finance Working Group, 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6pm in the Blue Classroom

**Javascript Study Group**, 7pm in Sudo Room

Bay Area Applied Mycology (BAAM) Mushroom Lab, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30pm in CCL

**Hegel for Communists**, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7pm in the Treatment Room (Friday Cont'd):

Bernard Stiegler Reading Group, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:45pm in the Disco Room

Heidegger for Mystics, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7pm in the Blue Classroom.

Saturday:

Synthetic Biology project: Engineer an evolved bacterial sunscreen,
10:30am-12pm in Counter Culture
Labs

**Sunday:** 

Liberation Ministries Sunday Service, 9-11am in the Omni Ballroom

**Open Insulin Lab Day**, 12-3pm in Counter Culture Labs - Regular meeting to do lab work.

Oakland Jericho: Prisoner Writing & Analysis, 3-5pm in the Basement Hall

Community Democracy Project
Weekly Meetup, 6:30pm in the
Basement Hall

**Liberated Lens Weekly Meetup**, 7pm in the Ballroom Mezzanine

Open Circle: Families Fighting for Justice! - Every 4th Sunday from 3::30-5:30pm in the Entrance Hall or Disco Room.