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COLE HARDWARE'S Hardware Hotline

June 2016
NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE STORES

Missing Dave

As many of you know, my dad, Dave Karp, died last October. He lived 99 very, very happy years. On June 4, he would have been 100. He was, and continues to be, the inspiration and foundation of our commitment to our patrons. When he ran the small Cole Street Hardware in the '60s and '70s, his motto, "There are no strangers here, just friends we haven't met!" was prominently displayed over his service counter. We've kept that motto alive as we strive to walk in his shoes, greeting all as good friends. In fact, this quote hangs over the doors to each of our stores. It's now been updated with his photo for all to enjoy.

My dad is still with me every day. I hear his advice on the racquetball court when I go for a shot. ("Step back and let the ball come to you, as close to the floor as possible. Then kill it!") And, of course, I feel his presence whenever I walk through the stores, greeting customers and staff alike. And a day doesn't go by without somebody remembering an anecdote or one of his jokes. He was a joyously



warm individual whose first priority was making others smile. Every year, we've celebrated my dad's birthday with a huge 20% off bucket sale. I drove him to each store to greet customers, play his card trick, and eat lots of cake. What to do this year? Well, I give you one of my dad's favorite jokes:

A man is lying on his deathbed saying his final good-byes to his family.

"Joey, are you here?"
"Yes, Papa, I am."
"Susan, are you with me?"
"Yes, Papa, I am."
"Is that you holding my hand, Isaac?"
"Yes, Papa, it is."
"My God! Who's watching the store?!!!"
Sale on! My dad wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

—Rick



In honor of the 100th anniversary of Dave's birth, we will be hosting our annual bucket sale on Saturday, June 4, at all of our locations. For a \$1 donation to the Children's Miracle Network, you can enjoy 20% off* everything that fits (or not) in a 5-gallon bucket. Spend \$20, and you get to keep the bucket, too (while supplies last). A win-win situation all around!

Make a \$1 donation to Children's Miracle Network for a "bottomless" 5-gallon bucket and receive

20% off*
everything that fits (or not) in the bucket

Spend \$20 and keep the 5-gallon bucket!
(while supplies last)

SATURDAY, JUNE 4



**Discount off regular retail prices. Offer does not apply to gift cards, postage stamps, Muni passes, Clipper cards, meter cards, special orders, or sale merchandise. Not valid with coupons or other offers. Rewards points do not accumulate.*

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy Visits

On April 28, COLE HARDWARE was honored to host a press conference with the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Gina McCarthy. Along with Rick Karp, EPA regional administrator (and Cole Street shopper) Jared Blumenfeld, and Greenopia founder Gay Browne, Ms. McCarthy was on hand at our Cole Street store to highlight the importance of using cleaning products that are safer for people, pets, and the environment.

The event was an official kickoff for the EPA's new Safer Choice label, the first federal label for cleaning

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Endless Summer Happy Hour

Wednesday, June 22
4:00 pm–8:00 pm



**HAPPY HOUR
COUPON**

50% off

**ONE REGULAR-PRICE
ITEM UNDER \$30
DURING HAPPY HOUR**



Valid Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 4:00 pm–8:00 pm. Offer does not apply to gift cards, postage stamps, Muni passes, Clipper cards, meter cards, special orders, or sale merchandise. Not valid with other coupons or offers. Must be a member or join our Rewards program. One redemption per household.



Celebrate the summer solstice with us as we enjoy one of the longest days of the year! Enjoy a glass of our Cutting Edge wine and a few gourmet chocolates while you pick up everything you need for a do-it-yourself project at home. Summer is a great time to paint a room or undertake a project you've been putting off for a while. Get your garden going or clean out and organize a closet! We have everything you need for your home improvement tasks, and the friendly advice is free. We hope to see you!






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Men's Suits and Clothing Collection

Saturday, June 18, and
Sunday, June 19

In honor of Father's Day, we will be hosting a suit collection at all of our San Francisco locations to benefit the St. Anthony Foundation, whose mission is to feed, heal, shelter, clothe, and lift the spirits of those in need and create a society in which all people flourish.

Clothes collected at our Rockridge store will benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity, which works in partnership with the community to assist low-income individuals in their efforts to find and keep jobs and build careers.

Our collection will be open to all clean, gently worn men's clothing, shoes, and accessories, but suits are needed most. Donated clothing should be in good condition. We cannot accept clothing that is tattered or stained.

Donate a men's
suit and receive a
\$5.00
**COLE HARDWARE
GIFT CARD**
good for your
next purchase.

Max Riedel Stops By

Max Riedel, the 11th generation to run the Riedel wine glass company based in Kufstein, Austria, paid a visit to our downtown Fourth Street store in April. The company, founded



in Bohemia in 1756, makes wine glasses tailored to specific grape varietals in order to enhance the taste of each wine. All COLE HARDWARE locations carry an assortment of Riedel glassware.



Win a Handcrafted Toolbox!

This might be your lucky day! Enter to win this beautiful handmade toolbox, chock-full of fun stuff. It was hand created and donated by our Rockridge shopper and friend Jack Soares. Ideal for household tools, of course, but this toolbox is also perfect to hold hobby supplies, barbecue tools, seasonings and rubs, and much more. It's so handsome that you'll want to leave it out on display—no need to store it in the toolshed.

Our Rockridge store also features some of these unique toolboxes for sale. Because they're made from repurposed wood, each toolbox in a bit different. Fill one with specialty beers and snacks for a gourmet gift basket for Dad. (Sku 278005, \$34.99)



Entry Form:
Win a Handcrafted Toolbox!

Name _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

No purchase necessary to win. Bring this entry form in to your local COLE HARDWARE or ask for an entry form when you shop. Enter by June 15, 2016. Drawing held on June 19, 2016.

Re-COLE-mend: Locksmith, Home Repair, Design + Build, and much more!

Repair Referral Service

COLE HARDWARE'S Repair Referral Service was created to introduce our customers to the finest contractors and tradespeople we know. We have formed alliances with independent businesspeople in order to provide you with the very best in home repair, maintenance, and remodeling. Some jobs may even be performed by qualified members of our staff.

We provide referrals for:

Air Conditioning
Alarms/Security Systems/Access Control
Antique Restoration
Appliance Repair and Installation
Arborist
Architectural Planning
Asbestos Removal
Bath Resurface
Brick and Stone Masonry
Cabinetmaking
Carpentry
Carpet and Linoleum Installation
Carpet Cleaning
Chimney Sweep and Repair
Cleaning/Janitorial
Commercial Kitchen Installation

Computer Data Cabling
Computer Grounding
Computer Repair and Tutoring
Custom Closets, Pantries, and Storage Solutions
Decks New/Stain Design + Build
Disaster Cleanup and Restoration (Flood/Fire/Sewage)
Door Refinishing
Drain Cleaning
Drywall/Lath
Duct and Dryer Vent Cleaning
Electrical 24/7*^Δ
Emergency Locksmith
Emergency Power Restoration
Faucet Repair and Installation

Fences
Furnace Repair and Installation
Furniture Refinishing and Repair
Furniture Upholstering
Garage Door Repair/Installation
Gardening/Pruning/Tree Trimming^Δ
General Contractors^Δ
Glass Installation
Grout Restoration
Handyman Services^Δ
Hardwood Floors New/Refinish
Home and Office Organizing
Home Energy Rating Systems (HERS)
Home Entertainment Systems
HVAC^Δ

Intercom Systems
Interior Design, Staging, and Color Consultation
Interior Wood Refinishing and Restoration
Iron and Metal Works/Gates
Kitchen and Bath Remodeling
Landscaping
Lead Inspection and Abatement
Leak Diagnosis/Waterproofing
Lock Installation
Locksmith Service 24/7*
Mold Remediation
Moving
New Construction
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Plastering

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Room Additions
Security Evaluation/ Consultation
Seismic Upgrading
Sheet Metal Work
Shutter Installation
Skylights
Solar Energy Installation

Stained Glass Creation and Repair
Stair Lift Installation
Stucco Work
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*24/7 services available in San Francisco only at this time. Call 415/753-2653 ext. 3 for after-hours service.

^ΔService available in the East Bay.

Contact us at www.colehardware.com/homerepair

A Message from Mike, Our General Contractor

With the cost of Bay Area homes escalating rapidly in recent years, many homeowners are choosing remodeling as an option instead of buying a new home. We asked Mike, one of our favorite general contractors, to give us some professional perspective and some background on what makes his company stand out.



By most accounts, it looks like 2016 will be an even bigger year for new construction and home remodeling than 2015 was. Simply step out your front door and take a walk, just about any block will do, and you can enjoy the sounds of hammers smacking and saws ringing—yes, the building boom boom boom is still playing. I asked this question last year, and I remind everyone again this year: “What does this mean to homeowners when it comes to remodeling their homes?”

With the boom, we are seeing contractors coming from beyond the Bay Area to work on local homes. We are seeing contractors who are doing work outside of the scope of their licenses, who have licenses in a cancelled or expired status with the Contractors State License Board, who are working under their buddies' contractors license numbers, or who don't carry the proper insurances. Unfortunately, some of them are not familiar with the complexities of the “typical” Bay Area home and don't have knowledge of the hundreds of building codes, some specific to San Francisco alone, that will apply to a project. For a few dozen homeowners, unfortunately, I spent the first part of this year reinstalling windows that were installed incorrectly, causing leaks into walls, floors, and lower units of neighbors.

So what can homeowners do to be sure they're not hiring “two guys and a dog” for their \$80,000 kitchen remodel? Most contractors I know will tell you that San Francisco is *the* hardest city in the country to build in. Most building officials will tell you the same thing. Homeowners in San Francisco need to be very careful when hiring a contractor. You not only need to understand the contractor's history working in the City, but you should also do your due diligence to find the contractor from a reputable source. That is why I am always thrilled when Larry Karp, who oversees COLE HARDWARE'S Repair Referral Service, asks me to be in the Re-Cole-mend spotlight in the *Hardware Hotline*.

What better source in San Francisco—and now in Oakland and Berkeley, too—for contractors is there? COLE HARDWARE is a pillar of the community and has been since the 1920s, offering to all their customers what they call the “Golden Handshake.” Simply put, it represents COLE HARDWARE'S dedication to fulfilling their mission to insure their customer's satisfaction. Always.

I have been working with COLE HARDWARE now for over eight years, and I find what they offer both to you, the homeowner, and to me is invaluable. A third-generation Bay Area artisan builder, following in the footsteps of my grandfather, who worked on the Golden Gate Bridge, and my great uncles, who helped build out San Francisco on the southeast Portola side of town back in the mid-1930s and '40s, my experience working on residential homes here in town is extensive. I originally came to San Francisco



in 1992 from Marin at the request of my best childhood friend, who was building doors and windows for the first window and door company to establish itself here back in 1880. I specialized in installing

doors and windows but soon found my projects expanding into the more creative aspects of building, and I found a new passion for kitchen and bathroom remodeling.

Looking back to the beginning in 1987 when I swung my hammer for the first time, I would never have imagined having the opportunity to help create the dreams of others as I have had, and as the years passed, with hundreds of different projects under my belt, I believe what I was meant to do found me. Now, we still specialize in windows and doors, but we also build out amazing kitchens and bathrooms, and we started off 2016 with two full-house remodels in Marin and one coming up in San Francisco. I believe we are unique; we're different from most contractors because unlike companies that hire subcontractors to do all the work, my crew

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WHAT'S UNIQUE

Fun with Dad: Makers Kits

A gift for Dad? \$50

Taking Dad to dinner? \$100

Spending an afternoon making something with Dad? Priceless!

Enjoy an activity with Dad that creates a fun, lifelong memory.

Level-up your dad's mixology skills with this Old School Bitters Kit! Complete with every root, flower, and peel he'll need to infuse his own spicy, floral, or citrus bitters, just like Grandma used to make. You and Dad can invent your own concoctions, or mix up an Old Fashioned that would make Don Draper proud. (Sku 749004, \$27.99)



Does your dad enjoy five-alarm spicy foods? If he can take the heat, get the Ghost Chili Hot Sauce Kit. Comes with all the peppers and spices he'll need to make his own custom blend of hot sauces. Enough to make at least two bottles. (Sku 749003, \$25.99)



Men's Cargo Shorts

We like to think that we're not your "average" hardware store, and we enjoy it when we can offer our customers something unique that you wouldn't think you'd find on our shelves. This month, it's these cool eight-pocket cargo shorts for you, your dad, or the man in your life. Made of 100% cotton, these shorts come in sizes 32-42 in three colors: navy, olive, and khaki. These shorts are ideal for any summer activity since the many pockets let you carry your phone, wallet, and keys without the need for a backpack. Get them while supplies last. (Sku 928194, **HOT DEAL \$9.99** Regular price \$14.99)



A Message from Mike, Our General Contractor

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and I do all the trades ourselves. We are 100% knowledgeable in all phases of any project: finish carpentry and cabinet installation, electrical,



Kitchen: Before



Kitchen: After

which translates to the highest quality of work possible at each phase, and having the exact knowledge of the next phase of work is invaluable. Second, there is typically no time lost between phases of work—once we are complete with one phase, we roll right into the next without delay.

Third, since many projects are lengthy, such as a kitchen or full-house remodel, and typically the client is living in the home during the project, you can have the confidence and trust that the same group of workers will be in your home every day.

Lastly, we take a tremendous amount of pride in what we do. And what we do, we do like no other contractor. We also offer full design consultations with a licensed designer and plans and engineering through our many associates.

As my way of saying thank you to COLE HARDWARE, which has been so good to me over the years, I would like to extend a couple of special offers to COLE HARDWARE customers from San Francisco, Berkeley, or Oakland who contact Larry at the Repair Referral Service and ask for me. Again, a big thanks to Larry Karp and his team for creating quality bonds between clients and contractors.

Special Offer #1: A free kitchen or bathroom consultation. In this consultation, we will discuss design layout, cabinetry, and material options. We will look at your home from a mechanical view to see how it lends itself to your project and discuss how your city's code requirements will affect your



Bathroom: Before



Bathroom: After

project. We will discuss a basic budget for the build-out and finish materials, and if you want to move forward, we will take measurements and photos to design and cost out your dream remodel project. This is a \$500 value but is available at no cost

to the first 10 COLE HARDWARE customers who request it. Offer expires July 1, 2016.

Special Offer #2: \$300 off any three new windows for your home. If you have leaky or rotting windows and/or noise issues and high heating bills, take advantage of this special. You must order a minimum of three windows to qualify, and larger window orders will qualify for an even larger discount. This offer is for new customers only and is available to the first 20 COLE HARDWARE customers who request it. Offer expires July 1, 2016.

To contact Mike, phone 415/753-2653 ext. 3 or e-mail homerepair@colehardware.com.

FROM THE GARDEN CENTER

Visit our garden centers at the Cole Street, Polk Street, Mission Street, and Rockridge stores.

In the Garden June Garden Tasks

Tips from Our Garden Guy



Stop by our Cole Street garden center for all your gardening needs. The advice is free from Bill, our Garden Guy. E-mail him with any questions: blitz@colehardware.com.

June is a great month to spend time in the garden as your herbs and vegetables may be coming along nicely already, but it's not too late to start your garden if you haven't already. If you are still on the fence between a small container garden and digging up an area in the backyard, we have some ideas for you. And once you are set up, all you have to do is head down to your nearest COLE HARDWARE to select from our many warm season starter plants or seeds.

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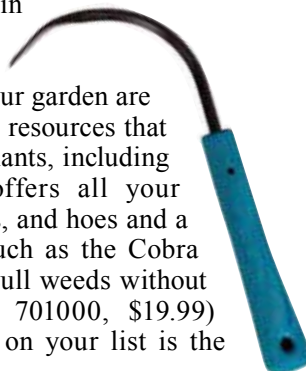
✓ **Container Gardens:** To try your green thumb before committing a large portion of your yard, consider a half wine barrel. (Sku 730745, \$49.99) Three 1.5-cubic-foot bags of our best organic soil, Black Gold (Sku 7265002, \$14.99), should fill it nicely, and you'll be growing beautiful crops in no time.

✓ **Garden Beds:** For a larger space, try a raised cedar garden bed, which measures 4 feet by 4 feet. These will allow you to grow a variety of crops. (Sku 7364904, \$39.99)



✓ **Critters:** COLE HARDWARE also offers a wide variety of products to fend off the larger critters. Don't forget that since we are a hardware store, we have a wide selection of screens (Sku 52494, \$1.49 per foot) and hardware cloth (Sku 52355, \$3.99 per foot) to protect your crops from digging pests. Use gopher wire for the big guys, which is available in a 2-foot by 25-foot roll. (Sku 7304397, \$29.99)

✓ **Weeds:** The weeds in your garden are competing for those precious resources that you are providing for your plants, including water. COLE HARDWARE offers all your conventional trowels, shovels, and hoes and a few more-advanced tools such as the Cobra Head, which allows you to pull weeds without hurting your wrist. (Sku 701000, \$19.99) Another handy item to put on your list is the



Hori-Hori knife, a trowel and root cutter that sports a serrated edge for this purpose. This tool is so useful; it will even help dislodge the most stubborn root-bound plants when repotting. (Sku 799901, \$29.99) (Both available only at our Cole Street and Rockridge locations.)

✓ **Vegetables:** Plant seedlings of heat-loving vegetables such as melons, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, and squashes to be harvested in the fall.

✓ **Water:** Water early in the morning before sunrise or in the evening to minimize evaporation. Or use a drip irrigation system to conserve water: we carry drip supplies, including ready-to-use kits.



See you in the garden!



Pollinators: What's the Buzz?

Pollinators are responsible for one out of three bites of food we eat! Pollinators—butterflies, bees, and moths—also help repopulate plants and add diversity to the environment, making an ecosystem more resilient. Unfortunately, pollinators are in decline. Gardeners are crucial to helping reverse this trend. The simple action of sowing seeds is powerful. It can create habitats that protect and feed pollinators, strengthening their population.

The Four "P"s of Pollinator-Friendly Gardening

1. Plant flowers: Provide food for pollinators by sowing flowers, especially native varieties.

2. Plant diversity: Plant a diversity of bloom times, colors, and heights. By staggering bloom times, you provide a reason for pollinators to call your garden home throughout the growing season. Some pollinators are very small and need very small, open flowers in order to access the pollen or nectar. Sow a diversity of flower shapes and sizes, usually simpler (single vs. double petal) varieties of flowers work for more species.

3. Provide water: In your water feature, create small islands with stones where pollinators can land and climb in and out of the water.

4. Pass on pesticides: Look for organic ways to block pests, disrupt their life cycle, and invite their predators. Integrated pest management (IPM) techniques utilize simple solutions, such as using a fabric row cover to block pests. Sowing varieties like alyssum and allowing dill to flower both attract beneficial and predatory insects.



Our friends at Botanical Interests® seeds have created a pollinator-friendly custom-blend flower seed mix, and 100% of the profits go directly to the Pollinator Partnership, whose mission is to promote the health of pollinators, critical to food and ecosystems, through conservation, education, and research. At this great price, pick up a few packs! (Sku 700608, \$1.00)



✓ **Education:** We offer a number of different complimentary handouts from Our Water, Our World to help you make the best decisions on earth-friendly pest-control practices.

✓ **Pests:** For the garden that is already in full swing, you might be challenged by a number of pests, such as aphids, slugs, or larger four-legged critters that roam gardens looking for delicious snacks. The aphids can be combated with ladybugs, which have a ferocious appetite for these little pests. (Sku 701166, \$9.99)



WHAT'S IN SEASON

Big Green Egg® and Oakland Dust Demo

Saturday, June 4
11:00 am–2:00 pm
Rockridge COLE HARDWARE



See the Big Green Egg in action during our celebration honoring what would have been Dave Karp's 100th birthday. Our friend Lloyd Ross from Oakland Dust, an EGG® owner himself, will be on hand to cook up some treats with his savory rubs. The Big Green Egg stands alone as the most versatile barbecue and outdoor cooking product on

the market, with more capabilities than all other conventional cookers combined. Grill, slow cook, bake, smoke, and roast—all on your EGG! If you've been thinking about purchasing a Big Green Egg, this will give you the opportunity to check it out in use. Prepare to get hungry!



The story of Oakland Dust goes back to when I was a child sitting shotgun outside Flint's BBQ in my pop's idling '75 Cutlass. Those summer days: the captivating Bill King on the radio, the scent of mesquite-fueled smoke billowing from above. Pop would roll to Flint's on Shattuck just about every Sunday, pick up a full slab, hot links, and extra Wonder Bread to soak up all that goodness. By the time we made it home, half the links would be gone, and my lips would be on fire. This is where my love affair with pork, and all foods, began. I created Oakland Dust for my love of food and for the city I proudly call home.

Handcrafted, locally inspired spice rubs for all your favorite foods, our unique blends add flavor to all your creations. Try dusting on popcorn, roasted veggies, and salads. You're the boss in the kitchen—we're just here to add a little spice.

—Lloyd Ross, Founder of Oakland Dust

Our Rockridge store carries Oakland Dust in a pork rub, chicken rub, and curry rub. (Skus 869005, 097–8, \$7.99)

Oakland Dust Demo
Saturday, June 4

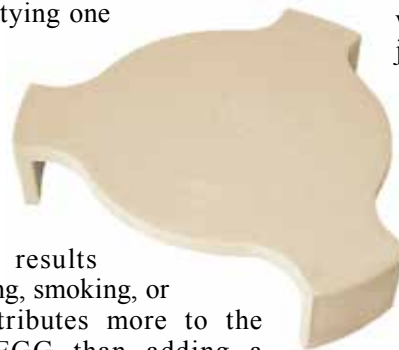
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Big Green Egg EGGcessories

In addition to Big Green Eggs, our stores stock a variety of EGGcessories. These various specialty cookware tools will help you get the most versatility out of your EGG, allowing you to cook an entire meal without dirtying one skillet!

ConvEGGtor®

The Big Green Egg is designed to work as a complete outdoor cooking system, producing unrivaled results whether grilling, roasting, smoking, or baking. Nothing contributes more to the versatility of your EGG than adding a convEGGtor, designed to facilitate indirect cooking by providing a heat-directing barrier between the food and charcoal, transforming your EGG into an outdoor convection oven. In conjunction with the thermal properties of the EGG, the convEGGtor efficiently radiates heat within the dome and prevents direct flames and heat from overcooking food. Available in all EGG sizes small to XL. (Skus 869011, 12, 69, 68, \$64.99–\$139.99)



Vertical Ceramic Poultry Roasters

Using a vertical roaster on the EGG will produce the juiciest, most flavorful poultry you've ever tasted. Vertical roasters hold a chicken or turkey upright during cooking for even browning and easier carving when done. Ceramic roasters hold liquid such as fruit juice or beer to add even more flavor. (Sittin' Chicken Roaster: Sku 869018, \$18.99; Sittin' Turkey Roaster: Sku 869019, \$21.99)



Grill Wok

Grill woks make it easy to cook vegetables, meat, seafood, or any other smaller pieces of food that might slip through a standard cooking grid. Heat and smoke circulate around the foods for even cooking and flavor absorption. Nonstick finish. (Sku 869042, \$27.99)



WHAT'S IN SEASON

Weber® Genesis® Gas Grills

Rewind the clock back to 1985—a true landmark year for the Weber enthusiast. The Genesis gas grill introduced the concept of Flavorizer® bars, an invention that gives you the convenience of gas and the great flavor of charcoal—a fusion of sleek, modern design, ease of use, quality, and ingenious barbecue properties. Get ready to be mesmerized and mesmerize your guests.



All Genesis gas grills feature:

- Three stainless steel burners
- Total cooking area of 637 square inches
- Grease management system
- Heavy-duty casters for easy mobility



The Genesis grills are available in a variety of colors: black, copper, smoke, crimson, green, and stainless. Choose the style that suits you best with either porcelain-enameled cast-iron grates or stainless steel grates. Available in a liquid propane version or a natural gas version if you have a gas hookup. Genesis grills start at \$749.99. We have these on hand at our Cole Street and Rockridge stores and can special order them at our other locations.

Gas grills are wonderful for the convenience they provide—just turn the dial after a long day at the office to start cooking. Invest in a cover for your grill, and you will be cooking for family and friends for years to come. Ready, set, grill!

MASON JAR CANDLES

A San Francisco-based company, Mason Jar Candles, Inc., has taken America's most iconic jar and paired it with one of America's top crops: the soybean. These soy candles will provide warmth to any room in the home or add a glowing ambience to any outdoor space. Candles are proudly made from 100% pure soy wax originating from farm-grown, organic soybeans. Each hand-poured candle contains a delectable scent, evenly distributed for a long-lasting, aroma-packed burn.

The classic 16-ounce mason jars are custom crafted and can be glammed and glittered up for any occasion, including weddings, parties, or romantic dinners. In addition to the joy you'll get if you give these as gifts, you'll also be helping those in need. For every candle purchased, a minimum of 10% of profits are donated to aid charities that support mental illness, education, hunger, and homelessness. Mason Jar Candles, Inc., is working to become a full-fledge not-for-profit company, out to support those in need. Choose from coconut mango, fields of lavender, French flower garden, jasmine, and red currant. 80–120 hour burn time. (Skus 622008, 35, 37–39, \$14.99)



AMY HOWARD at Home®

Rescue Restore Redecorate®

One Step Paint™

This new furniture paint can transform your furniture or cabinetry without stripping, sanding, or priming. Amy Howard at Home One Step Paint is a water-based paint that adheres to most any surface. Paint directly on old wood finishes, concrete, iron, stone, Formica, and more. It dries to the flat, chalky finish that we covet on antique pieces found at a Paris flea market or our favorite second-hand shops. Wax and dusting powder finish off the furniture for an authentic vintage look. Assorted colors are available.



was some type of laminate finish. It never looked great, and the goofy knobs I chose didn't exactly scream "tasteful." With the help of Amy's chalk paint in a luscious Dunavant green and some new, more sophisticated knobs, the nightstand has now been converted to a more stylish accent piece. The chalk paint dries so fast that you can start and finish a project in just a couple of hours.

—Julia



Give Dad a Tie for Father's Day!

Okay, we know it's a bit of a cliché, since dads have been getting ties for Father's Day forever—like the Buddy Holly-esque skinny ties of the 1950s and the wide, paisley prints of the 1970s. But if your dad or the special man in your life is a Golden State Warriors fan (who isn't, these days?) or a San Francisco Giants fan, these ties will let him show his team spirit. Pick up one while supplies last! (Skus 927043, 927044, \$27.99)



ENVIRONMENTAL INFO



GOOD FOR THE EARTH—WE TAKE ACTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!

Repair, Educate, Inspire. Repair Revolution™

Unfortunately, we live in a “disposable” world. Oftentimes, when an item breaks or wears out, it’s easier to just dispose of it and purchase a new one. For example, it’s getting harder and harder to find a shoe repair shop these days. Here at COLE HARDWARE, our goal is, of course, to help you repair just about anything in your home. Our crew of hardware professionals is dedicated to solving the myriad challenges that engage our customers daily. They solve plumbing problems, cut glass, rekey locks, find that missing piece to fix a lamp, and put things back together that never should have been taken apart.

So, it’s easy to see how Repair Revolution is a kindred spirit in the repair arena. Repair Revolution aims to elevate the repair experience for things commonly mistaken as disposable, such as shoes, clothing, and electronics. Their goals are to:

- Support skilled artisans and repair professionals
- Educate and inspire the community around repair
- Grow appreciation for our goods
- Reduce barriers to repair and make it easy for people to fix the things they love

Recently featured on BBC News, Repair Revolution promotes circular economy principles that envision a world where products are well designed and materials are supported by repair and remanufacturing. They do this by supporting

local and independent professional repair shops in Oakland and working in partnership with those who believe in creating prosperity for our local economy, community, and eco-systems. The intention behind Repair Revolution is to nurture a simple, positive feedback loop: Buy what you love. Fix what you buy. Love what you fix.

Visit Repair Revolution at Love Our Neighborhood Day 2016, a block party where the streets are closed to traffic so that people can bike, skate, walk, and dance in the street, on June 4 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Golden Gate neighborhood of Oakland. In partnership with A Verb for Keeping Warm, they will be hosting a mending circle with expert menders on hand to teach people how to sew patches on ripped or worn clothing. It is a free event—just bring a needle and thread and something that needs patching to join the mending circle. A Verb for Keeping Warm is located at 6328 San Pablo Avenue in Oakland. The mending circle will take place from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Learn more about Repair Revolution at www.repairrevolution.com.

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FIX WHAT YOU BUY.
LOVE WHAT YOU FIX.



Repair Revolution Mending Circle

during Love Our Neighborhood Day 2016

Saturday, June 4

at A Verb for Keeping Warm

6328 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland,

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bring a needle and thread and something that needs patching.

Rockridge Lamp Repair

Do you have an old lamp in need of some electrical attention? Bring it in to our Rockridge store and let David or Patricia take a look! They have pleased many a COLE HARDWARE customer with their skills in solving their lamp issues. They easily fix broken lamps in need of rewiring, replacing the power cord and lamp socket if necessary.

Our longtime downtown crew member Gavin has moved on to another job, so we can no longer offer lamp repair at our Fourth Street store. Gavin’s wealth of electrical knowledge and pleasant demeanor are missed for sure.



Patricia and David at our Rockridge location, our lamp repair experts and life of the party!

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy Visits

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products, which makes it easier to choose products that meet the EPA’s rigorous scientific standards. The Safer Choice products are also less toxic to fish and other aquatic life, as they break down more quickly through natural processes, so they are less likely to become part of the food chain or damage

the ecosystem.

You’ll find multiple products on the shelves at COLE HARDWARE that sport the Safer Choice label, including some from Seventh Generation®, CLR®, and Ecos Pro™. Just look for the Safer Choice label when shopping for cleaning supplies.



Recycle at COLE HARDWARE!

Bring to any of our five stores:

BRITA PRODUCTS:

Includes filters, pitchers, bottles, and dispensers.



CELL PHONES:

Personal cell phones—batteries and chargers not required.



BATTERIES:

Rechargeable (NiCad, NiMH) and household (alkaline and carbon).



OLD PAINT:

- Recycle dry, clean, empty metal paint cans through your regular trash pickup. The paint containers you bring to us should have paint in them!
- No handwritten labels can be accepted.
- Be sure that lids are SEALED ON TIGHT and containers are rust-free and don’t leak.
- Please limit your drop-offs to no more than five 1-gallon-size containers (or 20 quart-size containers or a combination of both) at a time. Containers are counted by size, not by the volume of paint they contain.
- Take paint to the customer service desk.
- PLEASE, no brushes or rags!



PROPANE TANKS:

Small (14 oz. or 16.9 oz.), empty, nonrefillable propane cylinders only. Households only. Limit 5 per visit. (San Francisco stores only; cannot be recycled at our Rockridge location.)



SCRAP METAL:

Copper and brass.

SPENT FLUORESCENT BULBS:

CFLs, tubes up to 8 feet, U- and D-shaped tubes. Drop-off limit is 10 bulbs.



EXPIRED PRINTER CARTRIDGES:

Must be in plastic bags to avoid leakage.

SOFT PLASTIC:

Clean plastic only. Households only. One basketball-size amount per visit, please.



For Bay Area recycling resources, visit www.colehardware.com/recycle.htm.

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PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE

Confessions of a Flashlight Junkie: Check Out the Hybridlights™

I admit it. I am a flashlight junkie. I think a flashlight is the most useful item to have with you at home, on the road, camping, hiking, in your emergency kit, even hanging from your backpack or jacket. I have them everywhere, and I have lots of different kinds. It's fascinating to experience the many innovative ways in which portable light can be generated. Most people who talk about going "off the grid" are speaking of using solar energy. I have so many flashlights surrounding me that, at least for lighting, I probably could go off the grid.

So, here's the latest contribution to my flashlight fetish. Check out these Hybridlights!

Here's the short story: Most important, they are solar. They recharge via sunlight, but they also can be recharged with a micro USB port. They can be used for 14 hours or more per charge. Unused (like sitting in your drawer), they'll hold the charge for up to seven years! And they are waterproof, they float, they're incredibly durable, they're super bright

(LED), and they can be used to charge your cell phone or tablet, too! In addition to flashlights, there are two really cool lanterns in the line as well. The lanterns do everything the flashlights do, but more because . . . well, they're lanterns! I've never seen anything like the Hybridlight Expandable Lantern. It's a compact flashlight, but expand it accordion style, and it turns into a table or hanging lantern that is flexible, too.

If you are a flashlight junkie like me, or if there is one on your Father's Day shopping list, come in and check out these Hybridlights today!

—Rick



Solar Flashlight

40 lumens, black or yellow.
(Skus 300373, 300375, \$14.99)



Expandable Solar Lantern, Flashlight, and USB Charger

75 lumens.
(Sku 300444, \$39.99)



**Solar Worklight
with Magnetic Base**
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**Solar Flashlight
with USB Charger**
250 lumens, black.
(Sku 300443, \$39.99)



Solar Lantern with USB Charger

200 lumens, floats, waterproof.
(Sku 300445, \$44.99)



Tips for Home Safety and Accessibility

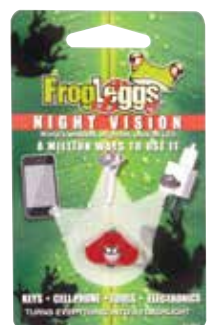
Hazards in the home are responsible for about a third of the injuries suffered by older adults, and people with impairments may face difficulties—and barriers to independent living—in their own environments.

It therefore makes sense to observe household habits, identify problem areas, and make changes that will help create safer, more accessible living situations. Since June is Home Safety Month, we've compiled a list of easy fixes to common problems. The products shown are samples of the many from which to choose at COLE HARDWARE.

- Improve lighting, if necessary, both indoors and out, to add safety as well as security. Take special note of stairways, and don't forget closets.
- Night lights or motion-sensor lights should be



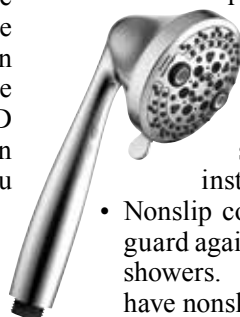
put in hallways and bathrooms used at night. Entryways and stairwells should be well lighted, too. One of our favorite motion sensor lights is the Light It™ wireless LED porch light, which can



- Key ring flashlights allow maneuvering through dark parking areas—or even to the bathroom. The FrogLegs™ Night Vision light is small enough to attach to a key ring and features a long-life LED bulb. (Sku 9309501, \$3.49)



- Stair safety treads provide stability, and a contrasting color tread at the edge of a step gives a visual cue. COLE HARDWARE has assorted widths, colors, and textures available.
- Handrails should be positioned about adult elbow height on both sides of staircases. Knobs at both ends will alert the user that the stairs end.
- Grab bars should be situated vertically at tops of stairs, and bars or handrails should be placed in bathrooms where needed (towel racks should never be used for support).
- A shower seat and a handheld showerhead will help avoid fatigue and eliminate bending. The Safety First™ nonslip seat has



rustproof legs and fits in standard tubs and showers. (Sku 4017000, \$44.99) The Oxygenics® handheld power massage showerhead has five settings, a 5-foot hose, and a stationary mounting bracket. Easy installation. (Sku 4495750, \$39.99)

- Nonslip coatings or safety mats or strips will guard against slips in tubs and showers. Bath mats should have nonskid backings.
- Limit the use of extension cords and fasten them to baseboards. 3M Cord Clips hold firmly and remove cleanly with no surface damage. Each clip holds 1 pound. Package of four clips and five adhesive strips. (Sku 5095856, \$4.99)



- Throw rugs should be removed or secured to the floor with double-sided rug tape such as Manco® Lok-Lift Rug Gripper 2.5" x 25'. (Sku 6016158, \$11.99)

- Lever door handles and rocker light switches are great for those with poor hand strength.
- Relocate items in cupboards and cabinets so that they are low enough to be easily reached.
- Lower closet shelves if necessary.
- A long-handled pick-up tool can be used to reach objects that are on high shelves or on the floor. The Pik Stik pick-up tool has a 32" handle and a 4" jaw opening. It will hold a 3-pound object. (Sku 2114957, \$29.99)
- If a step stool is necessary, a sturdy one with side handles should be used.



- Clear moss and mildew from shady stairs and sidewalks so that areas are not slippery. Water-based Safer® Moss and Algae Killer and Surface Cleaner will do the job—plus it's noncorrosive to metals and will actually beautify wood. (Sku 7115991, \$19.99)

- Hose reels loop hoses out of the way.





Coins for the Community

Wow! Our spare change collection is reaching another milestone as it approaches the \$50,000 mark! Our April collection netted \$793.57 for the California Native Plant Society, bringing our grand total to



\$48,636.90. Our May collection is earmarked for the Hamilton Family Center, whose mission is to end family homelessness in the Bay Area. We'll report on those numbers next month.



Along with other Ace Hardware dealers across the



country, we will be raising money throughout June for the Children's Miracle Network hospitals in our area (UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals in San Francisco and Oakland). Donate all month long at our checkstands when you're paying for your goods. And



during Dave's 100th Birthday Bucket Sale on June 4, donate \$1 to Children's Miracle Network for a "bottomless" bucket—everything you can fit (or not) into the bucket is 20% off! Spend \$20 and keep the 5-gallon bucket (while supplies last)! Your \$1 donation will go directly to the Children's Miracle Network hospitals, and you'll save a bundle!



It's easy to donate to Coins for the Community! Simply drop your spare change in any of the collection jars when you're checking out at any of our stores. Or bring in that old jar of pennies that's collecting dust on your dresser!

COLE HARDWARE Rewards

Rewards member benefits:

- Membership is free, and you'll receive the *Hardware Hotline*, our monthly newsletter full of valuable information and promotions.
- Free delivery in San Francisco and Rockridge neighborhood with \$100 purchase.
- New members receive an instant 5% discount on their first purchase for joining and a \$5 coupon toward their subsequent purchase of \$25.
- Attach your Rewards key fob to your key ring—if you lose your keys, they can be dropped in the mail to be returned to us; we'll notify you when we receive them.
- Lifetime warranty on most products purchased at COLE HARDWARE.
- Receive a birthday discount equal to 50% of your age, up to a \$100 discount.
- We don't sell our customer list, and all information is kept confidential.



How points are earned:

- Rewards points are calculated daily and shown on your receipt.
- For every dollar spent, one point is earned.
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For more information, visit www.colehardware.com/rewards or e-mail service@colehardware.com.

Vitamix Demo

Saturday, June 4
11:00 am–2:00 pm
956 Cole Street

The health benefits of eating less processed, less refined foods are well documented. However, preparing whole foods hasn't always been the easiest or best-tasting choice: owning a Vitamix changes all that forever. With the flip of a switch, create a delicious and healthy raw, vegan, or vegetarian meal—easier than you ever imagined. The Professional Series 500 features a brushed stainless steel finish and programmed presettings. A pulse function allows for cheese grating and tomato chopping—just a few tasks this Vitamix can handle. (Sku 606030) The Professional Series 200 offers variable speed control and a black finish. (Sku 606031)



See them in action!

June 4, at Dave's Birthday Bucket Sale at our Cole Street location!



Merci, Camille

If you have shopped at our Cole Street store in April or May, you may have been helped by a charming young French woman. This is Camille, an intern from Lyon, France. In between her bachelor's and master's degrees in business studies at university, Camille stayed with a relative here who is a longtime COLE HARDWARE shopper. We were delighted to have her as part of our crew, and she enjoyed learning how Shel and the gang run the store. What did she like best about San Francisco? "The food and the people are both very cool!" We hope she visits again when she is done with her studies.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
		Hardware HOT DEALS June 1-15 see insert	1	Big Green Egg Demo June 4 Rockridge Store see page 6 for details	Flash Friday DEALS	Dave's Birthday Sale! 20% Off see page 1 for details
5	6	Knife Sharpening Rockridge, 4 pm-6 pm	Knife Sharpening Fourth Street, 8 am-9 am Mission Street, 4 pm-6 pm	Repair Revolution Mending Circle June 4 see page 8 for details	Flash Friday DEALS	11 North Beach Festival June 11 and 12
Union Street Festival June 4 and 5	Haight Ashbury Street Fair Sunday, June 12	Flag Day	Hardware HOT DEALS & Father's Day Gifts June 15-20	Flash Friday DEALS	Flash Friday DEALS	Knife Sharpening Cole Street, 3 pm-5 pm
12	Special Community Members SAVE 20% see our website for more details					18 Men's Suits and Clothing Collection June 18 and 19 see page 2 for details
SUNDAY STREETS San Francisco Sunset			22 Hardware Happy Hour 4:00 pm-8:00 pm see page 2 for details	23	Flash Friday DEALS	25
Father's Day	First Day of Summer	Knife Sharpening Rockridge, 4 pm-6 pm	Knife Sharpening Fourth Street, 8 am-9 am Mission Street, 4 pm-6 pm		Knife Sharpening Polk Street, 4 pm-6 pm	Knife Sharpening Cole Street, 3 pm-5 pm
26	27	28	29	30	Flash Friday DEALS To sign up, send an e-mail to hotline@colehardware.com with "Flash" in the subject line.	
Pride Parade	Student Monday	Teacher Tuesday	Senior Wednesday	Military Thursday		



Our founder, Dave Karp Purveyor of Hardware Wisdom

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