



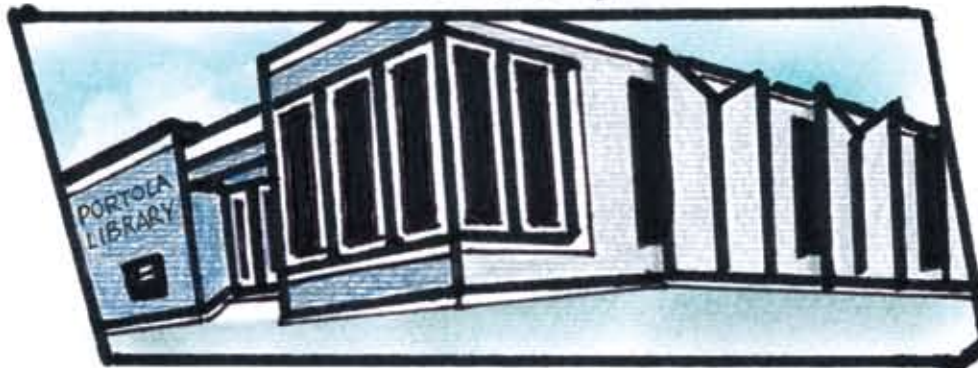
The Portola has changed since the 1980's. The demographic is changing as times change.



There might be a dis-connect between the merchants who work 12 + hours a day and the community but.....



People do care about each other even if you can't see it all the time.... even if you hear only the bad things.



People like to co-operate for the greater good of the community.



There are celebrations like the Portola Street Fair, the Garden Tours and Block Parties.

Now that I work at the Portola Neighborhood Steering Committee, I see how strong & diverse the Portola is.....



Some people want to preserve the neighborhood "as is" because it is tradition. I wish that they could see that tradition can "mend" with change.... that tradition can be honored as well.



Even in the face of violence like robbery and muggings, there are havens.