



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: February 1, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Library's Tax Assistance Program Starts February 5 – On Tuesday, February 5, the Tax Assistance Program begins at the Oakland Public Library. Due to late revisions to the tax code and subsequent delays in distribution of tax forms and software, the program will not begin February 1 as originally announced. Tax help, provided by AARP volunteers, will be available at five Library locations:

- Dimond Branch (starting Tuesday, February 5)
- Main Library (starting Wednesday, February 6)
- Golden Gate Branch (starting Wednesday, February 6).
- César E. Chávez Branch (starting Thursday, February 7)
- Eastmont Branch (starting Friday, February 8)

The program concludes Monday, April 15. For more information and a detailed schedule, please visit <http://bit.ly/12aIo79>. For information, please contact the Main Library Information Desk at (510) 238-3134.

Oakland Police Announce Recent Murder Arrests and Charges – On Tuesday, January 29, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) held a press conference with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, the U.S. Marshals Service, Mayor Jean Quan and other City leaders to share recent and considerable progress in arresting and charging suspects in connection with violent crime. In one case, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service, an Oakland suspect was arrested in Texas while traveling under an assumed name. In the past three weeks, seventeen suspects have been arrested and charged – thirteen specifically for the offense of murder. This success represents strengthened collaboration between involved agencies and reflects their combined attention on violent crime. For more information, please contact Sergeant Chris Bolton at cbolton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Oakland Street Outreach Teams Acknowledged – On Wednesday, January 30, Mayor Jean Quan, Oakland City Councilmembers, representatives from the Oakland Police Department, City staff and family and friends gathered at City Hall to acknowledge Oakland's Street Outreach

teams for their work. Oakland Street Outreach provides services to high-risk youth and young adults in hot spot areas in Oakland where shootings and homicides are most prevalent. Through street presence, conflict mediation and targeted events, trained street outreach workers get to know young people and offer them services to prevent the escalation of potentially violent situations. Violence Prevention Coordinator Kevin Grant presented approximately 20 team members with certificates of recognition, and the Mayor, Councilmembers and others spoke about the bravery and dedication demonstrated every day by the street outreach workers and the family members that support them. For more information please contact Josie Halpern-Finnerty, Health & Human Services Program Planner, at jhalpern-finnerty@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2350.

Creative Placemaking Meeting Held by ArtPlace – On Thursday, January 24, a Creative Placemaking Salon was hosted by ArtPlace, Pro Arts and City of Oakland Cultural Arts & Marketing. The goal of the salon was to share information and draw on attendees' experience in driving change through the arts. The gathering drew over 30 local leaders for an informal discussion on creative placemaking with ArtPlace's Carol Coletta. ArtPlace is a collaboration of

13 leading national and regional foundations, eight federal agencies including the National Endowment for the Arts, and six of the nation's largest banks to accelerate creative placemaking across the U.S. ArtPlace is investing in art and culture at the heart of a portfolio of integrated strategies that can drive vibrancy and diversity so powerful that it transforms communities. To date, ArtPlace has invested \$26.9 million in projects across the country. The discussion was followed by "office hours" where ArtPlace staff scheduled appointments to discuss potential ArtPlace grant submissions. The 2013-14 ArtPlace grant cycle will open in the fall. In January, Oakland was ranked among the top 12 ArtPlaces in the nation. For more information on the grant program, please visit www.artplaceamerica.org. For more information, please contact Steven Huss, Cultural Arts Manager, at shuss@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-4949.

Library Offering Workshops on Starting a Business – In February and March, the Oakland Public Library is offering a series of free workshops for entrepreneurs who have started or are thinking of starting a business. The series is presented in partnership with the Alameda County Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

- "Start Your Own Business"
Tuesday, February 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue
- "Successful Business Plans"
Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Library, 125 14th Street
- "Accessing Capital for Your Business"
Tuesday, February 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue

- “Website Development for Your Business”
Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Library, 125 14th Street

For more information or to register, please contact Rebekah Eppley, Librarian I, at reppley@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 482-7844.

Ethiopian Pepper & Spice Book Signing at AAMLO – On Saturday, February 2, the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO) will feature *Ethiopian Pepper & Spice*, with a book signing and culinary art display. The book thoroughly examines the spice blending and creative process of ancient Ethiopian spices. This event, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., is part of AAMLO's month-long celebration of Black History Month. AAMLO is located at 659 14th Street. For more information, please contact Veda Silva, Museum Project Coordinator, at vsilva@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

Lake Merritt Boating Center Receives State Grant – On Thursday, January 24, the Office of Parks and Recreation's Lake Merritt Boating Center was awarded a \$42,000 grant from the California Department of Boating & Waterways Aquatic Center Grants Program. Grant funds will be used to replace the Hobie Wave catamaran sailboats, support participation by 5th grade students from Oakland schools in a science and boating field trip program, and support safe boating summer and afterschool programs. In addition, the grant funding will allow for certification of nine staff members in safe powerboat handling and support a National Safe Boating Week open house event on Saturday, May 18. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Aquatics Program Director, at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2196.

MLK Day of Service at Allendale Park – On Monday, January 21, to mark the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, over 40 Kaiser Permanente volunteers and community members completed a clean-up of Allendale Park. The group installed new sand and landscaping amenities around the playground area and community garden in the park at 3711 Sutter Street. Volunteers and community members enjoyed snacks and conversation while serving the local community. The event was held in partnership with Hands on Bay Area. For more information, please contact George Henderson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 535-5635.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of February 4, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions: Budget & Operations Analyst III, Engineer of Fire and Revenue Operations Supervisor. For updated information on City jobs, please visit the DHRM website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. This Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job on-line and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Ira Jinkins Basketball Clinic – Every Saturday year-round, 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The basketball clinic is designed for youth, ages 7-12, to experience the basics of basketball techniques while enjoying fitness. For more information including registration fees, please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

Encuentros: Youth Speaks Poetry Workshops – Tuesdays through February 12, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street. The winter cycle of Youth Speaks' free afterschool writing workshops for teens, ages 13 to 19, is underway. Encuentros is a space for Latina/o, migrant and undocumented youth to share and write about their everyday stories. For more information, please call (510) 535-5620.

Little Tots Program – Every Tuesday and Thursday through March 21, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The 10-week-long Little Tots program is designed for children, ages 3 to 4 (must be potty trained). For more information, please call (510) 482-7827 or visit www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/s/facility/OAK029394.

Big Tots Program – Every Tuesday and Thursday through March 21, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The 10-week-long Big Tots program is designed for children, ages 4½ to 5. For more information, please call (510) 482-7827 or visit www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/s/facility/OAK029394.

Second Fridays at Mosswood Rec Center – Every second Friday, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Enjoy this monthly performing arts social. Engage and share in music, dance and poetry geared to those ages 16 and up. For more information, please call (510) 597-5038.

Sewing with a Purpose – First and third Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Come revamp your favorite clothes, from jeans to shirts, in this fun and exciting semimonthly class and learn basic sewing skills. For more information including class fees, please call (510) 597-5038.

New School Crafting – Every third Friday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Patrons, ages 21 and up, can stop by and create arts & crafts in a fun and relaxing setting while enjoying appetizers and drinks. For more information including class fees, please call (510) 597-5038.

Junior Warriors Basketball League – Saturdays through February 16, Various recreation centers, middle schools and elementary schools throughout Oakland. Youth in three age divisions participate in this league for boys and girls: Peewee (kindergarten to second grade #20706), third to fifth grades (#30706) and sixth to eighth grades (#40706). For more information including registration fees, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parks or call Armond Gray, Youth Sports Coordinator, at (510) 238-6279 or (510) 238-3495.

Juan Bautista de Anza National History Trail Traveling Exhibit – Through Thursday, February 28, Various Hours, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The exhibit highlights the 30 families, including more than 100 children, who established the first European settlement at San Francisco Bay in 1776. The families' arrival heralded an era of change, introducing settlers of mixed African, European and Native American ancestry who would lay a new cultural foundation for the American West. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/JUBA or call (415) 623-2344.

23rd Annual African American Celebration through Poetry – Saturday, February 2, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. This year's event marks the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. Poets of all ages, especially those sharing their work for the first time, are encouraged to participate. Light refreshments served. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/23rd-annual-african-american-celebration-through-poetry or call (510) 238-7352.

Read-in! – Saturday, February 2, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. To promote literacy and encourage a love of literature, children and adults are invited to sit and read any book they choose to bring or purchase. Adults can read to children, children can read silently or aloud to others. The event will feature a DJ, healthy snacks and a free raffle for a Marcus Books gift certificate. The event is co-sponsored by Ile Omode School and is open to the public. For more information, please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Oakland Lunar New Year Bazaar – Saturday, February 2 & Sunday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Oakland Chinatown, 9th and Franklin streets & Pacific Renaissance Plaza. The Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce celebrates the Year of the Snake with live entertainment, lion and dragon dancing, martial arts demonstrations and vendors selling traditional Chinese New Year decorations. For more information, please visit www.oaklandchinatownchamber.org or call (510) 893-8979.

Funky Soul Stop ENStallation – Saturday, February 2 to Wednesday, February 27, Various Hours, Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. Get ready to get down with a funky visual treat as Ed N. Sted brings his Mixed-Media-Funk Collection to the Lakeview Branch. This art exhibition celebrates Ed N. Sted's Funky Soul Stop, a local business celebrating 20 years of music, art, vintage and cool. For more information, please call (510) 238-7344.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Saturday, February 2, 10:00 a.m., Tour meets at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. This 90-minute guided walking tour highlights the African-American leaders who helped shape present-day Oakland including Lionel Wilson, Robert Maynard, Delilah Beasley and others. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours or call (510) 238-3234.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Wednesday, February 6, 10:00 a.m., Tour meets at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. This 90-minute guided walking tour highlights the African-American leaders who helped shape present-day Oakland

including Lionel Wilson, Robert Maynard, Delilah Beasley and others. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours or call (510) 238-3234.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Thursday, February 7, 10:30 a.m., Eastmont Branch Library, 7200 Bancroft Avenue, Suite 211 and at 1:00 p.m. , Brookfield Branch Library, 9255 Edes Avenue. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information regarding the event at the Eastmont Branch Library, please call (510) 615-5726. For more information regarding the event at Brookfield Branch Library, please call (510) 615-5725.

Mindful Drumming: Community Wellness & Healing – Saturday, February 9, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc., 3278 West Street. Mindful Drumming is a transformative learning process that offers individuals opportunities to heal ancient wounds, to forgive through the nonverbal process of rhythm and sound and to experience the natural richness that diversity brings. Participants will utilize rhythm and sound as a way of raising awareness, practicing the art of listening and raising consciousness for a rich experience of joy and peace. There will be drums available. For more information, please visit www.ahc-oakland.org or call (510) 652-5530.

Ishmael Reed: Reading and Book Signing – Saturday, February 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Legendary Oakland author Ishmael Reed, one of the most outspoken voices in African American literature, will discuss his latest book, "Going Too Far: Essays About America's Nervous Breakdown." For more information, please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Wednesday, February 13, 10:15 a.m., Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Avenue. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 615-5727.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Thursday, February 14, 3:30 p.m., Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 597-5023.

25th Annual African American Cultural Celebration – Thursday, February 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison Street. Join St. Paul's Episcopal School for an evening honoring the influence of African American music on world music. The event includes performances by student bands and guest artists of gospel, soul and jazz music. For more information, please visit www.spes.org or call (510) 285-9630.

Love Notes – Thursday, February 14, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Malonga Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Celebrate Valentine's Day at this concert of tribute sound to Luther Vandross featuring the amazing Ray McCoy Band. For more information, please visit www.brownpapertickets.com or call (510) 238-7526.

Anthony Browder: Lecture and Book Signing – Friday, February 15, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Scholar, author and cultural historian Anthony T. Browder's three decades of study have led him to the conclusion that ancient Africans were the architects of civilization and developed the rudiments of what has become the scientific, religious and philosophical backbone of mankind. He will discuss his bestselling book, "Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization." For more information, please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Exhibition Celebrating African American History – From Friday, February 15 to Thursday, February 28, Various Hours, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The Office of Parks and Recreation celebrates African American History with an exhibition of two-dimensional art by City of Oakland employees that depicts aspects of African American life. In addition to the art exhibition, there will be a noontime special event on February 15. For more information, please contact Derin Minor, Building Services Manager, at (510) 238-3998 or Tomye Neal-Madison, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 238-2786.

Year of the Snake/Lunar New Year Festival 2013 – Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290. Event will include cultural performances, arts & crafts expo and artists workshops for the whole family. Free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.oacc.cc.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Saturday, February 16, 1:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street, Suite 271. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 535-5620.

Elaine Brown Lecture and Discussion – Saturday, February 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. As an author, prison activist and former chair of the Black Panther Party, Elaine Brown has a lot to say about a lot of issues. This lecture will be about "Black Life in the Age of Obama." The public is invited to join in the discussion following her lecture. She is the author of "A Taste of Power" and "Condemnation of Little B." For more information please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Black History Weekend – Saturday, February 16 & Sunday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue. Join award winning storyteller Kirk Waller as he uses his unique skills to combine old tales with special surprises. Story time is 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. with themed arts & crafts from Noon to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please visit www.fairyland.org or call (510) 452-2259.

12th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration – Sunday, February 17, Noon - 4:30 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Event honors California's diversity and celebrates the many time-honored traditions of Asian communities. Drumming, musical and acrobatic performances along with marital arts and yo-yo demonstrations are just part of the fun. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org or (510) 318-8400.

Discussion and Book Signing by Dr. Fitz Hill – Tuesday, February 19, 2:00 p.m., West Oakland Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street. Arkansas Baptist College President Dr. Fitz Hill has been a passionate scholar on the challenges faced by African Americans in college coaching. He has written the most comprehensive book on the subject – “Crackback! How College Football Blindsides the Hopes of Black Coaches.” For more information, please visit www.crackback.us or call (510) 508-3309.

Drop-In Art – Tuesday, February 19 to Saturday, February 23, Various Hours, MOCHA, 538 9th Street, Suite 210. Celebrate Black History Month with themed drop-in art projects all week long. Paint, build, sculpt, create - with our help, children, ages 18 months - 6 years, can take their first important steps toward a lifetime of creativity. For more information, please visit www.mocha.org or call (510) 465-8770.

Coffee and Conversation at DOSC – Wednesday, February 20, 9:30 a.m., Downtown Oakland Senior Center (DOSC), 200 Grand Avenue. Tobin Evans, a pest inspector with more than 15 years of experience, will present on “Bedbugs: a problem we can't ignore” and answer questions from the audience. R.S.V.P. at (510) 238-3284. For more information, please call (510) 238-3284.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Wednesday February 20, 10:00 a.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 238-7352.

Discover the Diversity of Early California – Wednesday, February 20, Noon - 1:30 p.m., Hearing Room 2, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. In honor of Black History Month, this event features a screening of “The Anza Expedition” film and a panel discussion featuring representatives from the Oakland Black Cowboy Association, the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park and the Juan Bautista de Anza National History Trail, a unit of the National Park Service. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/JUBA or call (415) 623-2344.

Black History Month Craft – Thursday, February 21, 3:30 p.m., 81st Avenue East Oakland Community Library, 1021 81st Avenue. Join us in making a craft to celebrate Black History Month. For more information, please call (510) 615-5812.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Saturday, February 23, 10:00 a.m., Tour meets at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. This 90-minute guided walking tour highlights the African-American leaders who helped shape present-day Oakland

including Lionel Wilson, Robert Maynard, Delilah Beasley and others. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours or call (510) 238-3234.

African American Quilters – Saturday, February 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. Enjoy a demonstration and workshop on the art of quilting. For more information, please call (510) 238-7352.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Tuesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m., Eastmont Branch Library, 7200 Bancroft Avenue, Suite 211. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 615-5726.

Morcom Rose Garden Fundraiser – Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., San Mateo Event Center, 2495 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo. Enjoy the Deadheaders Garden Gala, an opening night sneak preview of the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show that is also a fundraiser for Oakland's Morcom Rose Garden. Early bird ticket discount ends February 15. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://deadheadersgardengala.brownpapertickets.com>. For more information, please contact Victoria Rocha, Parks Supervisor, at vrocha@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3208.

Respectfully submitted,

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