

News from: **Office of the City Administrator**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 29, 2012

### **Upcoming Holidays and Business Closure Day at the City of Oakland**

#### ***Public Safety Not Affected***

Oakland, CA — The City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services for a business closure day on **Friday, September 7**. In addition, City offices will be closed on **Monday, September 3** in observance of Labor Day and **Monday, September 10** in observance of Admissions Day.

While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. **Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holidays or business closures.**

Business closures—and the unpaid time off taken by City employees on such days—were agreed to by employee labor unions as part of the package of employee concessions to balance the City's budget. Every City employee agreed to contribute nine (9) percent of their compensation to minimize the reduction of vital City services to the public.

In addition to the fixed business closure days, City employees also agreed to take additional unpaid days off to reach the nine (9) percent reduction target (between four and eight days, depending on the bargaining unit), which they will schedule with their supervisor and take throughout the year. The additional floating unpaid days will not result in citywide business closures.

#### **Specific Service Impacts:**

##### **Parking Enforcement**

- Monday, September 3 is a parking holiday during which motorists do not need to pay for parking at City meters.
- Regular enforcement will occur throughout the City for all parking violations on Friday, September 7 and Monday, September 10.

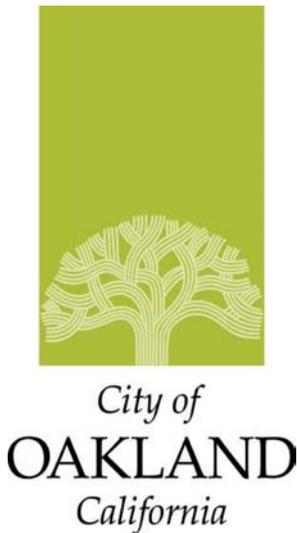
##### **Public Works**

- No street sweeping will occur on Monday, September 3; Friday, September 7 and Monday, September 10.
- Serious emergencies – such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions – will be responded to. Please call Public Works Hotline (510) 615-5566 to report issues 24/7, including referring emergency issues.

##### **Oakland Public Library**

- All libraries will be closed Monday, September 3. Branch Libraries will be closed Tuesday, September 4, but the Main Library will be open.
- The Main Library will be closed Friday, September 7, but all branch libraries will be open.
- Branch libraries will be closed Saturday, September 8, but the Main Library will be open.
- All libraries will be closed Monday, September 10.

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**Office of Parks and Recreation**

- Visitors will have access to parks; however gates and restrooms will be closed and staff will not be on site.
- Fee-based programs will continue at participating sites.

**Oakland Animal Shelter**

- The shelter will be open on Monday, September 3 for normal business hours of 4 - 7 p.m.
- The shelter will be closed on Friday, September 7. People who find stray animals and cannot hold them when the shelter is closed, should call (510) 777-3333 between the hours of 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to be put in touch with a Shelter representative.
- The shelter will be open regular hours of Noon - 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9.
- The shelter will be open for normal business on Monday, September 10 from 4 - 7 p.m.

**Human Services**

*Senior Centers*

- All senior centers will be closed on Monday, September 3; Friday, September 7 and Monday, September 10.

*Head Start/Early Head Start Programs*

- Head Start Programs and Early Head Start sites will be open on Friday, September 7, but will be closed on Monday, September 3 and Monday, September 10.

**Broadway Shuttle**

- The shuttle will not operate on Monday, September 3, but will have a normal operation schedule on Friday, September 7 and Monday, September 10.

**Remaining Business Closure Days for Fiscal Year 2012-13**

Business closure days generally occur once a month in conjunction with observed City holidays. At its June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, Oakland City Council passed the FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget with 11 total Business Closure Days, one fewer than the proposed budget. The exact day removed needs to be negotiated with the participating unions. The nine remaining days that were scheduled prior to Council's action are as follows:

- Monday, October 8
- Wednesday, December 26 (Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 are Holidays)
- Thursday, December 27
- Friday, December 28
- Monday, December 31 (Tuesday, January 1 is New Year's Day Holiday)
- Monday, February 11 (Tuesday, February 12 is Lincoln's Birthday Holiday)
- Monday, April 1
- Friday, May 3
- Friday, June 14

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