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City of Oakland Announces Free 2012 Holiday Parking

Oakland, CA — In the spirit of the holidays and to stimulate shopping in Oakland’s commercial districts in support of local merchants, the City of Oakland will offer **free parking every Saturday between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, plus Plaid Friday which is November 23.**

On Saturday, November 24; Saturday, December 1; Saturday, December 8; Saturday, December 15; Saturday, December 22 and Saturday, December 29; parking at **all City-metered spaces** throughout Oakland will be free for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours or 5 hours). The program will also provide two hours of free parking at four city-owned garages. **New for 2012, free parking has been expanded to include Friday, November 23, which is known locally as Plaid Friday.**

The free parking “holidays” apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. Standard parking rules and time limits apply—if shoppers need additional parking time, they will need to move their car across the street if it is a two-way street, or park around the block if it is a one-way street. The City will be monitoring parked cars on a regular basis, including enforcing other violations (e.g., red, yellow, green and white zones as well as double parking).

The free holiday parking also applies to the following **City-owned lots equipped with meters:**

- Grand Avenue Lot in the 3200 block of Grand Avenue
- LakePark Lot under I-580 between Grand and Lakeshore avenues
- Piedmont Avenue Lot on Howe Street between 40th and 41st streets
- Parkway Lot on Wayne Avenue near Park Boulevard and E. 18th Street.

The free holiday parking program will also offer two hours of free parking on the designated Saturdays and Plaid Friday at the following **City-owned garages:**

- Franklin Street Garage, 1719 Franklin Street
- Montclair Parking Garage, 6235 LaSalle Avenue
- Frank G. Mar Garage, 12th & Harrison streets

The free parking encourages shoppers to get out and explore the plethora of local shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland’s 40 neighborhood shopping districts.

For additional information, please visit oaklandnet.com.

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