

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

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December 20, 2012

Upcoming Holidays and Business Closure Days at the City of Oakland

Public Safety Not Affected

Oakland, CA—The City of Oakland administrative offices will be closed from Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1, for a combination of City holidays and business closure days as a result of budget cutbacks, as follows:

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Holiday

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 26 - Friday, December 28: Business closure days

Monday, December 31: Business closure day

Tuesday, January 1: New Year's Day Holiday

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 \$58 million budget deficit. Every City employee agreed to contribute nine (9) percent of their compensation to minimize the reduction of vital City services to the public.

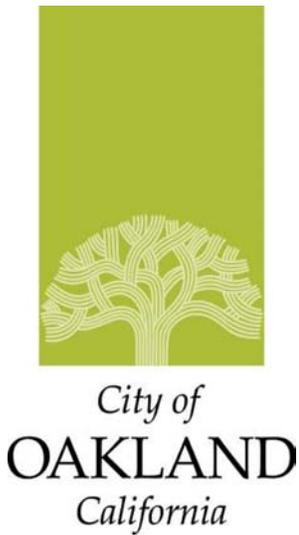
In addition to the fixed business closure days, City employees also agreed to take additional unpaid days off to reach the nine (9) percent reduction target (between four and eight days, depending on the bargaining unit), which they will schedule with their supervisor and take throughout the year. The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

Specific Service Impacts for December 24 – January 1:

Parking Enforcement

- Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25, are parking holidays. Motorists will enjoy free parking at metered spaces throughout Oakland.
- Normal parking enforcement throughout the City for all violations will occur on Wednesday, December 26 through Friday, December 28.
- Saturday, December 29, is a designated parking holiday as part of the "Shop Oakland Grown" campaign. Motorists can park for free, up to time limits posted, at City meters and multi-space parking kiosks. Select City-owned lots and garages are also offering free parking. Restrictions apply. Visit oaklandnet.com for details.
- Normal parking enforcement throughout the City for all violations will occur on Monday, December 31.
- Tuesday, January 1, is a parking holiday. Motorists will enjoy free parking at metered spaces throughout Oakland.

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Public Works

- No street sweeping will occur.
- 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.

Oakland Public Library

- The Main Library and all branches will be closed from Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 1.
- All locations resume normal hours on Wednesday, January 2.
- Books and other materials are not due until Friday, January 4. Patrons are asked to not attempt to return materials in library book drops until January 2.

Oakland Animal Shelter

- The shelter will be closed on Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26.
- The shelter will have a normal operating schedule on Thursday, December 27 through Monday, December 31.
- The shelter will be closed on Tuesday, January 1.
- People who find stray animals and cannot hold them when the shelter is closed, should call (510) 535-5602 and leave a voicemail. Staff will check voicemail throughout the day and return calls. For urgent animal related needs, please call (510) 777-3333.

Oakland 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 except on:
 - Monday, December 24
 - Tuesday, December 25
 - Monday, December 31
 - Tuesday, January 1
- Call your local recreation site to confirm schedules. For phone numbers, visit www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/a/contact/index.htm.

Human Services

Senior Centers

- All Senior Centers will be closed from Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1.

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

- Head Start and Early Head Start participants will be on winter break from Monday, December 24 through Friday, January 4. Sites welcome participants back on Monday, January 7.

Broadway Shuttle

- The shuttle will have a normal operation schedule on Monday, December 24.
- The shuttle will not operate on Tuesday, December 25 or Tuesday, January 1.
- The shuttle will have a normal operation schedule Wednesday, December 26 through Saturday, December 29.
- On Monday, December 31, the shuttle will accommodate revelers ringing in the New Year in downtown Oakland with extended service from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., along Broadway from Jack London to 27th Street (with a turn onto Telegraph between 16th and 20th streets). This extended service is in addition to the regular daytime schedule of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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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 28th 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 four remaining days that were scheduled prior to Council's action are as follows:

- Monday, February 11 (Tuesday, February 12 is Lincoln's Birthday Holiday)
- Monday, April 1
- Friday, May 3
- Friday, June 14

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