



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: November 15, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

U.S. Department of Justice Recognizes Oakland Unite – On Wednesday, November 13, Oakland Unite's Juvenile Justice Center strategy was acknowledged by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for its innovative work around youth reentry services. Oakland Unite was one of 11 grant recipients under the Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Reentry Initiative to be highlighted in a DOJ press release on recidivism reduction. Led by the Department of Human Services' Oakland Unite, the Juvenile Justice Center strategy is a unique partnership that provides services tailored to the needs of each individual youth. Program partners include the City of Oakland, Alameda County Probation Department, Alameda County Health Care Services, Oakland Unified School District and community-based organizations. To read a newsletter account, please visit <http://csgjusticecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/ReentryMatters.pdf> and scroll to page four. For more information, please contact Sara Serin-Christ, Program Analyst, at sserin-christ@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3718.

OPD Leads the Way in Crisis Intervention Team Training – Within the next month, the *Oakland Tribune* will be focusing on the Oakland Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in a feature article on how municipalities respond to individuals experiencing mental health crises. As a leader in CIT programs, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) offers training to other Alameda County law enforcement agencies in this innovative first responder model of police-based crisis intervention. Designed to improve the way law enforcement and the community respond to mentally ill people in crisis, CIT training improves the safety of patrol officers, mental health consumers, family members and the community. Meeting the needs of both officers and the community in which they serve, CIT aims to reduce the stigma of mental illness and redirect the need for involvement with the criminal justice system to the mental health care system. OPD has been championing CIT training since 2011, when it created a full-time, sworn, Mental Health Liaison position to coordinate the courses. The program continues to receive positive feedback. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

LED Streetlight Conversion Continues – On Wednesday, November 13, a press conference was held marking the continued progress of the City of Oakland's LED Streetlight Conversion project as it entered the Fruitvale neighborhood. The City is currently converting 30,000 existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) cobra head streetlights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights citywide. Replacement of the existing streetlight fixtures with the new LED fixtures provides a better quality of light that will enhance public safety. In addition, the conversion project saves resources as the new LED technology is more energy efficient and the bulbs have a longer lifespan. Oakland is one of first municipalities nationally to implement or in the process of converting wide-scale LED lighting. This project began in June and to date has converted more than 19,000 streetlights citywide. The LED conversion project provides many benefits to several different audiences, with the primary goal to support public safety with brighter and better lighting, with less glare and fewer "dark spots" between poles. Significant energy savings result in lower power consumption and a healthier environment. LED streetlights require less maintenance and have a longer lifespan (15 years minimum). Project costs are estimated at \$14.8 million including an estimated \$2.9 million in incentive rebates from PG&E. To read the press release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak044019>. For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at kshaff@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2966.

Police Chief Recruitment – On Monday, October 7, the City of Oakland launched a several month process to conduct a national search for a permanent Chief of the Oakland Police Department (OPD). The process is designed to ensure that the best and brightest candidates emerge from a nationwide recruitment process that reflects the values of the community we serve and the Police Department workforce. Since launching the search, the City has made presentations at numerous meetings throughout Oakland. Summaries of the public input from the first three of eight community meetings have been posted on the website. In addition to these meetings, the City has engaged the community and stakeholders in multiple ways: more than 200 surveys in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese have been completed and six ideas, 18 interactions and more than 120 views have occurred on the online conversation on EngageOakland.com. Input will be considered throughout the entire candidate evaluation process, right up to the appointment of the permanent Police Chief. Based on input received, a position profile has been created. Below are the links to the Police Chief Recruitment website, Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in English/Spanish/Chinese/Vietnamese, Police Chief Recruitment Input email address and Position Profile:

- **Police Chief Recruitment Website:**
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityAdministration/OAK043196>
- **Police Chief Recruitment Input Email Address:**
OPDChiefRecruitment@oaklandnet.com
- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in English:**
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BZK5DR2>

- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in Spanish:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G6X88BG>
- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in Chinese:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BKL55BH>
- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in Vietnamese:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BVVCWJY>
- **Community Engagement Website:**
<http://www.engageoakland.com>
- **Police Chief Position Profile:**
<http://www.bobmurrayassoc.com/upload/Oakland%20Police%20Chief.pdf>

It is anticipated that an appointment will be made by February or March 2014. To read an Information Memorandum on the recruitment process, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043311>. For more information, please contact Alexandra Orologas, Chief of Staff to the City Administrator, at aorologas@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6587.

Partners Sought for City of Oakland's 2014 Our Town Grant Application – Thursday, November 21, at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for Oakland arts organizations, community and neighborhood organizations and individual artists to submit brief proposals to partner in the City's application to the National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) 2014 *Our Town* creative placemaking grant. Only one application per city will be accepted, and the application must have the approval of local government. In response to the outpouring of interest, the City of Oakland's Cultural Arts & Marketing Department has instituted a competitive process to select one application to go forward in 2014. Staff will review all proposals and will consult with the Public Art Advisory Committee to determine and to recommend to the Mayor's Office the proposed project that is most competitive and most aligned with the City's goals. The NEA Our Town application deadline is January 13, 2014. The NEA's intentions for the Our Town grants align with the City of Oakland's goals for projects funded through the program. We seek competitive proposals for creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with arts and/or design organizations and artists, will:

- Improve quality of life;
- Encourage greater creative activity;
- Foster stronger community identity and sense of place; and,
- Promote economic revitalization.

Please note that Our Town is a matching grant program, meaning that the applicant must provide a match of at least 1:1 for NEA grant funds if awarded. These matching funds may be all cash or a combination of cash and in-kind contributions. To be considered, please submit a brief project proposal (not longer than two pages) via email to Steven Huss, the City of Oakland's Cultural

Arts Manager, at shuss@oaklandnet.com. Submissions should address how your proposal would be competitive according to the NEA guidelines. Key considerations for the City of Oakland will be the proposal's viability in terms of the proposing organization's ability to raise/provide a funding match for the NEA grant; the quality of the proposed project; and its eligibility and competitiveness per the NEA guidelines. Preference will be given to proposals for locations that are situated in Oakland's underserved communities. It will be the selected partnering organization's responsibility to prepare all grant application materials, which will be reviewed and approved by City staff before submittal to the NEA. To view the Our Town grant guidelines and application materials, please visit <http://nea.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>. To watch a video of the FY 2014 Our Town Grant Guidelines Workshop, please visit <http://arts.gov/video/fy-2014-our-town-grant-guidelines-workshop-0>. For more information, please contact Steven Huss, Cultural Arts Manager, at shuss@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-4949.

Fall Holiday Camps at Oakland Recreation Centers – From Monday, November 25 to Wednesday, November 27, the Office of Parks and Recreation will host day camps for youth and families at various recreation centers. Activities will include holiday crafts, dancing, swimming, gymnastics and more. Please contact your local recreation center for registration and fee details.

- **East Oakland Sports Complex**, 9161 Edes Avenue. Please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at dwatson@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5959
- **Manzanita Recreation Center**, 2701 22nd Avenue. Please contact Marcelina Sanchez, Recreation Center Director, at msanchez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5625
- **Montclair Recreation Center**, 6300 Moraga Avenue. Please contact Mark Zinns, Recreation Center Director, at mzinns@oaklandnet.com or (510) 482-7812
- **Golden Gate Recreation Center**, 1075 62nd Street. Please contact Mark Zinns, Recreation Center Director, at mzinns@oaklandnet.com
- **Allendale Recreation Center**, 3711 Suter Street. Please contact George Henderson, Recreation Center Director, at (510)535-5635
- **Willie Keys Recreation Center**, 3130 Union Street. Please contact Vinzuela Bolden, Recreation Director, at (510) 597-5042
- **ADA Inclusion Center**, 7701 Krause Avenue. Please contact Joy Sledge, Recreation Director, at (510) 615-5980

City Seeks Citizen Input on Council Redistricting – On Tuesday, November 19, the Oakland City Council will hold the first reading of an ordinance to adopt new City Council and Oakland Unified School District boundaries. At its meeting on October 29, the Oakland City Council voted 6-1 to select Map #26 as the preferred boundaries. To view the map, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/redistricting. The Oakland City Charter mandates the review of City Council District boundaries every 10 years to equalize each district's population according to U.S. Census data. To view the reports, resolution and video of the Oakland City Council meeting on June 4 where the Council established the criteria to be used, please visit <http://bit.ly/103avDM>. In July and September, a series of seven Redistricting Town Hall Meetings were held throughout Oakland. Public input is encouraged and can be provided by:

- Using the interactive mapping software at <http://www.onlineredistricting.com/Oakland2/redist/>
- Emailing suggestions and comments to strategicplanning@oaklandnet.com
- Leaving a voice message on the redistricting hotline at (510) 238-3079
- Visiting the City's newly launched open data platform, <http://data.oaklandnet.com>, to explore and visualize population data
- Engaging in the discussion online at <http://www.EngageOakland.com>

For more information on Oakland's redistricting process including a map of current Council Districts, relevant legislation, upcoming Council meeting dates and more, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/redistricting. For more information, please contact Devan Reiff, AICP, Planner II, at dreiff@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3550.

Pottery and Craft Sale at Studio One – On Saturday, November 30, the Studio One Art Center, will host its annual Pottery and Craft Sale featuring beautiful pottery pieces, jewelry, glass pieces and more. All of the reasonably priced items are created by professional, novice and children artists at Studio One. Enjoy refreshments while you browse. This year, Studio One has joined the arts community by inviting everyone to shop at this free special event. Children will find this a great opportunity to shop for their families. Located at 365 45th Street, Studio One will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Shoppers are encouraged to come early for the best selection. Vendors are still being accepted for this event. For more information, please contact Alethia Walker, Recreation Leader II, at (510) 597-5096.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of November 18, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Police Communications Operator

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 online 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:

Mexica Dance – Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Center for History and Community, 2488 Coolidge Avenue. Discover Mexica culture during ceremony and dance classes open to the public. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org.

Board Game Days – Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Hall 2, Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. Join others in rousing board games including Monopoly, Scrabble,

Boggle and many more. For more information, please contact Jennifer King, Senior Center Director, at jkking@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3284.

Affordable Health Care Act: Your Questions Answered – Wednesdays through 2013, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Main Library, 125 14th Street. Come and learn about the Affordable Health Care Act. A certified enrollment counselor will be available to answer your questions and assist with the application process in the Main Library computer lab. For information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Beginner's Zumba Gold for Seniors – Thursdays through December 19, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Seniors can enjoy Zumba Classes for only \$5 per class. Pre-register in the office or join at class time. Please note there will be no classes on October 31 or November 28. For more information, please contact Mary Norton, Senior Center Director, at mnorton@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 597-5085.

First Thursday Art Walk – First Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Grand Avenue from LakePark to Piedmont border. The Grand Avenue Business District hosts a monthly art event with special discounts from merchants and galleries. For more information, please visit <http://piedmont.patch.com/groups/events/p/ev--first-thursday-art-walk-down-grand-avenue>.

Embrace the Dimond District – Third Thursdays, 5:00 p.m., Dimond Avenue & MacArthur Boulevard. Join friends, family and neighbors to experience the Dimond District. This monthly event, organized by the Dimond Business and Professional Association, has a different theme each month. Enjoy local artists, a fun Kids' Zone and merchant specials. For more information, please visit www.shopdimond.com.

Friday Nights @ OMCA – Fridays, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Join the Oakland Museum of California and Off the Grid every Friday for a family-friendly take on a festive night market. Enjoy blues, jazz and bluegrass with DJs and live bands, free dance lessons and extended museum hours. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org or call (510) 318-8400.

Dinner, a Movie and the Universe – Friday & Saturday evenings year-round, Various Times, Chabot Space and Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. The perfect date night experience is back by popular demand. Enjoy a full-course dinner in the Skyline Bistro, the live-narrated Planetarium show *Cosmos 360* and view the night sky through the telescopes (weather permitting). Reservations are not required, but strongly encouraged. For more information, please visit <http://www.chabotspace.org/dinner-movie-universe.htm>.

Mindful Drumming for "Mishe" Happiness – Last Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, 3278 West Street. Experience an once-in-a-lifetime drumming gathering for happiness for the entire family. Cultivate "mishe" happiness through mindfulness, synchronistic rhythms and community building. Mindful drumming offers an authentic path to happiness and unleashes the human potential. For more information, please visit www.ahc-oakland.org or call (510) 652-5530.

Saturday Morning Bike Ride – Saturdays, 8:45 a.m., Warehouse416, 416 26th Street. Enjoy a flat, short ride designed to provide new or returning riders with a way of getting started. Guides adjust the ride based on participants' needs. Rain cancels ride. For more information, please contact Ron Scrivani at scrivanir@aol.com or visit www.warehouse416.com.

SFMOMA Acoustic Sound Art Installation Hosted in Ogawa Plaza – Through Sunday, November 17, Various Hours, Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. "Occasional Music," a sound installation by Oakland-based Zarouhie Abdalian, features brass bells programmed to ring simultaneously at a specified time each day from rooftops in and around Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. For several minutes, each bell will play a randomized rhythmic structure that will sound different each time. The installation is part of SFMOMA On The Go program. The time of the once-a-day pealing of the bells will vary. For more information including the bell-ringing schedule, please visit www.sfmoma.org/secaaward.

Basketball and Soccer Clinics – Saturdays through November 23, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue and East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue. Basketball and soccer clinics will be offered every Saturday until the Holidays. Youth ages 7-13 are encouraged to enroll in the clinics – fee of \$25 for one and \$35 to be enrolled in both clinics. Clinics will be held at Ira Jinkins Recreation Center. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

The Tree of Life and Death: Dias de Los Muertos 2013 – Through Sunday, December 8, Various Hours, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. The museum's 19th annual Days of the Dead exhibition features installations by guest artists fusing the themes of life, death and remembrance with ecology. Topics explored include empathy, knowledge and habitat and species loss, conservation and restoration. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org.

Adult Bowling League – Wednesdays through Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., South Shore Lanes, 300 Park Street, Alameda. The Office of Parks and Recreation Adult Sports Department will host a Fall Bowling League. Grab your league and Come out and Play the OPR Way every Wednesday night through December 11. \$90 includes the registration fees, shoes, balls and end of league party. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Adult Sports PPT, at rtucker@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2952.

40th Anniversary of LASERIUM The Cosmic Laser Concert – Select days through Sunday, December 15, Various Show Times, Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Experience this classic laser light show set to the beats of such rock icons as Pink Floyd and The Beatles. Immersed in the darkness of the planetarium, this stunning light show is music for your eyes. Whether you are a fan from the past or new to the show, LASERIUM draws you into the light. For more information, please visit <http://www.chabotspace.org/laserium.htm>.

"What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland's Griots" – Through Saturday, February 22, 2014, Wednesdays to Saturdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Peralta House Museum of History and Community, 2465 34th Avenue. A visual and audio art exhibit featuring the voices of African

American Oaklanders who recorded the stories of their lives through the Griot Initiative of StoryCorps, a national nonprofit oral history project. Their voices emanate from a gigantic horse, designed and built by Walter Hood, an African American sculptor and landscape architect. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

Ready, Set, Connect! Free Computer Help Available at Six Library Locations – Through May 2014, Various Times, Main Library, Asian Branch, César E. Chávez Branch, Dimond Branch, Eastmont Branch and Rockridge Branch. Patrons will be able to get free computer help at scheduled times. Thanks to a partnership with Community Technology Network, the Oakland Public Library has trained young adults to provide free computer help at these six library locations. Ready, Set, Connect! is a professional development program designed to help Oakland youth between the ages of 16 and 24 discover the professional skills necessary for technology-focused careers. For a schedule and other details, please visit <http://bit.ly/GAczwU>. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Supervising Librarian, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

In the Red and Brown Water – Through Saturday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. plus 2:00 p.m. Saturday matinee, Oakland Tech Auditorium, 4351 Broadway. OakTechRep, Oakland Tech's award-winning student theater company, will perform Tarell Alvin McCraney's *In the Red and Brown Water*. This is a challenging play, filled with lyrical language and choreographed movement. The play follows the journey of Oya, a talented young runner who turns down a track scholarship to take care of her sick mother, only to find herself faced with deep questions about what it means to have a family and find happiness. For more information, please visit <http://oaklandtech.com/staff/performingarts/2013/10/28/oaktechrep-presents-in-the-red-and-brown-water-nov-14-16/>.

2013 Fall Season Opener – Through Saturday, November 16, 8:00 p.m., Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon Street. Select high school students from the Oakland School for the Arts' School of Dance will make their professional debut with the Savage Jazz Dance Company. Save \$5 by purchasing advance tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/441064>. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/Savage.Jazz.Dance>.

America Recycles Day – Friday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Waster Management Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex, 2615 Davis Street, San Leandro. In celebration of America Recycles Day, Waste Management will be offering free drop off of electronic goods, hangers, used clothing and other goods through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They will also offer free tours and family activities. Visitors may pick up a free bag of EarthCare compost and up to five gallons of recycled latex paint. For more information, please call (510) 613-8710.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, November 15, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, 988 85th Avenue. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays as a way community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. Volunteers are trained in advance and are accompanied by other volunteers for the duration of the walk. The purpose of the Night Walk is

to reach out to communities affected by violence. For more information, please call (510) 639-1440 or email fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com.

Girlrising Screening – Friday, November 15, 6:45 p.m., Skyline High School Auditorium, 12250 Skyline Boulevard. GIRLRISING is a groundbreaking film, directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins, that tells the stories of nine extraordinary girls from nine countries, written by nine celebrated writers and narrated by nine renowned actresses. The film showcases the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. For more information, please visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/girl-rising-special-one-night-screening-tickets-1749943127?aff=eorg>.

Relevate Social Impact Film Forum – Friday, November 15 & Saturday, November 16, Various Screening Times, The New Parkway, 474 24th Street. The event brings together social innovators, cultural creatives and community-led organizations with the goal of igniting cross-cultural conversation that lifts the spirit, sparks the imagination and elevates positive change. For more information, please visit <http://events.compathos.com>.

Community Gardening Days – Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm, Montclair Branch Library, 1687 Mountain Boulevard. Join in the transformation of the Montclair Library's wild back yard into a garden paradise. Help plant drought tolerant plants (lots of natives) that attract birds and butterflies. In addition to volunteering and donating your time, please consider lending tools or contributing plants, birdhouses, benches or terracing. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, please contact Lynne Cutler, Branch Manager, at lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 482-7810.

Native American Culture Day: Honoring Our Native Children – Saturday, November 16, noon - 4:00 p.m., Main Library, 125 14th Street. The Oakland Public Library's Native American Services Committee presents the 2013 Native American Culture Day. This year's theme is "Adoption and Foster Care for Native Children around America." We will have a discussion with Social Worker Vida Castaneda and Attorney Ella Callow, in addition to some personal stories from our patrons. The afternoon's events will also include Native performers, films, a raffle and food. Everyone of all ages is welcome. For more information, please contact the OPL information desk at (510) 238-3134.

California Futures Lecture Series: Geek Out! – Saturday, November 16, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Come "geek out" with special guest lecturers, ranging from authors, filmmakers and artists to exhibition partner organizations, scholars and scientists. Go on a deeper exploration of issues explored in the exhibition *Above and Below: Stories From Our Changing Bay*. For more information, please visit <http://museumca.org/event/california-futures-lecture-series-geek-out-0>.

The Griots of Oakland – Saturday, November 16, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. The Center for Healthy Schools and Communities, in conjunction with Story For All and the Office of African-American Male Achievement, will host

the grand opening and book release for "The Griots of Oakland." The event will be moderated by local talent and include talks from leading educators, activists and participating youth. The exhibit and book feature a group of African American male youth who were trained to conduct peer-to-peer interviews with about 100 African American boys and men, ages 6 to 24, throughout Oakland. The goal of the project is to highlight aspects of these young men's realities that are often misunderstood and ignored by mainstream media, and to change the discourse on how they are perceived to uplift their beauty, brilliance and humanity. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthyschoolsandcommunities.org/Alameda-6/griot.html>.

Jazz at the Chimes – Sunday, November 17, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. Hailed for its spirited performances and fascinating fusion of Venezuelan folk music with adventurous jazz explorations, The VNote Ensemble gives voice to the hidden treasure of Venezuelan music. Their original compositions, keen arrangements and great musicianship blend together to deliver a unique musical sound. For more information, please visit www.jazzatthechimes.com or call (510) 654-0123.

Oakland Youth Chorus Workshops at the Library – Monday, November 18, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Golden Gate Branch, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. The Oakland Youth Chorus (OYC) is holding this music workshop for kindergarteners through 5th graders and their families. Led by Senior Instructor Michelle Jacques and Executive Director Keri Butkevich, these workshops will include fun, multicultural music games and a delightful family sing-along. The workshops will also include a special preview performance of OYC's annual winter concert by the K-5th grade Miracle Chorus. For information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Librarian II, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

15th Annual International Transgender Day of Remembrance – Wednesday, November 20, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. The ceremony will call attention to the ongoing epidemic of violence against transgender individuals. For more information, please visit www.transgenderdor.org.

Oaktown Tech – Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Nile Hall, Preservation Park, 1233 Preservation Park Way. Join the Kapor Center for Social Impact and Oakland Local as they launch the Oakland Tech Ecosystem (OTE) Map & Database. The OTE is a comprehensive listing of nearly 300 Oakland-based tech groups, spaces, companies, bloggers and affiliates. The event will celebrate Oakland's diverse and burgeoning tech community with the unveiling of this interactive map and opportunity to network. The event is co-hosted by 2.Oakland and Impact HubOakland. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please visit <http://oaktech.eventbrite.com>.

Rich Harwood of the Harwood Institute Coming to the Oakland Public Library – Wednesday, November 20, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. The Oakland Public Library is pleased to partner with the Harwood Institute, bringing Rich Harwood to facilitate an engaging community discussion titled, "Living on Main Street: How to Stay More Connected and Relevant." Rich Harwood is a nationally known teacher and coach who, for over two decades, has helped communities and organizations solve pressing problems and change

how people work together. In this talk, Harwood will discuss the framework and tools that are available to communities motivated to move forward, no matter how challenging the circumstances. The hope is that people from a broad cross-section of the community will join us for this event and begin the process of working together for the common good. For more information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Librarian, at smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3513.

5th Annual Pickin' on the Potomac Bluegrass Series – Thursday, November 21, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Presidential Yacht Potomac, 540 Water Street. On this special evening, enjoy the foot-stomping good sounds of The Kathy Kallick Band, one of the Bay Area's best bluegrass bands. For more information, please call (510) 627-1215.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, November 22, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., At Thy Word, 8915 International Boulevard. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays as a way community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. Volunteers are trained in advance and are accompanied by other volunteers for the duration of the walk. The purpose of the Night Walk is to reach out to communities affected by violence. For more information, please call (510) 639-1440 or email fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com.

Global Sustainability Jam – Friday, November 22, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m., Comrade, 484 9th Street. A diverse group of creative, passionate people will meet, form teams and get to work in an energetic, global, face-to-face design event. The group will ideate, research and prototype brand new products, services and programs around the theme of sustainability. Everyone is welcome; You do not need to be a designer or have experience with service design to jam. Participants will be supported throughout the weekend by designers, mentors in sustainability and group facilitators. To register for the jam, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/2013-oakland-sustainability-jam-registration-8378730007. For more information, please visit www.oaklandsustainabilityjam.org.

Symbolism in the Cemetery – Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m., Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue. Enjoy a free tour led by docent Sandy Rauch. For more information, please visit www.mountainviewcemetery.org/calendar.html.

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Patchwork Indie Art & Craft Festival – Sunday, November 24, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. This modern, handmade festival features local emerging

artists, crafters and designers showcasing a variety of handmade goods including art, knits, clothing, paper goods, accessories, housewares and more. Attendees can get in on crafting at the free DIY crafting station. For more information, please visit www.patchworkshow.com.

22nd Annual Oakland Civic Orchestra Concert – Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m., Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 1330 Lakeshore Avenue. The Oakland Civic Orchestra, in partnership with the Office of Parks and Recreation, will host this free concert. Musicians of all ages and backgrounds will come together to share the joy and magic of music-making. The Oakland Civic Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Martha Stoddard and Assistant Conductor Jason Oestenstad, presents “Enduring and Endearing – 19th Century Masterworks,” featuring Brahms’ Symphony No. 4, Dvorak’s Cello Concerto in B Minor (movement 1) with guest soloist Jasper Hussong, and Tchaikovsky’s Polonaise & Waltz from Eugene Onegin. The concert will be held at the The volunteer community orchestra provides free classical music to the community and relies on funding from the City of Oakland’s Office of Parks and Recreation, public donations and membership dues. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/oaklandcivicorchestra/home> or contact Margaret L. Wu at scoobywu2@aol.com or (510) 524-3094.

Plaid Friday – Friday, November 29, Various Times, Various Oakland Locations. Avoid the stampedes at the malls; shop locally and joyfully instead. The traditional Black Friday has been renamed and reinvented by Oakland entrepreneurs. Activities will include Santa Village at Latham Square from noon to 7:00 p.m. complete with free photos with Santa, over 45 retail shops will be open downtown throughout the day, pop-up artisans and vendors at various downtown bars from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and much more. Shoppers can pick up a free Oakland Grown card to earn rewards and chances for hourly and grand prizes for shopping local that day. Shop for your holiday gifts in Oakland and help support local business while keeping your tax dollars in our city to support vital services. For more information, please visit www.oaklandgrown.org/plaid-friday.

ZooLights – Friday, November 29 – Sunday, January 5, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. Hundreds of thousands of LED lights brighten Oakland's night sky. Highlights include a candy cane lane themed rides area, a nighttime adventure on the Outback Express train, rocking around the Christmas trees in the Children’s Zoo, and a light show that’s sure to blow out any bah-hum-bugs. No Zoolights on December 24 or 25. For more information, please visit www.oaklandzoo.org or call (510) 632-9525, ext. 100.

Rockridge in the Snow – Saturday, November 30, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Rockridge BART Station Plaza, College Avenue at Keith. Join the merchants of Rockridge in celebrating the season with memorable meals, unique gift shopping opportunities and special holiday offers. Kids can frolic in the play area with snow, enjoy pony rides and visit with Santa and his helpers. Enjoy live holiday entertainment and more. For more information, please visit www.rockridgedistrict.com.

Holiday Caroling at Lake Merritt Boating Center - Beginning Thursday, December 12 and various dates throughout the month of December, Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue

Avenue. Inviting Families to come out to enjoy some time in our Holiday room with hot cider and cookies before beginning your voyage around Lake Merritt. Experience a unique view of Oakland as your Water Sleigh glides past the 18th Street Fountain & Holiday Cove before returning to the Boating Center. Thursday Tours: December 12 and 19 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.*, Friday Tours: December 6, 13 and 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.*, Saturday Tours: December 7, 14 and 21 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.*, Sunday Tours: December 8, 15 and 22 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.*. *6:00 p.m. tours are available for individual participants, all other tour times are whole-boat charter only. Water Sleigh rides are \$6 per person, \$100 Private Charter (capacity 19). Cash and Visa & MasterCard are accepted. For more information, please contact Megan Seccombe at (510) 238-2196, or visit www.sailoakland.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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