



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: December 6, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Oakland Named As An Inaugural City Of The 100 Resilient Cities Network – On Tuesday, December 3, The Rockefeller Foundation announced that the City of Oakland had been selected to join the 100 Resilient Cities Network. Oakland was one of nearly 400 cities across six continents to apply for the 100 Resilient Cities Challenge, which was announced in May 2013. Out of 1,000 registrants and 400 applicants, Oakland is one of 100 cities chosen and among the first 33 inaugural cities to be named. Each city will be given funding to hire a Chief Resiliency Officer and develop a resiliency plan. Mayor Jean Quan joined the announcement in New York City and was among four of the participating cities' mayors to participate on a panel. The city's priorities for the work will include:

- Initiating 21st century upgrades and improving planning strategies for pre-disaster seismic mitigation including soft-story building retrofits for the 24,000 at-risk, unreinforced, multi-family residential housing units;
- Protecting Oakland's residents and infrastructure from rising seas, extreme heat and precipitation events; and
- Implementing Oakland's Climate Action Plan and further evaluating impacts of climate change on utility and food costs, especially for low-income residents.

To help cities better prepare for and respond to 21st century challenges, The Rockefeller Foundation has made a \$100 million commitment to building urban resilience in cities around the world. Through the 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge, in the coming years 100 cities will be selected across the globe to receive technical support and resources for developing and implementing plans for urban resilience, and receive assistance in leveraging billions of additional dollars in financing and services. These cities will come together through the coordination of a newly created organization, 100 Resilient Cities – Pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation – which will also provide a platform of innovative services to cities. Oakland will work with San Francisco, Berkeley and Alameda in the network's pilot regional program. As part of the 100 Resilient Cities Network, Oakland and its fellow regional cities will each receive support including funding to hire a Chief Resilience Officer, create a resilience strategy, and receive access to tools, technical support, and resources for implementing a

comprehensive resilience plan. Initial partners for this platform of services—including Swiss Re, Palantir, the World Bank, the American Institute of Architects, and Architecture for Humanity—which united at the Clinton Global Initiative in September to commit to providing support in design thinking, planning, and alternate services. Among the partners Mayor Quan thanked were:

- The Oakland Climate Action Coalition, a 40-member network that worked with the City to develop the pioneering Oakland Energy & Climate Action Plan;
- The ART Project, including Alameda County Public Health Department, Port of Oakland, regional transit authorities, utility companies, local hospitals and environmental regulatory agencies;
- The Resource Innovation Group, a non-profit organization affiliated with the Center for Sustainable Communities at Willamette University;
- The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG);
- The California Earthquake Authority;
- Earthquake Engineering and Research;
- The Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center;
- The Governor's Office of Emergency Services;
- California Resiliency Alliance;
- Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council; and
- Oakland Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disaster (CARD).

To learn more about the other inaugural cities named on Tuesday, please read the media release at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044406>. To learn more about the 100 Resilient Cities Network, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityAdministration/OAK044398>. For more information, please contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at kboyd@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6365.

Mayor, Fred Blackwell and Rachel Flynn Present at Oakland Structures – Mayor Quan, Assistant City Administrator Fred Blackwell and Planning & Building Director Rachel Flynn wowed a standing-room-only crowd at the annual Building Oakland breakfast hosted by the *San Francisco Business Times* on Friday, December 6. More than 700 business leaders were on hand for the annual Oakland development and investment update which also included presentations by Port Director Chris Lytle, Mike Ghielmetti of Signature Properties and Debby Wasserman, Sr. VP of Strategy & Business Development, Kaiser Permanente.

Championing the theme "Big things are happening - This is Oakland's Year," Mayor Quan kicked off the City's portion with a rousing overview of key achievements in the past year, noting our many national accolades (including "Most Exciting City in the Nation" in Movoto, a national real firm and publication) and underscoring that both investment and revenue are increasing across the board. This includes hotel tax revenue as evidenced by Oakland's occupancy rate increasing while the national rate remains relatively flat (source: Smith Travel Research, 2013, courtesy of Visit Oakland). Mayor Quan noted that Oakland's hotel room revenue growth of 10.2% is outpacing all other cities in the nation (source: PKF Hospitality Research LLC, June 2013 *Hotel Horizons*® reports). She also pointed out that retail

development is on the rise, with nearly one million square feet in the pipeline, including major projects at Foothill Square, Rockridge Safeway and The Hive on Broadway, among others.

Fred Blackwell followed with an energizing synopsis of major residential and commercial development – including a number of projects that are now “coming off the shelf and in construction.” Specifically, he noted that there are 1,000 new housing units in the pipeline representing an investment of \$100 million. He also pointed out that Oakland has 3 million square feet of commercial space currently under construction representing an investment of \$2.4 billion, with another 4 million square feet in the pipeline.

Rachel Flynn's presentation showed the momentum of projects and new businesses citywide, all moving forward within the following key focus areas:

1. Complete four Specific Plans that provide vision and land use policy
2. Build more housing throughout the city
3. Build destination retail in strategic locations
4. Cultivate beautiful streets, gateways & public spaces
5. Transportation: leverage BART through Transit-Oriented Development, Bus Rapid Transit and Streetcar
6. Provide City services/expertise to assist existing and prospective businesses
7. Leverage grants & incentives: advocate for CA Historic Tax Credits

Rachel went on to indicate key growth areas citywide, noting that four Specific Plans will be completed in the next year: Broadway Valdez, Lake Merritt Station, West Oakland and Coliseum City. She also noted that five Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) areas are also moving forward: Uptown (19th Street BART), MacArthur Transit Village, West Oakland (7th Street BART), Lake Merritt-Chinatown and Coliseum City.

To View the information contained in the City's three power point presentations from this morning's breakfast, please access the following links:

- To view Mayor Jean Quan's presentation, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044465>.
- To view the slides delivered by Assistant City Administrator Fred Blackwell, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044467>.
- To view the power point presentation delivered by Planning Director Rachel Flynn, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044468>.

A Happy Ending to the Turkey Basket Giveaway – On Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26, Ms. Maryann Mitchell of the Oakland Police Department (OPD) Identification Section teamed with family and members of the Evangelistic Outreach Association to give turkey baskets to needy families – a holiday tradition since 1990. During the year, names of recipients are submitted by OPD personnel to Ms. Mitchell for her turkey basket giveaway program. Ms. Mitchell relies on donations from OPD police officers and other employees to keep the program going. On the Friday before the giveaway, Ms. Mitchell was short 40 turkeys. She

appealed to the public and her OPD coworkers and quickly received 20 turkeys. The Monday before Thanksgiving, hearing of the need, Chief Sean Whent and his command staff raised a collection to get the remaining turkeys. As a result, 140 families received the makings for Thanksgiving feasts. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned – On Friday, December 13 and Friday, December 20, the Oakland Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints at an undisclosed location within the city limits. The checkpoints will operate between 7:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, delaying motorists only momentarily as they check that drivers have proper licensing. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 – not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Officers Arrest Suspect for Assault with a Deadly Weapon – On Monday, November 25, at 5:19 a.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to the 7000 block of Herbert Guice Way on a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. Upon their arrival, they located a male victim bleeding from the head who informed them he had been in an argument with the suspect. The officers conducted a thorough preliminary investigation and located and arrested the suspect on scene for assault with a deadly weapon. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Community Members Help in Arrest of Juvenile Carjackers – On Sunday, November 24, at about 1:20 a.m., in the 1500 block of 69th Avenue, Oakland Police officers recognized a vehicle that had been taken during a carjacking the day before. Officers attempted a traffic enforcement stop and the driver failed to yield. A short pursuit ensued, which ended in the area of the Coliseum BART parking lot. Three of the occupants from the vehicle were seen running to a nearby apartment complex. Thanks to the help of witnesses who directed them to the complex, officers were able to arrest the three juvenile suspects in connection with the carjacking. We know that it takes continued assistance and involvement like this from the community to achieve our goal of reducing crime. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Robber Captured Same Day – On Tuesday, November 19, at approximately 9:25 a.m., Oakland Police responded to a robbery/assault call in the 2800 block of School Street in East Oakland. Officers Michel Khem and Luis Espinoza received information from officers at the crime scene about the suspect's vehicle. The same day, Officers Khem and Espinoza located the suspect vehicle in West Oakland and arrested a 28-year-old Oakland male, in connection with the robbery and assault. A robbery call was made and the suspect later admitted to being involved with the robbery. Thanks to these officers for their hard work and dedication. For more

information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Healthy Living For Seniors – Beginning Tuesday, January 2, the UC Cooperative Extension will provide information about nutrition, exercise and health at the North Oakland Senior Center, located at 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The monthly event will be held the first Tuesday of each month through June and will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be healthy cooking demonstrations, low cost recipes and gifts including measuring spoons and reusable grocery bags. For more information, please contact Mary Norton, Center Director, at mnorton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 597-5085.

Curt Flood Sports Complex Renovation Fundraiser - On Thursday, December 5, the Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) kicked off fundraising efforts for the renovation of the Curt Flood Multipurpose Field with an Art Exhibit Reception at private home from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. OPR, along with Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation (FOPR), would like to convert the Curt Flood Multipurpose Field, located on School Street and Coolidge Avenue, into a true complex that boasts areas for baseball, softball, football, soccer and basketball. OPR is looking to breathing life back into the field. Unfortunately, over the years, this sports field has fallen into disrepair. Organizations, schools and families are no longer using the field at full capacity due to its current condition. The Curt Flood Sports Complex Committee, which includes former San Francisco Giants player and OPR Employee Nate Oliver, is organizing an endeavor to renovate the Curt Flood Multipurpose Field. OPR's hope is to have as many supporters as possible to join in this effort. The new complex will include new bleachers, lights, a concession stand and other updated amenities. Curt Flood – our legend, friend, athlete and artist – deserves a facility that speaks to his commitment. He was more than an athlete and artist. He was an activist who changed the world of Major League Baseball and brought in the era of “free agents.” As stated at his memorial service, “Baseball didn't change Curt Flood... Curt Flood changed baseball.” Throughout his life he gave, he inspired and he committed to making a difference. For more information on the renovation project, please visit www.oprcurtflood.org. For more information on the Art Exhibit Reception, please contact Cathryn Cornelius, Recreation Specialist I, at ccornelius@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3992.

City of Oakland Employee Holiday Tea Party – On Monday, November 25, the Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) hosted a citywide Employee Holiday Tea Party in the lunchroom of the Dalziel building at 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Both morning and afternoon tea gatherings were hosted. The Holiday Tea Party included OPR Director Audree V. Jones-Taylor and staff dressing in costumes. With participants including Mayor Jean Quan, Assistant City Administrator Fred Blackwell and Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed, the turnout of all departments was a success. For more information, please contact Tiffany Millinder, Office Assistant, at (510) 238-3791.

“A Holiday Tradition” – On Saturdays and Sundays from December 7 through December 22, the Dunsuir Hellman Historic Estate will be host the City of Oakland's “A Holiday Tradition.” Visitors may tour the magnificent 37-room Edwardian mansion, which features turn-of-the-20th century decorations and stroll the lovely 50-acre estate. There will be Teas for adults and children, romantic horse-drawn carriage rides and warm refreshments to sip while being

entertained by holiday performers. Visitors can also enjoy a light lunch or snack in the Holiday Café while completing their holiday shopping in the Mansion Gift Shop. The Kid's Zone includes pony-rides, holiday face-painting, crafts and Brunch with Santa. This year, "The What's Up Big Band" will perform on Saturday, December 7. On Sunday, December 8, the Prescott Circus is expected for a double-header, followed by Oakland Symphony Chorus and then Strings of Soul. The "Christmas Stringers" from the Holy Names University Preparatory Music Department will perform Saturday, December 14, while the Ms Wei Asian Cultural and Performing Arts Company is featured on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15. Also on Sunday, December 15, the Oakland Ballet will present a "Children's Hands-on Dance Workshop" featuring excerpts from "The Nutcracker." The City and Port of Oakland Employees Chorus will take the stage on Saturday, December 21 followed by The African Queens. The grand finale on Sunday, December 22 features The Puppet Company showcasing "The Whacky Winter" followed by The Dancing Christmas Trees and a cadence wrap up by The Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers. The festive event will run from Noon to 4:00 p.m. on three consecutive weekends. The estate is located at 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. For more information, please contact Deborah F. Cooper, Estate Manager, at (510) 238-3052.

Annual Turkey Giveaway – On Saturday, November 23, Councilmember Desley Brooks and Sports Agent Aaron Goodwin hosted their Annual Turkey Giveaway at the Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Street. The pair distributed 100 Turkey baskets to Manzanita community residents. For more information, please contact Marcy Sanchez, Center Director, at (510) 535-5625.

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 several meetings throughout Oakland. Summaries of the public input from the 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 seven ideas, 26 interactions and 195 views have occurred on the online conversation. 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>

OPD employees will have an opportunity to provide their input through a confidential online survey and a series of focus group meetings and will receive information at line-ups. Input provided from both the community and workforce meetings and surveys will be used to develop a position profile for the professional recruiter to identify qualified candidates. 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.

City Seeks Citizen Input on Council Redistricting – On Tuesday, November 19, the Oakland City Council held the first reading/public hearing of an ordinance to adopt new City Council and Oakland Unified School District boundaries. The Council voted 7-0 to advance Map #26 as the preferred boundaries. The second reading and final passage of the ordinance is slated for Tuesday, December 10. To view map #26, 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 date 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.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of December 9, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Veterinary Technician
- Park Supervisor II

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 jking@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.

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.

A Holiday Tradition – Saturdays & Sundays through December 23, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The Office of Parks and Recreation invites you to step back in time and experience a turn-of-the-20th-century Holiday Tradition at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate. Visitors tour the magnificent 37-room mansion transformed into a breathtaking masterpiece of an Edwardian holiday. Each room is decorated with elegant holiday trees, garlands, antique furnishings and festive decorations. Rejuvenate at the Carriage House Café and shop for gifts at the Mansion Gift Shop and Carriage House Crafters. Kids and families can have brunch with Santa and then enjoy holiday crafts, games and face painting in the Kid's Zone. For more information, please visit www.dunsmuir-hellman.com or call (510) 615-5555

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>.

Free Holiday Parking – Saturdays through December 28. The City of Oakland will offer free parking at meters throughout Oakland and in four participating City-owned lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours or 5 hours). The City will also provide up to two hours of free parking at four City-owned garages. The free parking "holidays" apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space. For a roster of participating City-owned lots and garages, please visit www.oaklandnet.com.

7th Annual Holiday Circle of Lights – Through Wednesday, January 1, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue. Enjoy a month-long holiday light exhibition featuring scenes from Santa's workshop and other holiday-inspired themes. Hundreds of tiny bright lights outlining buildings and trees provide the perfect backdrop for this enchanting exhibition. For more information, please visit www.mountainviewcemetery.org.

Holiday Fit Camp – Mondays through January 2, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m., Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street. Ages 16 and above are invited to come out for a fitness class consisting of light cardio, toning muscles, circuit workouts, stretching and the infamous squat challenge. Registration is \$30 for all 10 classes or \$5 per class. Please note that there will be no

classes on Wednesday, December 25 or January 1; the makeup dates for these classes will be Thursday, December 26 and Thursday, January 2. For more information, please contact Alaina Fugelsted, Recreation Director, at (510) 597-5032.

Occupations: Art Takes Up Space – Fridays and Saturdays through January 4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Old Oakland, Ninth Street between Broadway and Washington. This site-specific art exhibition, curated by Anuradha Vikram, illuminates 12 windows in Old Oakland. The exhibition includes new media works by Freddy Chandra, Allan de Souza, Desirée Holman, Ranu Mukherjee, Jerome Reyes and José Carlos Teixeira. For more information, please visit <http://www.block-gallery.com/public-space/occupations-art-takes-up-space>.

Holiday Ice Public Skating – Through Saturday, January 4, Various Hours, Oakland Ice Center, 519 18th Street. Enjoy the holidays by gliding across the rink. Skate one session and get 50% off the second session on the same day. Warm clothing and gloves recommended. For more information, please visit www.oaklandice.org.

ZooLights – Through 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.

SFMOMA Acoustic Sound Art Installation in Ogawa Plaza Extended Through the Holidays – Through Monday, January 20, 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. Originally slated to end in mid-November, the installation has been extended. For more information about the project, including the bell-ringing schedule, please visit <http://bit.ly/1eIayLv>.

2nd Annual Holiday Art Salon Exhibit – Through Friday, January 31, Various Hours, Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street. Browse a wide selection of unique art and gifts from over 20 local and national artists. For more information, please visit www.joycegordongallery.com.

"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.

2013 Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, December 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Oakland City Center, Broadway at 13th Street. Join in the joy and merriment of the season with live entertainment, cookie decorating and much more. Visit with Santa and his elves. For more information, please visit www.oaklandcitycenter.com or call (510) 628-9170.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, December 6, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Visitors of all ages are invited to enjoy this special evening of holiday magic on the waterfront including festive music, live reindeer, a visit from Santa, cookie decorating, costumed characters and more than 90 local artisans and more. Catch a sneak preview of festive entertainment and meet costumed characters from the America's Children's Holiday Parade. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com or call (510) 645-9292.

Holiday Pop Up! Indie Shopping Fair – Friday, December 6, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Jack London Square Pavilion, foot of Broadway. Shop for your holiday gifts locally from Oakland and Bay Area small businesses. Tons of fun vendors, music, performers, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, wine, holiday treats and more. Proceeds support Youth Uprising; Young, Gifted and Black and Oakland Grown. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/events/1381654998721799/.

Winter Art Hop – Friday, December 6, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Temescal District, Telegraph Avenue at 51st Street. Temescal's neighborhood galleries, cafes, bars and retailers have teamed up to bring you a night of walking about and art browsing. Enjoy live music in Temescal Alley and on Telegraph Avenue. For more information, please visit www.temescalfirstfriday.com or call (510) 860-7327.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, December 6, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 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.

14th Annual America's Children's Holiday Parade – Saturday, December 7, 2:00 p.m., Downtown Oakland, Broadway between 14 and 20 streets. Some 20 marching bands and nearly 40 children's characters march up Broadway along with giant parade balloons. For more information, please visit www.americas-holiday-parade.com or call (510) 874-4800.

PEN Oakland Literary Book Awards – Saturday, December 7, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. The PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Literary Awards – dubbed the “Blue Collar PEN” in a 2009 *New York Times* article – is an annual event that honors writers of all cultural and racial backgrounds, with the intent to “educate both the public and the media as to the nature of multicultural work.” Since local luminaries such as Ishmael Reed, Floyd Salas and Al Young founded PEN Oakland in 1989, the PEN International affiliate has recognized authors for outstanding literary achievement. Without a single dime from corporations or a board dominated by mainstream publishers, writers are recognized by their fellow writers. This year's award winners include an esteemed list of authors: Andrew Lam (for his short story collection *Birds of Paradise Lost: Thirteen Stories of the Vietnamese Diaspora*); Luis J. Rodriguez and Denise M. Sandoval (for the non-fiction book *Rushing Waters, Rising Dreams: How the Arts Are Transforming a Community*); Lucille Lang Day (for her memoir, *Married at Fourteen*); Toni Morrison (for her novel, *Home*); Tim Seibles for his collection of poetry, *Fast Animal*); and Christopher Wagstaff (for his nonfiction *A Poet's Mind: Collected Interviews with Robert Duncan, 1960-1985*). The Reginald Lockett Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award is going to gadfly journalist Jesse Douglas Taylor. The recipient of the Censorship Award is Chris Hedges, who has been called the “conscience of journalism for his resistance to the platitudes and distortions of corporate journalism.” For information, please contact Pat Lichter, Branch Manager, at plichter@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5017.

Crab Feed – Saturday, December 7, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., deFremery Recreation Center, 1651 Adeline Street. The Friends of deFremery will host a crab feed dinner with endless crab, pasta, salad and garlic bread. There will be a raffle, music and fun. The event is being sponsored by Friends of deFremery and event organizers expect to hold this fundraiser yearly. Friends of deFremery is the nonprofit organization that assists with deFremery Center. For information and to purchase tickets, please contact Valorie Winn, Center Director, at (510) 238-7739.

37th Annual Lighted Yacht Parade – Saturday, December 7, 5:30 p.m., Oakland Estuary. Scores of decorated yachts and boats ply the estuary for this holiday tradition. For more information, please visit www.lightyachtparade.com or call (510) 522-3272.

5th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Stroll – Saturday, December 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Key Route Plaza, Piedmont Avenue at 41st Street. Enjoy festive performances, caroling and a visit with Santa Claus as participating retailers stay open for late-night shopping. For more information, please visit www.piedmontavenue.org.

Nepalese Art & Culture Celebration – Saturday, December 7, 6:00 - 10:30 p.m., Oakland Asian Community Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290. Motherland Nepal, an organization dedicated to promoting Nepalese tourism and culture in the Bay Area, hosts an art and culture celebration that

will include a Napoli band, dance and a fashion show. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://motherlandnepalatoacc.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please visit <http://oacc.cc/>.

28th Annual Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir Holiday Concert – Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The award-winning Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir is a multiracial, interfaith group led by Artistic Director Terrance Kelly. Enjoy traditional and contemporary black gospel music and spirituals with special guests: Tuck & Patti, Imani Ya Watume, Liturgical Dance Company from the Imani Community Church Oakland, Oakland Interfaith Youth Choir and Oakland Interfaith Community Choir. For more information, please visit www.paramounttheatre.com or call (510) 465-6400.

8th Annual Jingletown Winter Art Walk – Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Jingletown Arts District, between Park Street and Fruitvale Street bridges along the Oakland estuary. This open studio event highlights the work of more than 50 artists who call Jingletown home. Food trucks will feature delicious local products. Enjoy the annual T-Sisters Parade. For more information, please visit www.jingletown.org.

Splash of Color Holiday Concert – Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, December 8, 5:00 p.m., Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. Join Jeremiah Selvey as he conducts the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus. The concert includes classics that everyone knows and loves as well as African, spiritual, gospel and gospel-style music. For more information, please visit www.oebgmc.org or call (800) 706-2389.

"Thrive" It Takes a Village Rites of Passage Performance – Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Dimensions Dance presents this performance by students from the Rites of Passage program. The program's fun classes teach youth about movement styles and cultures. Classes encourage creative expression and self-esteem as students are challenged to take healthy risks in a safe environment. To purchase a ticket to the performance, please visit www.brownpaperticket.com. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Center Director at (510) 238-7221.

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.

Holiday Season Celebration – Friday, December 13, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Lakeshore Avenue from MacArthur Boulevard to Trestle Glen. Celebrate the holiday season with free carriage rides, visits with Santa, face painting and more. For more information, please visit www.lakeshoreoakland.com or call (510) 593-3721.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, December 13, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., First Mt. Sinai, 1970 86th 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.

A Chanticleer Christmas – Friday, December 13, 8:00 p.m., Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street. Amazing vocals provide a joyous recounting of the Christmas story. For more information, please visit www.chanticleer.org.

Holiday Lights by the Bay – Friday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m., Oakland Ice Center, 519 18th Street. Enjoy a 90-minute figure skating exhibition presented by youth and adults from the center's skating schools and teams. Special guests will include current elite and national level competitors. For more information, please visit www.oaklandice.com or call (510) 268-9000.

28th Annual Christmas Revels: Spirits of Haddon Hall – Friday, December 13 to Sunday, December 15 & Friday, December 20 to Sunday, December 22, various times, Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. The Lord and Lady of Haddon Hall, a stately medieval manor, can no longer afford the cost of upkeep and the staff necessary to run it. Can the ghosts of past generations convince the current owners to find a way to remain in the Hall, or will this be their final Yuletide at Haddon? For more information, please visit www.californiarevels.org or call (510) 452-9334.

Jack of All Trades Market – Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. A curated mix of local makers, indie designers, antiques, collectors, artists, start-ups and more participate in this eclectic market featuring one-of-a-kind items, live music and several free DIY workshops for all ages. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com or call (510) 645-9292.

Holiday Concert: One World, One Voice, Our Song! – Saturday, December 14, 6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Oakland, 2619 Broadway. Celebrate the Bay Area's multiculturalism with a rousing concert unlike any other holiday show this season. The evening includes stunning performances by the Oakland Youth Chorus' incredibly talented middle and high school Concert Chorus. For more information, please visit www.oaklandyouthchorus.org or call (510) 287-9700.

Gifts Holiday Shopping Open House – Saturday, December 14 - Sunday, December 15, Noon - 5:00 p.m., The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. Get last minute shopping done at the Bay Area's most unique holiday bazaar, and support local arts and community arts education for youth and adults. For more information, please visit www.thecrucible.org/gifty or call (510) 444-0919.

Holiday Tours – Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m., Camron Stanford House, 1547 Lakeside Drive. Tour the last remaining Victorian home on the shores of Lake Merritt and enjoy the holiday décor. For more information, please visit www.cshouse.org or call (510) 874-7802.

Fairy Winterland – Saturday, December 14 - Monday, December 23, Noon - 7:00 p.m., Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue. Celebrate the winter holidays of many cultures including Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Diwali and Chinese New Year. Enjoy stories, crafts, a festival of lights and a visit from Santa. For more information, please visit www.fairyland.org or call (510) 452-2259.

Let Us Break Bread Together Holiday Celebration – Sunday, December 15, 4:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland East Bay Symphony is joined by several different choruses in a program that celebrates and festively fuses multiple holiday traditions. For more information, please visit www.paramounttheatre.com or call (510) 465-6400.

Homebuyer Education Workshop – Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. This is a two-evening class held that covers the home buying process with an emphasis on properties, assistance programs and area benefits available to low- and moderate-income families and to first-time homebuyers. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please call (510) 238-7486.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, December 20, 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.

Nutcracker International – Friday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 21, 2:00 p.m., Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. This show is a very new take on a well-known holiday tradition and will highlight the many communities found in Oakland, including the Aztec, African American, Haitian, Cambodian, Vietnamese and LGBTQ communities. The narrator will deliver an educational storyline that weaves the magical scenes together and, along with surprise video and special effects, provides an engaging and historical overview of Oakland. For more information, please visit www.laney.edu/wp/music/choir/.

Christmas Night Market – Friday, December 20 - Sunday, December 22, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Fruitvale District, International Boulevard between 33rd and 38th avenues. Shop the Fruitvale for your holiday gift needs while enjoying live music, a visit with Santa Claus, popcorn, cotton candies and great bargains from merchants. For more information, please call (510) 535-6919.

Holiday Open House – Saturday, December 21, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. Drop by for free hot cocoa, spiced apple juice, hot tamales and other sweet treats. Special holiday decorations reflect the cultures from the neighborhood. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org.

Traditional Christmas Posada – Saturday, December 21, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m., Fruitvale District, International Boulevard. Enjoy the traditional procession and caroling from two starting points: Hispanic Services, 3204 International Boulevard and Majestic Home Furniture, 4030 International Boulevard. Both groups will stroll to International Produce at 3851 International Boulevard for the final celebration where kids will break piñatas and sip traditional tea. For more information, please call (510) 535-6919.

The Nutcracker – Saturday, December 21 - Sunday, December 22, 2:00 p.m. & Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 a.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland Ballet presents Graham Lustig's "The Nutcracker." Enjoy the Holiday magic for all ages with artists of the Oakland Ballet Company and members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony conducted by Michael Morgan. Sweet Dreams Parties immediately follow the two matinee performances. For more information, please visit www.paramounttheatre.com or call (510) 465-6400.

Respectfully submitted,

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