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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Fred Blackwell

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Newest Oakland Police Academy Graduates – On Friday, April 4, the 168th Oakland Police Recruit Academy graduated at the Scottish Rite Center. With 47 graduates, the 168th academy is the largest graduating class in the history of the Oakland Police Department. The diversity of Oakland is reflected in the class with many of the graduates speaking a second language, including Spanish, Tongan, Farsi, Punjabi, Pashto, Vietnamese, Polish, Italian, Arabic and Samoan. The addition of these 47 graduates is an important accomplishment in our continued efforts to grow the department and increase public safety in Oakland. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Visit Oakland Launches New Destination Brand – On Wednesday, April 2, Visit Oakland, the official destination marketing organization for the city, launched its new destination brand and marketing campaign at its inaugural Tourism Breakfast. Visit Oakland is ready to tell the world to come visit Oakland. The objective of Visit Oakland's brand and accompanying advertising campaign is to provide a consistent, positive voice and brand platform for Oakland. The organization's goal is to encourage immediate action by the traveling public to learn more about the destination and plan a visit. From yellows and greens of Oakland's forests, parks and sunny skies, to urban grays and waterfront blues, the circles represent how united and connected the destination is, and the playful font is a nod to its creativity and innovation. The new span of the Bay Bridge is used in Visit Oakland's logo and throughout the brand as a new iconic entry point to Oakland. Visit Oakland is encouraging community leaders, businesses and residents to embrace the new branding by making brand elements, brochures, photography and more available on its newly designed website www.visitoakland.org. To read the media release, please visit http://visitoakland.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Brand-Launch-PR_FINAL_for-web.pdf

Robber Arrested, Property Returned – On Monday, March 31 at 7:15 a.m., an Oakland Police officer was flagged down in the 1400 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way by a citizen who had

just been robbed. The woman was able to provide the officer a description of the man who stole her tablet computer and the location she last saw him. An officer broadcasted a description of the robbery suspect over police radio and officers responded to check the area. At 7:43 a.m., an officer observed a man matching the description of the robbery suspect several blocks away from the robbery location. The suspect was stopped and found to be in possession of the stolen tablet computer. He was identified by the victim and arrested for the robbery. The tablet computer was returned to the rightful owner. The officers' attention to detail and swift response derailed a robbery and returned valued property to a member of our community. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Citizen's Description Leads To Robbery Arrest – On Sunday, March 30 at 11:12 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the 1100 block of 59th Street to investigate a reported robbery. A resident, robbed at gunpoint of her scooter in front of her home, was able to give officers a description of the men and the location she saw them fleeing. Emeryville Police officers in the area responded and worked in conjunction with Oakland Police officers on scene. Officers observed an individual running from the area who matched the description given. When the man was stopped, a replica handgun was found nearby, as well as the motor scooter. He was arrested for the robbery. The arrest, recovery of the replica handgun and stolen scooter, coordination of both law enforcement agencies, and detailed observation skills of the resident are great examples of effective community policing. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

EarthEXPO – On Wednesday, April 9, the Oakland Public Works Department will host its annual EarthEXPO in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. Running from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the environmental fair highlights transportation, environmental health, waste reduction, water, energy, urban design, nature and community themes. This year, the event will focus on water conservation and protection - every drop counts. Over 80 exhibitors will gather to showcase their contributions for a sustainable environment to an estimated 2,000 attendees. EarthEXPO is a great place to connect with environmental and community groups, green businesses and artists; learn environmental tips; participate in hands-on activities; pick up great giveaway items and enjoy delicious food. For more information, please visit www.oaklandearthexpo.com or email earthexpo@oaklandnet.com.

2014 Oakland Earth Day – Help clean, green and beautify Oakland at sites throughout the City's parks, streets, creeks and waterways from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 26. Featured sites include Arroyo Viejo Park, Cesar Chavez Park, deFremery Park, Dimond Park, the East Oakland Boxing Association, FROG Park, the Lake Merritt Sailboat House and the Morcom Rose Garden. Volunteers work in rugged terrain with varying disability access. For accessibility information or to request ASL disability accommodations, call TTY (510) 238-3254 or email adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com. While supplies last, volunteers will receive a free reusable bag and giveaways from Chinook Book, Numi Tea and Clif Bar. For a complete list of sites citywide, please visit www.oaklandearthday.org or call (510) 238-7611.

OPR Spring Break Day Camps – From Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18, Oakland Unified School District students will be on spring break and the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting Spring Break Day Camps at various centers throughout Oakland. For more information, please contact the recreation center of your choice directly.

- Ages 5 to 12, Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street, (510) 597-5094
- Ages 5 to 12, Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue, (510) 535-5625
- Ages 5 to 13, Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 East 15th Street, (510) 238-7741
- Ages 5 to 16, Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5959
- Ages 8 to 18, East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5838
- Ages 9 to 16, Rainbow Recreation Center, 5800 International Boulevard, (510) 615-5751
- Ages 11 to 18, Inclusive Recreation, 7701 Krause Avenue, (510) 615-5980

For more information including rates, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parks.

Library Celebrates National Poetry Month With Building-Wide Display – Throughout April, the Oakland Public Library (OPL) will celebrate National Poetry Month with an exciting building-wide display at the Main Library, 125 14th Street, in downtown Oakland. Climbing the building's stairs will generate a new experience, as poems will be displayed on all of the staircases, giving visitors a chance to experience poetry as they move from floor to floor. Posters of concrete poetry, where the shape or design of the poem is informed by the content, will also be on display. Folks are invited to immerse themselves in poetry from the library's top floor to the basement level. The featured poems include those by Oakland Youth Poet Laureates (www.oaklandlibrary.org/youth-poet-laureates), in celebration of the April 7 deadline for the citywide contest. Other featured poets include celebrated children's poets and California poets including California Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera. To read the media release on National Poetry Month, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak046338>. For more information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Director, at smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3513.

Staff Offers Reading Recommendations And Programming For National Library Week – Sunday, April 13 to Saturday, April 19 is National Library Week. Stop by any Oakland Public Library location during the month of April to pick up a very special National Library Week Booklet. To mark this special week, the library will be hosting many author talks, writing workshops and programs for children throughout the month of April. Pick up a booklet to learn what is going on and to find exciting reading options among the 60 pages of staff recommendations. For more information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Director, at smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3513.

East Bay Women In Business Roundtable Features Oakland Women Small Business Innovators – On Friday, April 4, the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's East Bay Women in Business Roundtable held their bi-monthly "Connection with Community" luncheon at the Waterfront Hotel in Jack London Square. The luncheon featured a panel of successful small business owners: Angela Tsay, Oaklandish; Ashara Ekundayo, Impact HUB Oakland; Erin Kilmer-Neel, Sustainable Business Alliance & Oakland Grown; Anca Mosoui, Tech Liminal and

Sarah Filley, PopUpHood. These speakers lead cutting-edge programs that promote growth of independent retailers in Oakland. Partnering with City staff, these women-owned or women-lead organizations have helped fill vacant storefronts and led the charge to buy locally. A beloved independent retailer, Oaklandish has grown to three Oakland locations – their main downtown store, the Dimond District and the Jack London District. Impact HUB Oakland is Oakland's newest co-working space and entrepreneurial incubator. Oakland Grown, a program of the Sustainable Business Alliance, supports the growth and development of locally owned and independently operated businesses and local artists in Oakland. Tech Liminal is a technology hotspot salon that provides a co-working space and coaching for Oakland entrepreneurs to take control of their business with technology. Popuphood is a retail incubation program that curates and markets previously vacant spaces transforming them into vibrant shops. For more information about Oakland's efforts to attract the Creative Economy and Retail Development efforts, please contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405.

Oakland Home To One Of 50 'Best Nonprofits To Work For' In U.S. – On Tuesday, April 1, the Oakland-based Public Health Institute was named as one of the 50 “Best Nonprofits To Work For” by *The NonProfit Times*. The award comes at the same time that PHI is celebrating its 50th anniversary year, and it has been a great place to work for over 6,000 employees in that half-century. Key to its longevity, its impact in public health and its top 50 nod have been the engagement and commitment of PHI employees in California, the U.S. and internationally. PHI is one of the oldest and largest public health institutes in the nation. It is recognized as a leader in preventing obesity and chronic illness, research into environmental causes of breast cancer, promoting reproductive health and rights of girls in the Global South, public health advocacy and much more. PHI has grown considerably over the years, starting with a nominal budget in 1964 to revenues today that exceed \$100 million annually and about 200 programs and projects. *The NonProfit Times*, a nonprofit business management publication, bestows the Best 50 award to identify and honor the best nonprofit workplaces. To read the media release, please visit <http://www.phi.org/news-events/615/oakland-has-much-to-be-proud-of-including-being-home-to-one-of-50-best-nonprofits-to-work-for-in-us>.

Ten Oakland Projects Recognized As Real Estate Deals Of The Year – On Tuesday, March 25, the San Francisco Business Times announced the winners of their Real Estate Deals of the Year. Five Oakland projects were honored as winners in their respective categories:

- CBRE Investors' sale of Oakland City Center in the Office Sale Inner East Bay category
- Brooklyn Basin in the Financial category
- Bakery Lofts 3 in the Market-Rate Residential Outside San Francisco category
- The Savoy in the Affordable Residential Outside San Francisco category
- Caldecott Tunnel fourth bore in the Infrastructure/Public-Private category

Five additional Oakland projects were recognized as finalists:

- Domain Apartments in the Financial category

- Terraza Palmera at St. Joseph's in the Affordable Residential Outside San Francisco category
- Magnin building in the Office Sale Inner East Bay category
- Temescal housing sites in the Land Outside San Francisco category
- Tribune Tavern in the Restaurant category

To view all of the winners and finalists, please visit

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/real-estate/2014/03/real-estate-deals-of-the-year-2013-winners.html>.

Film Screening – On Friday, April 25, the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) will host a special screening of “Inequality for All.” This documentary on the widening economic from Robert Reich, former US Secretary of Labor, won an award at the Sundance Film Festival. The screening will be held at The Forum on Laney College's campus, 900 Fallon Street. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the film begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be a discussion following the screening. This free event commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the “War on Poverty” and is a pre-event for the March to End Poverty on May 17. For tickets and more information, please visit <https://inequalityforallacocap.eventbrite.com>.

Free Parking At OAK For Seattle-Bound Travelers – Now through Monday, June 30, the Oakland International Airport is offering up to three days of free parking to travelers departing on one of ten peak daily nonstop flights to Seattle-Tacoma international Airport operated by Southwest Airlines or Alaska Airlines. This is a \$66 value. To take advantage of this promotion, travelers must visit www.oaklandairport.com/parkfree to register and download a printable coupon. For specific instructions and further details, please visit http://www.oaklandairport.com/press_releases_detail.aspx?ID=670&t=p to read the media release.

National Dispatcher Appreciation Week – On Saturday, April 12, the annual Alameda County Emergency Dispatcher Appreciation Recognition Dinner will be held at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. The event runs from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Come out and support your emergency service dispatchers. For more information, please contact Annette Fountaine, Dispatch Supervisor, at (510) 238-4038.

AC-OCAP Offers Free Tax Help, Do-It-Yourself Tax Website – Through Tuesday, April 15, Oakland employees and residents earning \$52,000 or less in 2013 can take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and receive free tax preparation services (a \$150 value). Since the April 15 deadline is only 10 days away, get started now by visiting <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045641> for the Do-It-Yourself tax preparation website. For a roster of sites where the free tax assistance is provided, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045380>. The free tax preparation program is a service of the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP). For more information, please call (510) 238-2362 or contact Kristian Ongoco, Program Analyst, at kongoco@oaklandnet.com.

Celebrate the Season with OPR Spring Egg Hunts – Continuing through April, the Oakland Parks & Recreation Department (OPR) is hosting various Spring Egg Hunt events at participating recreation centers. Participants will enjoy candy, jellybeans, chocolate eggs and egg hunting fun. For more information, please contact the recreation center of your choice directly.

Friday, April 11

- 11:00 a.m. - Noon, FM Smith Recreation Center, 1969 Park Boulevard, (510) 238-7742
- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Bushrod Recreation Center, 560 59th Street, (510) 597-5031

Saturday, April 12

- Noon - 5:00 p.m., Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5959

Friday, April 18

- 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street, (510) 597-5042
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street, (510) 597-5032
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue, (510) 535-5625

Saturday, April 19

- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Sheffield Village Recreation Center, 247 Marlow Drive, (510) 638-7190
- 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue, (510) 535-5631
- Noon - 3:00 p.m., Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, (510) 615-5555
- Noon - 3:00 p.m., Tassafaronga Recreation Center, 975 85th Avenue, (510) 615-5764
- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street, (510) 597-5038

Sunday, April 20

- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 E 15th Street, (510) 238-7741
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Avenue, (510) 482-0422

For more information, please visit <http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks>.

CORE Emergency Preparedness Training – In April, CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) will provide free emergency preparedness training for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. No one knows when the next major disaster will occur here in the Bay Area. The series of recent earthquakes in Southern California and Chile are a serious reminder that we all need to be more aware and get better prepared now. The next one could occur here. When it does, we all will have to rely on our neighborhoods to respond in a safe and proper manner. CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood after a disaster until professional help arrives. CORE is a program of the Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division (EMSD).

- CORE III Hands-On Training – Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court. Prerequisite: Core I and II
- CORE Advanced Radio Communications Workshop – Thursday, April 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., EMSD Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

CORE's 9th Annual Citywide Response Exercise will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at 250 Victory Court. Space is limited. Pre-registration at www.oaklandcore.org is required. The exercise is designed for organized neighborhood CORE groups. However, individuals and anyone who is part of a neighborhood CORE group that will not be participating in this year's exercise are invited to the neighborhood simulation exercise at the Oakland Fire Department Training Division. For more information on the Citywide Exercise, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OFD/s/CORE/OAK026269>. For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandum was issued in the last week:

Safe Passages Report – The purpose of this Information Memo is to provide the members of the Public Safety Committee and the Oakland City Council with a copy of the Safe Passages report that was referenced on the April 8, 2014 Public Safety Committee Agenda Item #7 as Attachment 1. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046340>

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.

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>.

Free Telescope Viewing – Fridays & Saturdays year-round, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Visitors experience spectacular night sky viewing – weather permitting – through one of the center's telescopes thanks to the volunteers of the East Bay Astronomical Society. Use the outside gate around the back of the center and follow the signs to the observatory entrance gate. For more information, please visit, www.chabotspace.org/observatories.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.

Oakland Re-Create 2014 Art Contest Travelling Exhibition – March & April, Various Hours, Five Branch Library locations. Select artwork pieces created during Oakland Re-Create, an annual recycled art competition, will be displayed at the 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue; Asian Branch Library, 388 9th Street, Suite 190; Cesar Chavez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street; Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Avenue and Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. Oakland K-12 students made the artwork from discarded and reused materials, in a creative application of the 4Rs – reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. The Oakland Re-Create 2014 Art Contest and Travelling Exhibition is sponsored by the Oakland Public Works Department and produced by Pro Arts. For additional details on the art contest and the schedule for the travelling exhibition, please visit

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/s/GAR/OAK024607>. For more information, please contact Ferial Mosley, Recycling Specialist, at fmosley@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7433.

Allendale Recreation Soccer Explosion – Saturdays through April 19, Various Game Times, Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter Street. Designed for recreational players, the youth soccer program invites boys and girls to join in the fun. Age divisions will be Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, 3rd to 5th Grades and 6th to 8th Grades. The pre-registration deadline is Saturday, March 8. For more information, please contact George Henderson, Program Director, at ghenderson@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5635.

Exit From Anonymous – Through Saturday, April 26, Various Hours, Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street. In celebration of International Women's Month, this group exhibition of seven women artists marches out of the silence of anonymous creator to major contributors to the arts. For more information, please visit www.joycegordongallery.com.

Spring Dance Session – Through Saturday, May 3, Various Hours, East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue. The Introductory School of Dance will hold classes on Mondays to Saturdays during the Spring Dance Session. All Classes meet once a week for five weeks. All ages, from three to Adult, are encouraged to register for Movement Classes, which includes dance, gymnastics and martial arts. For more information, please contact Martha L. Zepeda, Recreation Program Director of Cultural Arts, at mzepeda@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5838.

Ready, Set, Connect! Free Computer Help Available at Six Library Locations – Through May, 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.

Youth Club – Saturdays through May 31, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. For ages 5 to 15, this free youth club includes activities like organic cooking & gardening, hands-on history activities, arts & crafts and environmental education. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

Healthy Living For Seniors – First Tuesdays through June 3, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. The UC Cooperative Extension will provide information about nutrition, exercise and health at these events held the first Tuesday of each month. 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.

Pre-K Play: Parent-Toddler Playgroups – Wednesdays and Fridays through June 6, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Tassafaronga Recreation Center, 975 85th Avenue and Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street. Toddlers up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers are invited to come out and participate in arts & crafts, music, story time with the Oakland Public Library, gardening, Magic Movement Company, parent support & education, field trips to local favorite destinations and other fun-filled activities. Free healthy snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact Erin Burton, ADA/Inclusion Services, at eburton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5980/(510) 867-0732 (Habla Espanol).

“What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland’s Griots” – Wednesdays to Saturdays through 2014, 2:30 - 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.

12th Oakland International Film Festival – Through Sunday, April 6, Various Show Times, Various Oakland Locations. Enjoy screenings of 42 films from Oakland filmmakers and filmmakers from around the globe. The festival kicks off with the feature film “Toussaint L’ Overture” by French-Senegalese director Philippe Niang at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, at the Grand Lake Theater, 3200 Grand Avenue. The Oakland Film Market, a networking event for filmmakers and industry executives to share their process of getting their films made, will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 5 at Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 410 14th Street. For more information, please visit www.oaklandinternationalfilmfestival.com.

First Fridays At Malonga Casquelourd Center – Friday, April 4, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Enjoy a visual art reception for adults 21 and over. Each month, the center will display works by emerging and mid-career artist around various artistic themes. Come and be a part of the art exhibition series. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 238-7219.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 4, 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.

Tumbling/Tot Play – Saturdays from April 5 through May 3, 10:40 - 11:30 a.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The weekly Tumbling/Tot Play is designed for children, ages 3 to 5. This course will be based upon pre-gymnastics skills. Students will learn basic

tumbling in the midst of singing, gross motor activities and game play. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

Mayor's Town Hall Meeting In Police Area 4 – Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fremont High School, 4610 Foothill Boulevard. Join Mayor Jean Quan, Interim Police Chief Sean Whent and OUSD Superintendent Gary Yee in a conversation on Public Safety in Oakland. Over the last year, Oakland has been transforming its police services by creating neighborhood-level geographic accountability, implementing Ceasefire and hiring more officers. The next phase of Public Safety planning begins now with a series of town hall meetings in each Police Area to gather community feedback and work together to grow police-community collaboration. Key topics will include how we strengthen community policing, how we can work with our schools and how we can improve employment opportunities. The town hall meetings are open to all members of our community, regardless of which Police Area they reside or work in. Free childcare will be provided. To view a flyer with all of the meeting dates, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045751>. For more information, please contact Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator, at jdevries@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3083.

4th Annual Cambodian New Year Celebration – Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. This free event will feature food, music, dance, arts & crafts, traditional Cambodian games and more. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

Library Volunteer Information Session – Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m., Melrose Branch, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. Interested in volunteering at the library? You can start by coming to an information session to learn more about volunteer opportunities for adults. Learn about volunteer opportunities including: Books for Wider Horizons, Second Start Adult Literacy, Computer docents at Elmhurst and MLK branches, Friends of the Oakland Public Library and the Bookmark Bookstore, The Library Advisory Commission, The Summer Lunch Program (site coordinators and shorter-term volunteers), Adopt a Spot clean-ups and garden maintenance at various OPL locations and more. Advance registration is encouraged, but not required. For more information or to register, please contact Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6572.

Growing Clean Energy Jobs In Oakland – Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Youth Uprising, 8711 MacArthur Boulevard. The Oakland Climate Action Coalition hosts this event to explore possible solutions that address the economic and climate crisis by creating hundreds of local clean energy jobs. The program will include a panel of community leaders, networking and workshops for both adults and youth. For more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-clean-energy-jobs-in-oakland-a-free-community-event-tickets-10782381393>.

Oakland Wiki Edit Party – Saturday, April 5, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, 125 14th Street. Oakland Wiki is a community website about Oakland that anybody can contribute to. The Oakland Public Library is hosting a series of neighborhood “edit parties” where Oakland Wiki volunteers will help people share what they know about Oakland. It is very easy; no computer experience

necessary. You can add information about a variety of subjects relating to Oakland: your neighborhood, family history, cultural events, fun things to do and anything else you think other people should know about Oakland. For more information, please contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3222.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with PEN Oakland – Saturday, April 5, 2:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. PEN Oakland and the Rockridge Branch Library invite the public to a free event to celebrate National Poetry Month. The event will include Environmental Poetry for the Soul featuring several poets, including Mary Mackey, Joan Gelfand, Al Young, Kim McMillon, Genny Lim, Sharon Doubiago, Claire Ortalda and Floyd Salas. They will explore how we as humans treat Mother Earth, and what we need to do to heal our planet, through poetry. For more information, please contact Pat Lichter, Branch Manager, at plichter@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5017.

Teen Inclusion Dance – Saturday, April 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. The event is a night of fun and dance with a DJ and friends. This party is open to all teens. Parents and older siblings are encouraged to assist with special needs and to party along. Refreshments will be provided. A \$10 fee per family or group will be charged at the door. For more information, please contact Erin Burton, Recreation Specialist II for ADA Inclusion, at eburton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5980.

3rd Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Contest Entry Deadline – Monday, April 7, 5:00 p.m. Youth, ages 13 to 18, who live or attend school in Oakland, are invited to apply. The winning poet will earn a \$5,000 educational scholarship and embark on a year of opportunities as an ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. Spearheaded by Oakland Public Library, Youth Speaks and Pro Arts, with help from a broad group of community partners, the contest seeks young writers who represent the best of the bay. For contest rules, FAQs and the application, please visit <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate>. For more information, please contact Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7233.

Author Talk and Ballet Performance about the Father of Cuban Ballet – Monday, April 7, 6:00 p.m., Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. Toba Singer, author of *Fernando Alonso, the Father of Cuban Ballet* and *First Position: A Century of Ballet Artists*, will share the fascinating story of Alonso's legacy of ballet in Cuba. The event will feature commentary and ballet demonstration by Lorena Feijoo, Principal Dancer, San Francisco Ballet. Book signing follows. For more information, please contact Ajoke Kokodoko, Acting Branch Manager, at akokodoko@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5023.

EarthEXPO – Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. The Oakland Public Works Department will host the annual environmental fair highlighting transportation, environmental health, waste reduction, water, energy, urban design, nature and community themes. Over 80 exhibitors will gather to showcase their contributions for a sustainable environment to an estimated 2,000 attendees. This year, the event will focus on water conservation and protection - every drop counts. EarthEXPO is a great place to connect

with environmental and community groups, green businesses and artists; learn environmental tips; participate in hands-on activities; pick up great giveaway items; and enjoy delicious food. For more information, please visit www.oaklandearthexpo.com or email earthexpo@oaklandnet.com.

Ignite Oakland – Thursday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., The New Parkway Theatre, 474 24th Street. Ignite is a geek event in over 100 cities worldwide. At the event, Ignite presenters will share their personal and professional passions, using 20 slides that auto-advance every 15 seconds for a total of just five minutes. Anyone can be a speaker, everyone is welcome. For more information, please visit www.igniteoakland.com.

Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show – Thursday, April 10 to Sunday, April 13, Various Hours, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. From boating newbies to seasoned sailors, participants immerse themselves at the West Coast's largest all-sail boat show. In addition to checking out the new sailboats, folks can talk to experts, participate in hands-on seminars and get out on the water. For more information, please visit www.strictlysailpacific.com.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 11, 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.

Spring Book Sale At The Bookmark – Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Bookmark Bookstore, 721 Washington Street. The Friends of the Oakland Public Library's (FOPL) bookstore is having its semi-annual sale in April. Shoppers receive 30 percent off all purchases on Friday, and the discount increases by 10 percent each day, up to 50 percent off on Sunday. The discount applies to the already low prices of \$3 to \$6 for most of the 17,000 books in the store. FOPL members are eligible for the "members' first choice" discount of 50 percent on Thursday, April 10. Anyone may join FOPL in person at the store to receive the member discount. In addition to that good feeling that comes from supporting the Oakland Public Library, FOPL members receive 20 percent off their Bookmark Bookstore purchases for a full year. To become a member, visit www.fopl.org or pick up an application at the store. For more information, please contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations, Grants & Development Manager, at wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6932.

2014 Home Season Dance Performance –Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, Various Performance Times, Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. AXIS Dance Company's tradition of staging challenging and thought provoking work continues in its upcoming 2014 season, which will see the restaging of Yvonne Rainer's iconic *Trio A*. Also on the bill will be the debut of *Divide* from Guest Artistic Director Marc Brew, as well as a solo performance of his 2008 piece, *Remember When*, which will feature music from the film *In the*

Mood for Love. Alex Ketley's much anticipated film about AXIS, *The Gift (of Impermanence)* will see its premiere during the April home season run. For more information, please visit <http://axisdance.org/performance/performance-calendar/#sthash.mBF1Z36U.dpuf>.

The Science Of Art Spring Open House – Saturday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. Getting creative in industrial arts means developing a scientific understanding of the temperatures, physics, processes and forces necessary to shape metal, glass, stone, wood and other material. At the open house, Crucible faculty, staff, artists and partner organizations will highlight the scientific principles, inquiry and exploration behind the fine and industrial arts methods taught and practiced here. This free, family-friendly event is a great chance to visit The Crucible and connect with Oakland's creative community. Enjoy live studio demonstrations, performances, exhibits and a gallery show. For more information, please visit <http://thecrucible.org/events/2014-science-art/>.

Jack of All Trades Market – Saturday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. A curated mix of local makers, indie designers, antiquers, 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.

Handel's Easter Messiah – Sunday, April 13, 5:30 p.m., Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street. Oakland Symphony Chorus Music Director Lynne Morrow will lead the Chorus, guest artists and members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony in a performance of Handel's iconic oratorio. Audience members will be invited to sing along with the Hallelujah Chorus. For more information, please visit www.oaklandsymphonychorus.org.

2014 Illuminating Ideas: 2014 Energy & Sustainability Summit – Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 a.m. - Noon, Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway. Hosted by the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the summit will explore how energy, sustainability and green technology are contributing the economic growth in the East Bay. Jon Wellinghoff, Immediate Past Chairman of the Energy Regulatory Commission, will be the keynote speaker. To register for the summit, please visit <http://business.oaklandchamber.com/events/details/economic-development-summit-2823>.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 18, 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.

Oakland Veg Week – Monday, April 21 - Sunday, April 27, Various Hours and Locations. This week of empowerment encourages Oaklanders to pledge to be vegetarian for the week. Oakland

Veg Week consists of a week's worth of events to help community members learn about the benefits of a plant-based diet to our health, to the environment and for animals. Participating restaurants are adding menu options or offering specials. For more information, please visit www.oaklandveg.com/veg-week.

Montclair Restaurant Walk – Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Montclair Village, between Thornhill Drive and Park Boulevard. Stroll through Montclair Village for tastings at numerous locations. All proceeds benefit the Montclair Lions Club Charities and local nonprofits. Many of the area's fine retailers, bars and eateries will be open during and after the event. For more information, please call (510) 339-0233.

Getting EveryoneOn: Creating An Inclusive Digital Society – Wednesday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 4, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The Internet has dramatically transformed our lives, yet one in four households is without Internet access at home. Lack of access impacts some of our most vulnerable populations, including minorities, seniors and low-income households. EveryoneOn is a national nonprofit aiming to close the digital divide. To register for the session, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/getting-everyoneon-creating-an-inclusive-digital-society-tickets-10943439121. For more information, please visit www.everyoneon.org.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 25, 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.

Pickin' On The Potomac Bluegrass Series – Friday, April 25, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Presidential Yacht USS Potomac, 540 Water Street. Enjoy the foot-stompin' good sounds from the popular bluegrass band Blue & Lonesome during this dockside event. Beverages and bar nibbles will be available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call (510) 627-1215.

Earth Day – Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Various Oakland Locations. Help clean, green and beautify Oakland at sites throughout the City's parks, streets, creeks and waterways. While supplies last, volunteers will receive a free reusable bag and giveaways from Chinook Book, Numi Tea and Clif Bar. For more information, please visit www.oaklandearthday.org, email the Earth Day Coordinator at adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com or call the Public Works Events Hotline at (510) 238-7611.

Zoovie Night – Saturday, April 26, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Zimmer Auditorium, Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. Put on your jammies and enjoy an evening of Zoovie magic with the whole family. Bring your pillows, blankets and chairs to snuggle up in the auditorium for a specially selected animal- or nature-themed movie. Meet some of our nocturnal animals brought to you by

Roosevelt, the Oakland Zoo's costumed alligator mascot. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own treats and traditional family movie fare. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please visit www.oaklandzoo.org or call (510) 632-9525, ext. 220.

CHP Free Teen Driver Safety Class – Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 p.m., Oakland CHP Office, 3601 Telegraph Avenue. In partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has created the “Start Smart” Program that teaches teens and their parents about safe driving habits and informs them of the responsibilities and dangers associated with operating a motor vehicle. At least one parent or guardian should attend with their teen driver. To attend the free class, please call (510) 450-3821.

Respectfully submitted,

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