



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Henry Gardner

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: August 1, 2014

INFORMATION

Due to the legislative recess in August, the next edition of the City Administrator's Weekly Report will be published September 5, 2014.

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Federal Monitor's 18th Quarterly Report: OPD Reaches Highest Level of Compliance To Date – On Tuesday, July 29, the 18th Quarterly Report of the Independent Monitor for the Oakland Police Department (OPD) regarding the Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA) was filed with the U.S. District Court, Northern District. The report confirms continued compliance with the NSA: OPD is now in full compliance with 17 of the 22 remaining active tasks. This is the highest number of tasks to be in full compliance since this independent monitoring team – Police Performance Solutions Independent Monitoring Team, chaired by Chief (Ret.) Robert S. Warshaw – began to work with the City and OPD in 2010. The monitoring team noted that Mayor Jean Quan, interim City Administrator Henry Gardner, and the recent and permanent appointment of Chief Sean Whent have all contributed to the progress that OPD has made. To read the report, please visit www.oaklandpolice.com. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Art + Soul Oakland Heats Up With New BBQ Competition, 40 Acts On 4 Stages – On Saturday, August 2 & Sunday, August 3, the 14th annual Art + Soul Oakland returns to downtown with a slew of new activities. Saturday's Blues & BBQ Blowout with top pit masters from all over California competing in the inaugural Oaktown Throwdown BBQ Competition for cash prizes blends Oakland's rich Blues heritage with the city's well-deserved reputation as a food destination. Sunday's Funk & Latin Dance Party with old school favorites Lakeside, Rose Royce and Dazz Band plus 2014 Grammy[®] winners Pacific Mambo Orchestra will have festival-goers dancing in the streets. Turning up the heat even more are a Hot Rod & Vintage Car Show, return of YAK to the Bay's Turf Dance Battle, National Poetry Slam preview and a not-to-be-missed performance by world-renowned vertical dance pioneers BANDALOO. Held in happening downtown Oakland – centerpiece of the city's cultural and economic renaissance – the beloved festival promises two unforgettable days packed with live music and dance on four stages, beer & wine, great eats from popular food vendors, an eclectic artisan marketplace, art

exhibits and the largest Family Fun Zone of any festival in the Bay Area. The festival runs from Noon to 6:00 p.m. both days. With abundant parking, easy BART access and \$10 general admission, it is easy to see why the *San Francisco Chronicle* dubbed Art + Soul "A must-see summer festival." Admission for Seniors (65+) and Youth (13-17) is \$7 while children 12 and under enter for free. For more information, including the full 2014 lineup with performance times, visit www.ArtandSoulOakland.com or call (510) 444-CITY.

City Employees Receive Thank You From Councilmembers McElhaney and Gallo - The Offices of Councilmembers Lynette Gibson McElhaney and Noel Gallo would like to thank all of the fabulous Oakland employees that participated in the clothing drive on Thursday, July 31, 2014 with Wardrobe for Opportunity. Thanks to the generosity of City staff we collected 395 items to benefit job seekers and participants in job training programs in our community. For those who would still like to donate or would like more information, please visit [Wardrobe for Opportunity](#).

OPD And CHP PSA Video In Rotation On State Government Website – On Friday, July 25, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) learned that a public safety address (PSA) created by OPD Public Information Officer Johnna Watson and California Highway Patrol Sgt. Sean Wilkenfeld is in rotation on the State of California website, www.ca.gov. The selection of the PSA for posting on a statewide forum indicates that information regarding sideshows and street racing is pertinent to a vast audience. In the video, Officer Watson and Sergeant Wilkenfeld speak plainly about the negatives associated with sideshow activity and street racing: endangering participants, bystanders and other motorists; attracting other criminal activities; and, for those who are caught participating in sideshows, losing your car (it will be towed) and going to jail. To view the video, visit www.youtube.com/v/SuTtZj5YNnk?version=3&autoplay=1. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Oakland And Other East Bay Agencies Reach Clean Water Agreement With EPA To Protect San Francisco Bay, Local Creeks, Parks And Shorelines – On Monday, July 28, it was announced that the City of Oakland, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and six other East Bay cities had reached an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The agreement will significantly update aging sewer infrastructure to prevent sewage overflows and spills into the San Francisco Bay. The agreement, in the form of a Federal Consent Decree with the EPA, resolves a lawsuit the EPA and the California State Water Resources Control Board filed against eight East Bay agencies in 2009 to prevent spills into the Bay and local overflows throughout the East Bay region. Oakland and all other parties worked cooperatively to reach an agreement that will protect creeks, parks, shorelines and public health in the East Bay region. During periods of heavy rainfall, flows have often exceeded the capacity of EBMUD's sewage treatment plant, discharging partially treated sewage into the bay. Even during normal operations, thousands of miles of aging sewage pipes in Oakland and other cities clog due to grease, roots and other obstructions, resulting in local overflows of raw sewage. Oakland alone has spent approximately \$300 million to improve its collections system and reduce flows. Under terms of the deal, Oakland is expected to spend up to an additional \$13 million each year on sewer infrastructure above the \$52 million it is spending annually now to repair and upgrade the City's sewer system. The agreement also includes payment of a one-time

civil penalty of \$850,000 to the EPA. All other defendants also are paying civil penalties. The work in Oakland will be funded by sewer service fee increases the City Council adopted in 2010, so the agreement's additional spending requirements will not cause budget deficits or service cuts in other areas. Under the 22-year term of the Consent Decree, Oakland will be responsible for upgrading 13 miles of sewers per year and substantially increasing regular sewer inspection and maintenance. The agreement also includes an investigation program to identify and disconnect potential direct storm water connections or other sources of major inflow during storms. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak048414>. To read an information memorandum on the consent decree, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048413>. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/s/Sewer/ConsentDecree/index.htm>.

OPD Recovers Illegal Firearms; Witness Information Leads to Robbery Arrest – On Sunday, July 27, at 11:40 p.m., an Oakland Police officer on patrol observed a vehicle violation and attempted to make a traffic enforcement stop. In the 3100 block of 22nd Avenue, the driver fled the vehicle and ran into nearby yards. Officers responding to the scene quickly set a perimeter and conducted a yard search, locating and arresting the suspect. Officers recovered an illegally possessed, loaded handgun from inside the vehicle and a second illegally possessed handgun from the suspect. One of the guns was reported stolen. On Saturday, July 27, at 10:00 a.m., Oakland Police officers responded to a dispatch call to investigate a reported strong arm robbery at Brookdale and Kingsland avenues. The victim reported that a suspect had taken her purse. Officers began searching the area and with the assistance of witnesses, they were able to locate the suspect, a juvenile, and arrested him in the 5600 block of Bancroft Avenue. The Oakland Police Department thanks those witnesses who are willing to get involved and assist the police when they see a crime occur in our streets. It takes a community working together to make Oakland safer. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

City Of Oakland Implements On-Vehicle Noticing As Latest Enhancement To Improve Parking Experience – Since Thursday, July 10, the City of Oakland has been providing courtesy notices to vehicles with one or more unpaid parking tickets when the registered owner of the vehicle could not be contacted by mail. The intention of the On-Vehicle Noticing (OVN) program is to remind the vehicle's owner of outstanding parking tickets in hopes that he or she will pay the tickets to avoid penalties and fees, or towing/immobilization (the "boot"). The courtesy notice informs the operator that the identified vehicle may be subject to a registration hold and/or immobilization through booting or towing due to outstanding tickets. The City of Oakland will only boot or tow vehicles with five (5) or more outstanding parking tickets. This program is the latest enhancement to improve the parking experience for motorists in Oakland. The City is nearing completion of conversion of the old meter heads to new Smart Parking Meters. The new meters accept payment by coin, credit card or pay-by-phone, making it easier for drivers to keep meters fed and avoid a parking ticket. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak048325>. For additional information on parking in Oakland, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parking.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of August 4, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following position:

- Program Analyst III (Selective Certification for Sustainable & Healthy Community Development)

For updated information on City jobs, please visit the HRM 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 Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandums were issued in the last week:

New Contractor Begins Parking Operations – The purpose of this memo is to inform you that on Friday, August 1st, the City of Oakland Parking Partners (COPP) will formally assume operations fifteen of the City's municipal parking garages and surface lots. A list of the facilities included in the portfolio is attached. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048498>

Employee Relations Director Appointment – This memorandum announces the appointment of Ms. Renée Mayne as Employee Relations Director for the City of Oakland, effective August 4. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048425>

Landmark Clean Water Act Agreement with U.S. EPA – The purpose of this Information Memorandum is to provide information related to the Sewer Consent Decree, which was lodged in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California on July 28. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048413>

Polling Results – Safety and Services Ballot Measure – This memorandum provides results of the second poll completed in an effort to draft a ballot measure that reflects the priorities of Oakland's residents. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048431>

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City's online calendar at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Events/index.htm>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>.

Respectfully submitted,

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