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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

23rd Annual Oakland Earth Day – On Saturday, April 22, Oakland will hold its largest annual volunteer cleaning and greening event, Oakland Earth Day. About 3,000 volunteers are anticipated at more than 80 locations to pick up litter, remove graffiti, weed, mulch and restore native plant habitat. Approximately 60 sites are in parks or along creeks and other waterways, and about 20 sites will be neighborhood cleanups of streets, sidewalks and schools. Oakland Public Works sponsors the event, with support from the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and participation from more than 60 community groups including Friends of Sausal Creek, Keep Oakland Beautiful and the Lake Merritt Institute. Last year, more than 2,200 volunteers pitched in. Join us to clean and green Oakland's parks, creeks and streets. For an interactive map and details on projects, visit www.oaklandearthday.org. Groups of 10 or more should R.S.V.P. with the site coordinator. Individuals and small groups are encouraged, but not required, to R.S.V.P. For more information, please contact Mike Perlmutter, Environmental Stewardship Team Supervisor, at mperlmutter@oaklandnet.com.

OPD Is Hiring Police Officer Trainees, Deadline Extended – Friday, April 21, at 11:59 p.m., is the new deadline to apply for a challenging and rewarding career in law enforcement at the Oakland Police Department (OPD). Every day on the job is different. Dealing with a wide variety of people in different situations, OPD officers quickly analyze and solve problems and use their excellent people skills to defuse conflict and avoid confrontation whenever possible. The monthly salary for a Police Officer Trainee is \$5,500. To apply, please visit <http://bit.ly/2nGw54O>. For more information, please contact the Oakland Police Department's Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7230.

CORE Offers Range Of Preparedness Classes – Through June 2017, the CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) program will host a series of preparedness training classes for Oakland residents and business owners. 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 free program of the Oakland Fire Department's Emergency

Management Services Division. To view the complete CORE Class schedule for April to June, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak063152>. Upcoming training opportunities include:

- Saturday, April 29, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
CORE 12th Annual Citywide Disaster Exercise
Oakland Fire Department Training Division, 250 Victory Court
Individuals will participate in a simulated neighborhood exercise. This training is for anyone who is not already part of a CORE group or who is part of a CORE group that will not be participating in this year's exercise. To view the CORE Citywide Exercise Flyer, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak063624>.

In addition, the CORE Program offers advanced workshops on a variety of topics, including Command Post Operations, Disaster First Aid and Communications. Advanced registration is required. There are no prerequisite classes required. For more information on advanced workshops, please contact the CORE office at core@oaklandnet.com. For the complete roster of upcoming classes and events, please visit <http://www.oaklandcore.com> or call (510) 238-6351. For more information about the CORE program, please contact Dena Gunning, CORE Coordinator, at dgunning@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6068.

OPD Has Openings For High School Students To Become Police Explorers – Continuously through spring 2017, high school students, ages 14 to 19, are invited to join the Police Explorers Program and learn more about careers in law enforcement. The Explorers program includes career opportunities, service learning, leadership experience, life skills and character education. For more information, please contact Officer Charles Stone, Oakland Police Activities League (PAL), at oaklandpal@oaklandpal.org or (510) 421-2684.

Climate Change Workshop At The César E. Chávez Branch Library – On Tuesday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m., the César E. Chávez Branch Library, located at 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271, will host a special Earth Month event about climate change. Learn about the latest scientific evidence on climate change and what you can do to help solve this planetary threat. Sunflower Alliance will be offering this workshop. For more information, please contact Peter Villaseñor, Branch Manager, at pwillasenor@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5620.

Poetry Without Borders: Poetry Reading At The Main Library – On Saturday, April 29, starting at 1:30 p.m., poets will honor the theme of migration in a poetry slam event at the Main Library, in the Bradley C. Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. This year's program intends to build on the Poetry Coalition's "Because We Come from Everything: Poetry & Migration" (which in turn borrows a line from U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera's "Borderbus"). Featured poets include Arocja, Luchi Corpa, Judy Juanita, Bonnie Kwong, Genny Lim, Judith Offer, Wanda Sabir, Andrew Demcak, Garrett Lambrev, Steve Lavoie, Tey Schaffer and the Ina Coolbrith Circle. There may be time for an open mic at the program's end, so bring your favorite piece related to the migration theme. For more information, please contact Christine Saed, Adult Services Librarian, at csaed@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3841.

West Oakland Branch Library Celebrates Bobby Hutton Day – On Saturday, April 29, at 3:00 p.m., the West Oakland Branch Library, located at 1801 Adeline Street, is having a celebration to honor the young revolutionary Bobby Hutton. Hutton was the first member and treasurer of the Black Panther Party (BPP) when it was founded in 1966. He went on armed street patrols in the black community to protect people from police abuse. In 1967, he led the BPP delegation to Sacramento to protest the Mulford Act. “Little” Bobby Hutton was killed by the Oakland Police Department on April 6, 1968, two days after Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. For more information, please contact Susy Moorehead, Branch Manager, at smoorehead@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 328-7352.

Cultivate Your Herbal Kitchen Apothecary At AAMLO – On Saturday, April 29, starting at 2:00 p.m., the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO) will host its eighth annual Festival of Knowledge. This year's event will focus on the theme “Cultivate Your Herbal Kitchen Apothecary.” AAMLO welcomes urban farmer Claudia Noble-Levingston to discuss how to cultivate an herbal apothecary at home that will bring lasting health to you and your family. AAMLO is located at 659 14th Street. For more information, please contact Veda Silva, Museum Project Coordinator, at vsilva@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

The Baila Baila Band Performs At The César E. Chávez Branch Library – On Saturday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m., the Baila Baila Band will give a special performance for kids and families at the César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271. Get ready to dance with the “Elefantes” and sing along to catchy tunes and contagious rhythms. This event, part of the Oakland Public Library's Día celebration, is funded by the César E. Chávez Branch Library Amigos. For more information, please contact Annabelle Blackman, Librarian II, at ablackman@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5620.

Oakland Police Department Arrests – On Monday, April 17, officers observed a vehicle used in several armed robberies a week earlier in the 500 block of Merrimac Street. The officers were able to arrest two suspects. On Saturday, April 15, officers responded to the 2900 block of 60th Avenue on a report of an armed robbery. The preliminary investigation led officers to the 7100 block of Bancroft Avenue, where the suspect had fled into the yards. The suspect was subsequently located and arrested. On Friday, April 14, at 7:10 p.m., officers responded to 600 block of East 18th Street to investigate a robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival, the officers were directed to the suspects, who were fleeing the area. Officers were able to arrest two suspects and recover the loss. For more information, please contact the Oakland Police Department's Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7230.

Main Library Hosting Youth Job & Paid Internship Fair – On Wednesday, April 26, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., youth (ages 15-25) are invited to come to the Main Library at 125-14th Street to meet with employers and youth agencies who offer paid internships. The event will also have tables for people to review your resume. Please dress professionally and bring copies of your resume. This is our second Youth Job Fair – our first had more than 400 attendees. For the April 26th fair, 16 employers have committed to coming to meet with youth participants. For more job leads –follow [oaklandhasjobs](https://www.instagram.com/oaklandhasjobs) on Instagram or view online at www.instagram.com/oaklandhasjobs. For more information, contact Brian Boies at bboies@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7332.

Oakland Youth Poet Laureate 2017 Finalists At Pegasus Books – On Friday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., the finalists in the 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Contest will perform at Pegasus Books, 5560 College Avenue. All are welcome to this free event to hear the talented, powerful, passionate voices building our future. Stephanie Yun, Oakland's first Youth Poet Laureate (2012) will be our MC in an event that combines Oakland's best young poets, Independent Bookstore Day and National Poetry Month. It's an event you won't want to miss. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Supervising Librarian, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

Volunteers Sought For Youth Baseball Program – Through Monday, May 15, adults can sign up to volunteer to manage, coach or simply help out the Junior Giants Youth Baseball Program. In addition to the teaching the basics of baseball, the program also teaches youth important values like confidence, integrity, leadership and teamwork. During the league, which begins Thursday, June 15 and runs through early August, the teams meet twice a week to practice and play games, so volunteers are only needed a few hours twice a week. Oakland is expecting up to 300 participants split between three locations in Oakland. The program itself, uniforms and equipment are all free of charge. The San Francisco Giants, in conjunction with Oakland PAL, the OPD School Safety Mentor Unit and the Oakland Police Department, offers this unique and fun summertime opportunity for you to give back to Oakland's youth. To volunteer, sign up through May 15 online at www.gojrgiants.org or in-person from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, at the Bushrod Recreation Center, 5853 Racine Street. For additional details, please view the program flyer at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak063491>. For more information, please contact Officer Marcos Gocobachi at mgocobachi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 882-8239.

OPD Is Hiring Police Cadets – Continuously through spring 2017, ambitious young women and men are invited to join the Oakland Police Department (OPD) law enforcement team as part-time Police Cadets. Cadets, who must be high school seniors or attending college, are rotated through a variety of assignments at OPD designed to develop their interest in police work. Police Cadets are part-time employees who receive training and experience in law enforcement. Wages start at \$14.42 per hour and Cadets may work up to 19.5 hours per week. To learn more, please visit <http://bit.ly/2o7ItGV>. For more information, please contact the Oakland Police Department's Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7230.

City To Celebrate National Small Business Week With Workshops – From Monday, May 1 to Saturday, May 6, the City of Oakland will celebrate National Small Business Week (NSBW) by hosting more than a dozen workshops and events for local small business owners and entrepreneurs. Small businesses are the engine of Oakland's economy – 90% of local firms employ 50 or fewer people. While many of Oakland's small businesses are startups and young companies, others are long-established firms. Across all industry sectors, small businesses are helping to fuel Oakland's economic growth and are an important factor in our city's diversified economy. From workshops on access to capital and digital marketing to sessions on small business 101 for artists and diversity in entrepreneurship, NSBW participants can learn skills to start and grow their businesses in Oakland. New for the 2017 Small Business Week is the Oakland Business Connect! Program. Since micro or small, family-owned businesses may be unable to participate in workshops at City Hall, the City of Oakland with its partners are taking Business

Development resources and workshops to five commercial corridors. Several receptions are planned throughout the week including Monday's opening reception to recognize six family-owned and -operated Oakland companies that have been in business for more than 25 years and Tuesday night's recognition at the Oakland City Council meeting honoring one small business from each Councilmember's district. Oakland residents are encouraged to join in the celebration during Saturday's Shop Local - Shop Oakland activities in shopping districts throughout Oakland. The workshops and events are free. For the complete roster of National Small Business Week events and workshops in Oakland, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/sbw.

Oaklanders Age Out Loud – On Wednesday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the City of Oakland's Human Services Department is hosting its annual Older Americans Month event. The theme of the event is "Oaklanders Age Out Loud." This event will include information tables, recognitions, performances, speakers and other activities on Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. A reception with food and additional surprises will follow. Along with Wednesday's event, from Monday, May 1 through Friday, May 26, Human Services will also host a Seniors' Art Exhibit entitled "Voice Out Loud" in the lobby of the Wilson Building, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Shuttle service will be provided for seniors from the four City of Oakland Senior Centers to the event on May 3. Shuttle space is limited, so please contact your local area Senior Center as soon as possible. The event, including transportation, is free. For Senior Center locations, please visit <http://bit.ly/2ncPSso>. For more information on the event, please contact Maurine Watkins, Administrative Assistant, at mwatkins@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2385. For more information on the art exhibit, please contact Andrea Turner, Senior Services Supervisor, at aturner@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2987.

Inspections In Very High Fire Severity Zone To Start – On Monday, May 15, inspections of residential properties in the Very High Fire Severity Zone of the Oakland hills will begin. Oakland Firefighters and Inspectors will visit each property within the zone to determine if vegetation on the property is compliant with the California Fire Code. In April, an Annual Inspection Notice will be mailed to every property owner, with detailed information about requirements for "defensible space" around houses and a checklist to help homeowners be certain their properties are in compliance. Defensible space acts as a buffer between a structure and an advancing fire. Residents can find more information about reducing the risk of wildfire at <http://bit.ly/2oDH12V>. Residents should plan to remove weeds, tall grass, brush and tree limbs that pose a fire hazard. Properties that have not removed these hazards by the start of the inspection period on May 15 will be found non-compliant, and will be re-inspected 30 days from the date of the initial inspection. All necessary re-inspections will incur a fee, in accordance with City of Oakland Ordinance No. 13401 and the Master Fee Schedule. In anticipation of the upcoming inspections, the Oakland Fire Department hosted two workshops to educate homeowners about the vegetation inspection program. After the tragic and devastating 1991 Oakland Hills Fire, a law was passed requiring the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to identify areas or "zones" that are at an increased risk of fire and to provide maps of those areas to cities and counties across the state. Based upon its fire history, weather and terrain, CAL FIRE concluded that the Oakland hills are at an increased risk of fire, and should be assigned to the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. To learn more, please contact the Oakland Fire Department's Vegetation Management Unit at (510) 238-7388.

Book Sale Benefits The Oakland Public Library – Beginning Thursday, April 20, the Bookmark Bookstore, operated by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library, is having a four-day sale. All proceeds benefit the Oakland Public Library. Discounts for all book lovers apply Friday to Sunday: 30% off on Friday 40% off on Saturday and 50% off on Sunday. For more information, please visit www.fopl.org or contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations Manager, at wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6932.

Oakland Adopts New Food Vending Regulations – On Tuesday, March 28, the Oakland City Council adopted a new food vending program which will permit food trucks, pushcarts, stationary carts and group site events in select commercial and industrial areas in Oakland. This new program expands the areas where food vending can be permitted. The City of Oakland will begin to accept applications for the new food vending program starting Monday, June 5, for a period of 30 days. The City will be holding educational workshops and events before June to explain the program and the application process. Information on the workshops and events will be posted at www.oaklandnet.com/foodvending. The web page also features an interactive map for the public to see the newly permitted food vending areas. Staff members are available to make presentations at community meetings and forums. For more information or to request a presentation, please contact Devan Reiff, project manager, at dreiff@oaklandnet.com or (510)238-3550.

Volunteer Information Session At Oakland Public Library – On Sunday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m., the Main Library will offer an informational session for adults interested in volunteering. Attendees will learn about volunteer opportunities with the library and other community programs. Volunteer activities include reading to preschoolers, serving on an advisory board, providing technical support in public computer labs, taking photographs, serving free meals to youth and more. The session will be held in the Main Library at 125 14th Street. Advanced registration is appreciated, but not required. To register or for more information, please contact Sara DuBois, Coordinator, Grants & Volunteers, at sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6572.

No BART Train Service Between Lake Merritt And Fruitvale Stations – On six non-consecutive weekends between April and July, BART crews will be rebuilding the trackway between Lake Merritt and Fruitvale stations as part of the “Better BART” efforts. No trains will run between those stations and Lake Merritt station will be closed. Free buses will be available to move riders around the closure. Riders on the Warm Springs/South Fremont, Dublin and Oakland Airport lines will be impacted. The buses may add 20 to 40 minutes to your trip. The closure will allow maintenance crews to replace the nearly 45-year-old deteriorating trackway between the two stations. The dates for the BART track closure are:

- Saturday, April 29 & Sunday, April 30
- Saturday, May 13 & Sunday, May 14
- Saturday, May 27; Sunday, May 28 & Monday, May 29
- Saturday, June 10 & Sunday, June 11
- Saturday, July 1 & Sunday, July 2
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These dates may be subject to change. For more information, please visit <http://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2017/news20170302-1>.

Support Oakland Parks & Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund – On Thursday, May 4, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation will host the 14th Annual A Taste of Spring fundraiser gala from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the beautiful, historic California Ballroom, 1736 Franklin Street. This recently renovated art deco gem was built in the 1920s and served as the ballroom for the adjacent Leamington Hotel where Amelia Earhart had her office. Enjoy live entertainment, gourmet food by Red Door and hosted beer and wine, plus exciting silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$100 and support the youth scholarship fund. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://oaklandparks.org/projects-and-events/taste-spring>. For more information, please contact Ken Lupoff, Executive Director, at oaklandparks@sbcglobal.net or (510) 465-1850.

Grants For Oakland Artists, Nonprofit Arts Organizations – Beginning on Saturday, April 1, the City of Oakland's Cultural Funding Program began hosting a series of "How-to-Apply Workshops" for artists and nonprofit organizations applying to receive grant support to provide art and cultural activities in Oakland. These one-hour workshops are designed to assist applicants with the program's online application and review process. Applications will be accepted in three categories: Individual Artist Project, Organization Project and Art-in-the-Schools. Online applications are available at www.oaklandculturalarts.org. The following workshop is scheduled:

- Monday, May 1, noon
Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Focus: Individual Artists

For more information, please contact Denise Pate, Cultural Funding Coordinator, at dpate@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7561.

A Taste Of Oakland Fundraiser Supporting Youth Scholarships – On Saturday, May 13, starting at 3:00 p.m., Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is sponsoring its biggest fundraising event of the spring season. This inaugural event, which organizers expect to hold annually, will take place at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The event will include live entertainment, with a special music performance by Oakland's own Tony! Toni! Toné!, food, beverages, activities and more. Proceeds from the event will benefit Youth Aid, OPR camps and youth scholarships. To purchase tickets in advance, please visit <http://bit.ly/2mKZTJw>. For more information, please contact Zermaine Thomas, Public Service Representative, at zthomas@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2218.

Summer Job Opportunities – On Tuesday, February 14, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) began its summer hiring process and is actively recruiting candidates for programs throughout Oakland. Part-time positions range from entry level to highly specialized in recreation, sports and the arts. Don't miss out on these exciting and fun opportunities. For more information, watch a fun video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4F-65Ylx00U>. For details about OPR's summer job opportunities including job descriptions, application dates, pay rates and the online application process, please visit <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>.

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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