

# News from: Office of the City Administrator

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### Upcoming Holidays and Business Closure Day at the City of Oakland

*Public Safety Not Affected*

*Oakland, CA* —The City of Oakland administrative offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Additionally, due to budget cutbacks, the City will suspend administrative and other City services for a business closure day on **Monday, November 28, 2011**.

While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. **Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holidays or business closures.**

Business closures—and the unpaid time off taken by City employees on such days—were agreed to by employee labor unions as part of the package of employee concessions to balance the City's \$58 million budget deficit. Every City employee agreed to contribute nine (9) percent of their compensation to minimize the reduction of vital City services to the public.

In addition to the fixed business closure days, City employees also agreed to take additional unpaid days off to reach the nine (9) percent reduction target (between four and eight days, depending on the bargaining unit), which they will schedule with their supervisor and take throughout the year. The additional floating unpaid days will not result in citywide business closures.

### **Specific Service Impacts for November 24, 25 and 28:**

#### **Parking Enforcement**

- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, is a parking holiday. Motorists will enjoy free parking at metered spaces throughout Oakland.
- Normal parking enforcement throughout the City for all violations will occur on Friday, November 25, Saturday, November 26, and Monday, November 28.

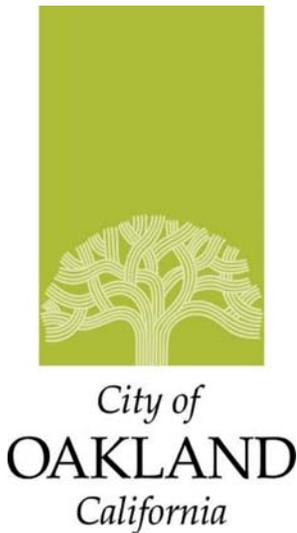
#### **Public Works**

- No street sweeping will occur.
- Serious emergencies—such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions—will be responded to.

#### **Oakland Public Library**

- The Main Library and all branches will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.
- Branch libraries will be closed on Saturday, November 26.
- The Main Library will be closed Monday, November 28.

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### **Oakland Animal Shelter**

- Closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.
- Return to normal business hours on Saturday, November 26, 12 - 5 pm.
- Closed on Monday, November 28.
- Return to normal business hours on Tuesday, November 29, 4 -7 pm.
- People who find stray animals and cannot hold them when the shelter is closed should call 510-777-3333 to be put in touch with a Shelter representative.

### **Oakland Parks and Recreation**

- Visitors will have access to parks; however gates and restrooms will be closed and staff will not be on site.
- Fee-based programs will continue at participating sites.

### **Human Services**

#### *Senior Centers*

- North, Downtown, West and East Senior Centers will be closed on Thursday, November 24, Friday, November 25, and Monday, November 28.

#### *Head Start/Early Head Start Programs*

- Head Start and Early Head Start sites will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.
- Head Start and Early Head Start sites will be open on Monday, November 28.

### **Remaining Business Closure Days for Fiscal Year 2011-12**

Business closure days generally occur once a month in conjunction with observed City holidays. For FY 2011-12, the 7 remaining days are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, December 27 – Thursday, December 29, 2011  
(Monday, December 26, Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2 are City holidays)
- Friday, January 13, 2012  
(Monday, January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a City holiday)
- Friday, February 10, 2012  
(Monday, February 13 is Lincoln's Birthday, a City holiday)
- Friday, March 30, 2012
- Friday, April 13, 2012

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