



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Henry Gardner

**SUBJECT:** City Administrator's Weekly Report

**DATE:** September 5, 2014

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### **INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Oakland Parks & Recreation To Receive \$200,000 from the NFL Foundation & Oakland Raiders*** - On Monday, September 8, the NFL Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will present the City of Oakland with \$200,000 to support football field renovations at Curt Flood Sports Complex, School Street & Coolidge Avenue. The check will be presented to Oakland Mayor Jean Quan, Oakland Parks & Recreation, Friends of Oakland Parks & Recreation, City and school officials, as well as field users and supports of the Curt Flood Sports Complex. The project advances the City's efforts to revive and retrofit parks and fields throughout the city to provide Oakland youth and residents with activities and enhance their pride in the community. In addition, the ceremony is an opportunity to kickoff Raiders Week, from Monday, September 8 to Sunday, September 14. Spearheaded by Visit Oakland, this citywide celebration marks the start of the 2014 regular football season and encourages fans to show off their team spirit by wearing Raider's apparel or black and silver all week. For more information, please contact Cathryn Cornelius, Special Assistant to the Director of Parks & Recreation at (510) 238-3992.

***Oakland Celebrates Diversity at the PRIDE Parade*** – On Sunday, August 31, the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Administrator, Oakland Police Department, Oakland Fire Department along with several other Departments, Community Leaders and members joined together to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oakland Pride festival. City leaders and the Community marched in the first Oakland Pride parade, celebrating Oakland's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community and honoring the rich diversity of culture in the Bay Area. According to the Gay and Lesbian Atlas (<http://www.urban.org/pubs/gayatlas>), Oakland has the second highest concentration of same-sex households in large metro areas nationwide. The City of Oakland is committed to serving and reflecting the diversity of Oakland. To watch the video, please visit Oakland Pride's website: [www.oaklandpride.org](http://www.oaklandpride.org) or watch it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wVQILiTA4Y>.

***OPD Honored at the TransVision Trans Pride Gala*** - On Friday, August 29, the Oakland Pride Weekend was officially started off in high style with the TransVision Trans Pride Gala at City

Hall, sponsored by Mayor Quan and Council Members Kaplan and McElhaney. Among community partners being honored at the event, the Oakland Police Department received the Trans Community Partner Award for Improved Community Relations, Outreach, and Partnership. Mistress of Ceremonies and TransVision Program Manager Tiffany Woods presented the award to Police Chief Sean Whent, who accepted the award on behalf of the Department. TransVision, a program of Tri-City Health Center in Fremont, is an award-winning resource for transgender, transsexual women in Alameda County. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***OPD Promotes Two Officers to Sergeants-*** On Friday, August 29, two Oakland Police officers were promoted to sergeant. Chief Sean Whent congratulated newly sworn sergeants Wilbert Fleming and Robert Trevino for taking on leadership responsibilities. Sergeant Fleming, who graduated with the 159<sup>th</sup> Academy in 2007, has spent his career thus far as a patrol officer, serving in beats all across the City. Sergeant Trevino, who graduated with the 151<sup>st</sup> Academy in 2002, served several years in Patrol before going into Investigations, where he has handled felony assaults, homicides, shootings, and cold case investigations. Both sergeants are moving to Area 1 Operations. The Oakland Police Department is dedicated to organizational excellence, innovative crime fighting, and community collaborations. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Oakland Unite Releases Video Highlighting Program and Participant Success*** – Oakland Unite has produced a short video providing a compelling glimpse into Oakland through the lens of Oakland Unite funded agencies, case managers and program participants. The video focuses on sharing both participant and program successes with an emphasis on community building, program collaboration, engaging individuals involved in violence and fostering strong relationships. In addition to focusing on participant success stories, the 5-minute video shares important data provided by an independent external evaluation of Oakland Unite. This video has been a long term goal of Oakland Unite with the aim of raising community awareness about violence prevention and intervention in Oakland. The video is not only meant to relay factual information but also represent the emotional impact of the work on the lives of residents and communities throughout Oakland. To watch the video please visit Oakland Unite's website: [www.OaklandUnite.org](http://www.OaklandUnite.org) or watch it on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qa0hR\\_KbvUo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qa0hR_KbvUo). For more information view the press release: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/contributor/documents/pressrelease/oak048880.pdf> or contact Sara Serin-Christ, Program Analyst at [sserin-christ@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sserin-christ@oaklandnet.com) or 510-238-3718.

***Golden Gate and Piedmont Avenue Branch Libraries to Change to Tuesday–Saturday Schedules*** – Effective November 1, 2014 days of service at two Oakland Public Library branches—Golden Gate and Piedmont Avenue—will change to Tuesday to Saturday. The change is the result of a pilot program that began in September 2013 to offer library hours on Mondays in more areas of Oakland. Library Administration encouraged public feedback on the new schedules through an online and paper survey (April 15–May 31), comment cards, and community meetings. Administration's evaluation of the community's responses and data on

library usage at the pilot branches led to the decision to end the trial Monday to Friday schedules at the Golden Gate and Piedmont Avenue branches. All other branch schedules will remain the same. For information, please contact Jamie Turbak, Acting Associate Director, at 238-6610 or [jturbak@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:jturbak@oaklandlibrary.org).

***Volunteer Training for Oakland Head Start Story Readers Starts October 7*** – Want to encourage a new generation of readers in Oakland, and pick up great story reading skills? Volunteer storyreaders with Books for Wider Horizons (BWH) present weekly storytimes to preschoolers at partnering Head Start and OUSD centers throughout Oakland, introducing young children to the pleasure of stories and inspiring excitement about books and reading. One volunteer describes the satisfaction of sharing “the delight of something new, and the comfort of something known” with her class each week. Now celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year, BWH trains new volunteers through an annual comprehensive training series. This year’s series begins October 7<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers must attend all seven sessions to complete the course and be placed at a preschool. The final course is October 25<sup>th</sup>. All trainings take place at the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue, in Oakland. For information and to register, please contact Rochelle Venuto, Books for Wider Horizons Coordinator, at 238-7453 or [rvenuto@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:rvenuto@oaklandlibrary.org).

***Teamwork Results in an Arrest*** – On Tuesday, August 26 at 11:50 a.m., Oakland Police officers were flagged down at Broadway and 14th Street by a downtown Safety Ambassador who reported that an auto burglary had just occurred. The suspect was observed breaking into a car and fleeing with a laptop to the 12th Street BART station. OPD and BART PD coordinated efforts, located and arrested the suspect for the burglary, and recovered the laptop. The teamwork among local law enforcement and our Safety Ambassadors, as well as witnesses who were willing to become involved and positively identified the suspect, made a difference in this case. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Tai Chi for Mind and Body Wellness*** – Beginning October 1 and continuing every Wednesday the North Oakland Senior Center will be the place to learn and practice Tai Chi. For information contact the North Oakland Senior Center at (510)597-5085. Please contact Mary Norton, Center Director for additional information at [mnorton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mnorton@oaklandnet.com).

***Barricaded Suspect Safely Arrested*** - On Sunday, August 24 at 9:17 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the intersection of Chambers Lane and Colton Boulevard on a report of a residential burglary in progress involving three suspects. Upon arrival, officers saw a vehicle attempting to flee the scene and were able to arrest the adult male driver. The officers observed a second suspect fleeing the residence on foot and were able to arrest him in an adjoining backyard. The third suspect barricaded herself inside the residence. The OPD Tactical Hostage Negotiating Team was able to establish communications with her and at 11:15 the following morning she was safely taken into custody. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Scam Prevention Seminar for Seniors*** – On Thursday October 2, the North Oakland Senior Center will host a *free* presentation focusing on Medicare Fraud, Internet Fraud and Prescription Drug Fraud. Speakers from the US Department of Health & Human Services, the Food & Drug Administration, and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office will show seniors how to protect themselves. To RSVP contact the North Oakland Senior Center at (510)597-5085. Please contact Mary Norton, Center Director for additional information at [mnorton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mnorton@oaklandnet.com).

***OPD Arrests Four Robbery Suspects*** – On Thursday, August 14 at 9:00 a.m., Oakland Police officers responded to a report of a strong arm robbery that occurred in the 6000 block of Majestic Avenue. The victim reported that she was approached by two suspects who demanded her purse and then escaped in a waiting vehicle. Officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle in the 9000 block of Coral Road. Officers arrested a total of four suspects. The victim's loss was recovered. Preliminary investigation revealed the suspects may be connected to additional robberies. Detailed descriptions provided by the victim and witnesses assisted officers in locating and arresting the persons responsible for this crime. We thank our community for their continued support and assistance in helping us reduce crime. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcement*** – During the week of September 8, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following position:

- Police Officer Trainee

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 during the break:

***Budget Director Appointment*** – This memorandum announces the appointment of Ms. Kiran Bawa as the Budget Director for the City of Oakland, effective September 3, 2014.  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048946>

***Pilot Completed and Branch Schedule Changes Announced*** – The purpose of this informational memorandum is to provide an update on days of service at two Oakland Public Library branches—Golden Gate and Piedmont Avenue, effective November 1, 2014.  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048809>

***Chief Resilience Appointment*** – This memorandum announces the appointment of Ms. Victoria Salinas as the Chief Resilience Officer (CRO) for the City of Oakland, effective September 2, 2014. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048678>

***Financing for Oakland Residents for Energy & Water Upgrades*** – the of this informational memorandum is to provide an update on the New Financing available to Oakland residents for energy and water upgrades. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK048635>

**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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