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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: December 9, 2011

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Police Staffing Update—Ten Police Officer Trainees were hired and began transitional academy training on Monday, December 5th. Each trainee originally completed the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Academy in 2010 but were not hired due to the City's 2010-11 budget balancing actions which resulted in layoffs. These ten hires represent the first addition to police officer ranks in nearly four years. An Oakland Police Department lateral job announcement (hiring for individuals who have a current Police Officers Standards in Training Certificate) was answered by approximately 60 applicants; a total of 15 lateral positions are available and a lateral academy is tentatively scheduled for early 2012. The addition of these 25 officers will be funded through the recently awarded COPS grant in which these positions will be dedicated to youth mentoring, working closely with schools, and policing the surrounding school community. The Oakland Police Department is currently staffed with 645 sworn officers and 311 professional staff positions. For additional information, please contact Sergeant Chris Bolton, OPD Chief of Staff, at 238-3131 or at cbolton@oaklandnet.com.

Update on Occupy Oakland— The most recent cost estimates of the activities related to the Occupy Oakland protests total approximately \$2.4 million. This includes personnel overtime (OPD, PWA, IT, KTOP) of approximately \$1.65 million; equipment and other services including mutual aid, security, equal approximately \$700K. Cost estimates are currently being reviewed for possible reimbursement and updates will be provided when more information is available. For more information please contact Sabrina Landreth, Budget Director, at (510) 238-4936 or at slandreth@oaklandnet.com.

City Bond Rating Update - Moody's Investors Service recently reaffirmed its 'Aa2' rating to the City of Oakland's upcoming General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2012. The rating reflects Moody's view of the city's modest signs of economic improvement and effective management of its adopted budget. Standard & Poor's Rating Services reaffirmed its 'AA-' to the City's GO Bonds. The rating reflects their view of the city's strong financial management practices, healthy general fund reserves, and a very deep and diversified economic base that

contributes to and participates in the Bay Area regional economy. These ratings are very solid and respectable compared to other cities of our size and demographics. For more information please contact Joe Yew, Finance Director, at (510) 238-6471 or at jyew@oaklandnet.com.

Jack London Oak Tree - On Thursday, December 8, 2011, the Jack London Oak tree at Frank Ogawa Plaza was inspected by Arboricultural Inspector Mitch Thomson. This inspection was performed to evaluate soil moisture conditions under the oak tree's canopy or "dripline." The critical dry soil zone for an oak tree is defined by the 10' radius from the trunk. This is the zone where wood destroying fungi can invade and attack a healthy oak tree. It was concluded that the saturated area beyond the dripline should not adversely affect the overall health of the Jack London Oak. Staff will continue to monitor the soil moisture conditions under the dripline and to secure the temporary fencing, for more information please contact Jim Ryugo, Building Services Manager at (510) 615-5987.

Piedmont Pines Undergrounding - Good news, the Piedmont Pines MOU for the \$375,000 in permit fees has been finalized. The utility companies are now in the process of signing the MOU. Construction will begin in January 2012. For more information, please contact David Lau, Project Delivery Manager at (510) 238-7131 or at dlau@oaklandnet.com.

Mayor's Annual Toy Drive—Donations and Toys are still needed for the Mayor's Annual Toy Drive. To make a donation, please visit <https://posweb.oaklandnet.com/POSWeb/toydrive.aspx>. To donate an unwrapped toy, please drop off at the Oaklanders Assistance Center, Room 123 at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza or place in one of the many collection bins around the City. Collection bins are located in all City Hall buildings, Fire Stations, the Main Library Branch, Rockridge Library Branch, Oakland Ice Center, Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland Zoo and EndGame Store (located on 921 Washington Street). The Mayor's Office is graciously asking for those to not donate toys of a violent nature. For more information, please call (510) 777-TOYS (see enclosed flyer).

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Rockridge Branch to Host 2011 PEN Oakland Literary Awards – Saturday, December 10, from 2 to 5 pm, 5366 College Avenue. The public is invited to join Oakland's literary community for the 21st Annual PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles National Literary Awards, at the Rockridge Branch Library. There will be a ceremony followed by a reception and book signings. The 2011 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Literary Award winners include *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives* by Lola Shoneyin (fiction), *14 Fictional Positions* by Eric Miles Williamson (short story collection), *The Etiquette of Freedom* by Gary Snyder and Jim Harrison (dialogue), and *Inner Cities of Gulls* by J.P. Dancing Bear (Poetry), among many others. Wikileaks and Carole Simpson are the winners of the 2010 Censorship Award and Adam David Miller will receive the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. PEN Oakland is a chapter of PEN Center USA; for more information, visit: www.penoakland.com or contact Kim McMillon at (510) 681-5652.

Studio One Art Center's Holiday Pottery Sale—Sunday, December 11, 12 noon-4:00p.m., Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. At this event, the public will have the opportunity to purchase one of a kind original pottery works created in the vast pottery classes offered at the Studio One Arts Center. For more information, please call (510) 597-5027.

Zoolights at the Oakland Zoo—December 2-31, 5:30-9:00p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. See the ZooLights meadow show orchestrated by Impact Lighting. Enjoy a fantasy land of giant toy soldiers, with over-sized candy canes, lollipops and gingerbread cookies. ZooLights will be closed December 24 and 25. Tickets—\$7.50 for adults (\$6.50 for members), \$5.50 for children and seniors (\$4.50 members). Group rates do not apply. In the event of inclement weather, ZooLights may be subject to close. For more information call (510) 632-9525.

The Holiday Tradition—December 3-18, 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m (Saturdays and Sundays only), Dunsmuir-Hellmann Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The Office of Parks and Recreation invites you to the Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate to enjoy a mansion tour, carriage rides, breakfast with Santa, holiday teas and lots of shopping and more! For ticket information, please go to www.dunsmuir-hellman.com or call (925) 866-9559.

Holiday Caroling on Lake Merritt—December 8-18 (see enclosed flyer, times vary), Lake Merritt Boating Center (inside Lakeside Park), 568 Bellevue Avenue. Enjoy a unique view of Oakland as you voyage around Lake Merritt and glide past Holiday Cove and the 18th Street Fountain. Carolers will be treated to complimentary cookies and hot cider at the Lake Merritt Boating Center. To make your reservation for individual, group or private tours, or for more information, please contact the Boating Center at (510) 238-2196 or Sarah Herbelin at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com.

EBMUD Community Meetings on Regional Private Sewer Lateral Program—Two meeting dates: December 14, 7:00p.m., East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue; January 5, 7:00p.m., Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3594 Sanborn Drive. East Bay Municipal Utility District is holding two meetings to inform property owners about the new requirements (effective January 16) to inspect, test and repair or replace damaged sewer pipes on private property. For more information, please visit www.eastbaypasl.com or call (866) 40-EBMUD.

Fairyland Winter at Children's Fairyland—December 16-23, 12 noon to 7:00p.m., located on the shore of Lake Merritt at Grand Avenue and Bellevue—699 Bellevue Avenue. Children's Fairyland is transformed into a sparkling festival of holiday entertainment. Admission— \$8 (\$4 for members) for each adult and child over the age of 1. For more information, please visit: http://www.fairyland.org/whats_happening/fairy_winterland.htm

Oakland Ballet Presents Graham Lustig's "The Nutcracker,"—December 22-24, Oakland Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway. Tickets—\$15.00-\$59.50 can be purchased at the Box Office. For more information, please visit: www.Ticketmaster.com or call (800) 745-3000.

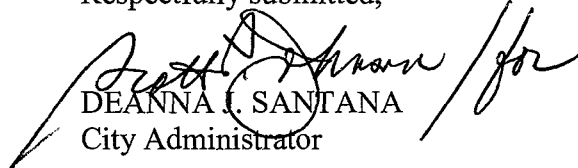
Bookmark Bookstore Announces Holiday Hours – The Bookmark is open Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. located

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at 721 Washington Street, in Old Oakland. The store will remain open during the holiday week except for December 25 and January 1. You can shop for gifts and all proceeds benefit the Oakland Public Library when you visit the Bookmark Bookstore. For information, call (510) 444-0473, or visit: www.thebookmarkbookstore.org.

Respectfully submitted,


DEANNA C. SANTANA
City Administrator

Attachments

cc: Agency/Department Directors
Media List

A Holiday TRADITION



DUNSMUIR **DH** HELLMAN

*City of Oakland
Office of Parks and Recreation
Invites City Staff and Family to a
Holiday Party just for you at
Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate
Friday, December 9, 2011 from 7pm - 11pm*

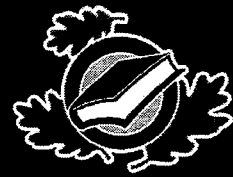
*Enjoy light refreshments in the Pavilion,
Tour beautifully holiday decorated
133 year old mansion,
And buy that special holiday ornament
or gift in the Mansion gift shop.*

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PEN OAKLAND Announces the 21ST Annual

PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles



2011 National Literary Awards

When & Where

Saturday December 10, 2011, 2 PM – 5 PM

Oakland Public Library, Rockridge Branch

5366 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

What & Who

PEN Oakland, founded in 1989, is a chapter of PEN International, founded in 1921. Dubbed "the blue collar PEN" by the New York Times, PEN Oakland annually sponsors the PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Book Awards, named for the late poet and faculty member of U.C. Berkeley's English Department. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the awards. Each year PEN Oakland presents an award to outstanding book titles published in the previous year.

The 2011 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Literary Award winners are:



The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives
by Lola Shoneyin
William Morrow (Novel)



14 Fictional Positions
by Eric Miles Williamson
Raw Dog Screaming Press (Short Story Collection)



The Etiquette of Freedom
by Gary Snyder & Jim Harrison
Counterpoint Press (Poetry and Prose)



Indivisible: An Anthology of Contemporary South Asian American Poetry
Edited by N. Banerjee, S. Kalpa and P. Sundaralingam
Univ. of Arkansas Press (Poetry)



Sacred Sites: The Secret History of Southern California
by Susan Sontree
Univ. of Nebraska Press (Poetic Narrative)



Inner Cities of Gulls
by J.P. Dancing Bear
Salmon Poetry Press (Poetry)



Madness at the Gates of the City: The Myth of American Innocence
by Barry Spector
Regent Press (Non-Fiction)



Red Willow People, Poems
by Devreaux Baker
Wild Ocean Press (Poetry)



The Ass's Tale
by John Farris
Autonomedia Press (Novel)



Adam David Miller
will receive the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award



Journalist Carole Simpson & Wikileaks
Winners of the 2011 PEN Oakland Censorship Award



PEN Oakland's 2010 award-winning books are eclectic, and thought-provoking, showcasing America's near-genocidal imperialism in *Madness at the Gates of the City: The Myth of American Innocence* by Barry Spector, mythology and natural history in Susan Sontree's extraordinary *Sacred Sites, The Secret History of Southern California*; poetry by J.P. Dancing Bear in *Inner Cities of Gulls*, which is fresh with imagery, surreal landscapes, Greek Myths, and encompasses Shakespeare, the Bible, Native American and pop culture; urban polygamy in Nigeria in Lola Shoneyin's *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives*; and the haunting poetry of Mendocino coast author Devreaux Baker in *Red Willow People*.

PEN Oakland is awarding its 2011 Censorship Award to Wikileaks, and Carole Simpson. Wikileaks has released files on atrocities at Guantanamo Bay, in Iraq and Afghanistan, and has experienced censorship on a global level. The nonprofit media organization has temporarily suspended publishing while dealing with economic survival (<http://www.wikileaks.org>).

Carole Simpson was the first black woman hired by NBC's D.C. bureau, and became an ABC anchor. Ms. Simpson is being nominated for *Newsday*, her new book which chronicles a career marred by racist and sexist attacks, and shows that the United States is a long way from becoming a truly color-blind society.

For further information, please contact Kim McMillon at (510) 681-5652.

The ceremony, followed by a reception and book signings **FREE** and **OPEN** to the **PUBLIC!**

