



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: February 17, 2012

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Occupy Oakland Update - The Oakland Police Department is encouraged by the number of protests, assemblies, and marches these past few weeks that have required little to no enforcement action, and resulted in little to no vandalism, violence, or associated crime. With the exception of two arrests made late in the evening of February 11, weekly activity since January 28th has been extremely peaceful. On February 14th, "Occupy" organized and held a Valentine's Day March through downtown Oakland streets. The event was peaceful, and there was no need for police intervention. For more information, please contact Sgt. Chris Bolton, cbolton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Oakland Police Department partners with the Community - On February 2, two Block by Block Ambassadors were providing services in the downtown area when they were confronted by two armed men who threatened to kill them. Representatives from Block by Block and OPD met with the City Administrator and developed a plan to partner together in their efforts to apprehend the suspects. On Wednesday, February 15, one of the suspects was located and arrested. This arrest can be attributed to the collaboration and improved communication between Block by Block Ambassadors and OPD. This partnership significantly improved OPD's capability to apprehend the suspect, enhances public safety for everyone and is a model for all future downtown crime prevention activities. For more information, please contact Capt Jeffrey Israel at (510) 238-3330.

Oakland Police Department Apprehends One of Four Most Wanted Criminals - On February 13, one of Oakland's four most wanted suspects was taken off the streets. On February 7, Chief Howard Jordan was joined by City Administrator Deanna Santana, Council Member Pat Kernighan and members of the community during a press conference to discuss the recent spike in crime. At that press conference, Chief Howard Jordan named Van Chau as one of the City's four most wanted criminals. Van Chau is now incarcerated after turning himself in due to media pressure. For more information, please contact Johnna Watson, Public Information Officer, at (510) 238-7230.

City Employee Derin Minor and East Oakland Sports Center Honored by NCCAPWA - The Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association has selected Derin Minor as Public Works Employee of the Year. The Awards Ceremony will be February 23 at the San Ramon Marriott. In addition, the East Oakland Sports Center also won an award for Project of the Year, Structures. For more information, please contact Vitaly Troyan, Director of Public Works, at vtroyan@oaklandnet.com.

SeeClickFix application launched at Mayor Quan's State of the City Address - Using a mobile app or computer, Oakland residents can send a picture of illegal dumping, graffiti, potholes or other infrastructure problems directly to the Public Works Agency along with a message and a GPS location. Download [SeeClickFix app](#) to a cell phone and the report will go into the Public Works system. PWA will fix the problem and report back to the SeeClickFix user. For more information, please contact John McCabe, Project Manager at (510) 238-7982 or at jmccabe@oaklandnet.com.

Public Works Agency Plans Temporary Street Closure on Coliseum Way - To facilitate the safe removal of railroad tracks, the City of Oakland will be temporarily closing Coliseum Way from Independent Road to Julie Ann Way. The anticipated road closure dates are February 14 through February 28 with construction occurring between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Since this two-week project is weather dependent, there may be delays in starting or finishing construction. If a weather delay is experienced, posted signs will be adjusted as quickly as possible. Notices of the temporary road closure have been distributed to residents and businesses in the area. Signs will detour motorists on to San Leandro Street and I-880. The City is working with Union Pacific Railroad to remove the railroad tracks and repave Coliseum Way with asphaltic concrete. For more information, please contact the Transportation Services Division within the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency at (510) 238-3684.

Office of Parks and Recreation Summer Employment Opportunities - Starting February 6, the Office of Parks and Recreation will be offering summer employment opportunities. Positions will be available in the Sports Unit, Cultural Arts and Camp programs and the Radical Roving Recreation Program. It should be noted that funding for these employment opportunities do not come from the City's General Fund. Applications will be accepted through March 5. Please see enclosed flyer for more detail. To apply, please visit www.oaklandnet.com during the opening period. For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources at (510) 238-3112.

Rotary Nature Center Receives Donation and Hosts First Annual Kids' Winter Bird Count - On January 24, the Rotary Nature Center received a donation of 40 carpet squares from Anderson Carpets and Linoleum. These items are for use during OPR's elementary and middle school interpretive programs in the main auditorium of the Rotary Nature Center. The children are very appreciative of this kind donation. On January 28, the Rotary Nature Center and Golden Gate Audubon Society (GGAS) hosted the first annual Kids' Winter Bird Count at Lake Merritt. At this event, 28 families attended with ages ranging between 4 and 55. The attending families were given an overview of the history of Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge, the Pacific Flyway and

the various waterfowl and birds that reside in the refuge. This event was free to the public and GGAS provided all of the materials needed for the program including scopes, binoculars and educational materials for the participants. For more information, please contact Alexa Fulper at (510) 238-3739.

Upcoming Holiday at the City of Oakland - on February 20, Administrative offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day. 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. It should be noted that Police, Fire, and emergency services are not affected during the holidays or business closures.

Caltrans Plans to Close Westbound Deck of the Bay Bridge over Presidents' Day Weekend - on February 17, beginning at 8:00pm through February 21 at 5:00a.m., Caltrans has scheduled a closure for the westbound deck of the Bay Bridge. Freeways in Oakland leading to the Bay Bridge will see changes in traffic patterns and lane closures. BART is planning to extend riding hours during this time. For more information please visit: www.BayBridgeInfo.org or call the closure hotline at (415) 288-8802.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements - During the week of February 21, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) has posted the Criminalist III job announcement. For updated information on City jobs, please view the DHRM 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 Andrea Gourdine, Human Resources Director at (510) 238-6450 or at agourdine@oaklandnet.com

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Free Tax Preparation Assistance Available at Three Oakland Senior Centers - Through April 12, free State and Federal income tax preparation assistance is available for low- and moderate-income seniors at three Department of Human Services' senior centers. The assistance program, sponsored by AARP, is staffed by trained professionals. Appointments are required. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the following centers: Downtown Senior Center — (510) 238-3284, North Oakland Senior Center— (510) 597-5085 and West Oakland Senior Center — (510) 238-7016.

Oakland Public Library Offers Free Tax Help – From February 1 through April 16, Main Branch, 125 14th Street, César Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th Street #271, Eastmont Branch, 7200 Bancroft, #211, Dimond Branch, 3565 Frutivale Avenue, and Golden Gate Branch 5606 San Pablo Avenue, trained volunteers will be on hand to help residents file their taxes. This free assistance is made possible thanks to a long-standing partnership between the Oakland Public Library and AARP. Most locations require advance appointments (call ahead), but walk-ins are accepted at Main and Eastmont on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete schedule and

additional information, please visit

[www.oaklandlibrary.org/PR/Free%20Tax%20assistance%202012%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/PR/Free%20Tax%20assistance%202012%20(2).pdf).

Great Backyard Bird Count - February 18, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., Rotary Nature Center, 600 Bellevue Ave. Please join us for an introduction on bird counts where you will discover what to look for and easy ways to identify your local birds. Practice your skills around Lake Merritt at the oldest wildlife refuge in America. This annual event is hosted by Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Audubon Society. Data from these counts provide valuable scientific information about the status of birds in North America. In 2011, Oakland was 11th in the state with 42 checklists counting 84 different species. This free event is open to all. For more information, please contact Alexa Fulper at (510) 238-3739.

AAMLO Writers Workshop & Tea Tasting Mixer - February 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th St. Presented by Charles and Chandra Chatmon, the workshop will focus on strategies for writing, publishing and marketing for new and aspiring authors. In honor of Black History Month, the Friends of the African American Museum and Library will be offering one-year free memberships to the first five women to sign for workshop. The mixer encourages women to come together, share their experiences and make a difference. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Black History Month Family Storytime - February 18, 3:00 p.m., Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Ave. Stories, songs and rhymes for all ages. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/Branches/elm.html.

OMCA Family: Painting with Music - February 19, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St. During this special Black History Month workshop for families, see works by California African-American artists in the Art Gallery and make your own musical masterpiece by painting to music. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org.

Oakland East Bay Symphony Concert: Heroes & Giants - February 24, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway. Featuring works by two of the brightest figures in a generation of European musicians whose careers were prematurely terminated by the rise of the Nazi regime: Czech composer and pianist Erwin Schulhoff and composer Mieczyslaw Weinberg. For more information, please visit www.oebss.org.

Oakland Schools Foundation Community Education Forum - February 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Jack London Aquatic Center, 115 Embarcadero. The upcoming Principal Fishbowl Education Forum you will hear the inside story as principals discuss their daily experiences in our schools, their challenges and successes, the district's vision for Full-Service Community Schools, and more. Please RSVP by January 27 to kenya@oaklandschoolsfoundation.org or by calling (510) 788-4528. Share what you'd like to hear our principals discuss, so when you RSVP, feel free to offer suggestions.

3rd Annual Carter G. Woodson Black History Bowl - February 25, Frick Middle School, 2845 64th Avenue. Oakland Unified School District K-12 students will be competing and having fun on the topic of Black History and academic achievement. The program, in

partnership with OUSD's African American Male Achievement Initiative, involves students from almost 30 schools and utilizes Jeopardy Home Game units and controllers. Funds are needed for 6 game units and controllers (\$700 each), medals, ribbons and trophies (\$4,440) and 16 walkie/talkies (\$15 each). Goodies for participants and day of event food donations are also desired. You can help by going to <https://rally.org/blackhistorybowl> to donate now. Volunteers are also needed: for the day of the event set up and break down, room monitors, and volunteers with education, youth experience and an interest in Black History. For more information, please contact Yafeu Tyhima at kultrefreedom1@gmail.com or call (510) 750-9443.

Art of Living Black Open Studios Event - February 25, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mills College Student Union, 5000 MacArthur Blvd. This exciting group art exhibition features 15 Bay Area artists of African descent working in a wide range of media. The show includes sculptors, painters, jewelry makers, doll makers and photographers. For more information, please visit www.blackartatmills.com.

Black Women in American History & Culture: Michelle Obama - February 25, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th St. In keeping with AAMLO's theme of Black Women in American History & Culture, Dr. Ula Y. Taylor, Professor of History at the University of California-Berkeley, will deliver a keynote address examining Michelle Obama's role in history based on a recent article on the First Lady authored by Dr. Taylor. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

African American Quilters of Oakland Demonstration and Workshop - February 25, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline St. This group meets monthly and is open to everyone, but this month you will see beautiful heirloom quilts and modern interpretations. Bring something you are working on or buy a beginners kit from the group. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org.

Celebrate Black History Month with Crafts - February 25, 1:30 p.m., 81st Ave Branch Library, 1021 81st Ave. and 3:30 p.m., Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Ave. Celebrate African American History with crafts. Guests will be making a version of kente cloth and creating container gardens to celebrate both Ghanaian and Kenyan heritage. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org.

Screening of The Civil War -The Cause - 1861 - February 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th St. Screening of episode one of a film by Ken Burns takes the audience to 1861 when the stage is set for war as the nation begins to tear apart. Opposition by the North to slavery in the South fuels a bitter debate on States' rights. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Oakland Art Murmur Guided Walking Tours - February 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Tour starts at Farley's East, 33 Grand Ave. Tours are led by prominent Oakland gallery directors, curators, writers and artists with a different theme each month. This tour's theme is Ceramics and the

guide will be Joshua Margolis, artist and member of FM collective. For more information, please visit <http://oaklandartmurmur.org/calendar/saturday-stroll>.

City Wide Sports - Running through February 25, Elmhurst Middle School, 1800 98th Avenue. City Wide Sports is kicking off the New Year with Jr. Warriors Basketball. The Jr. Warriors are a team with 12 active players ages ranging from 11-13 yrs old. In total, there are 120 participants playing on 10 teams. Registration is still being accepted. For a registration form and information to sign up, please visit the Oakland Parks & Recreation website at www.oaklandnet.com/parks.

City Wide Track and Field program - Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., McClymonds High School, 2607 Myrtle Street. McClymonds High School is hosting FREE track clinics in partnership with 100 Black Men. The clinics serve 160 youth between the ages of 5-15 yrs. This event is open to the public and prior registration is not required but suggested. For more information on these clinics, contact Willie White at (510) 238-3897.

Lake Merritt Boating Center - Beginning in March, The Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Drive, is offering two 10-day programs for "After-School Learn-To-Sail." Youth will learn the fundamentals of sailing with the goal of sailing solo by the end of the program. The two programs will run from late March to early June and again from early May to early June. Each program will offer one or two days of sailing after school each week for approximately two hours per day. This sailing program is offered in partnership with OPR Recreation Centers who will invite up to 14 Oakland youth ages 10 to 17 to participate in each program. Participants are able to enjoy this program free of charge and expenses are paid in full with a grant from the California State Department of Boating and Waterways. For more information please call (510) 238-2196.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Administrator

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