



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

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

**DATE:** July 27, 2012

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### INFORMATION

I will be on vacation from August 2-8. From August 2-5, Assistant City Administrator Fred Blackwell will be Acting City Administrator. August 6, Chief Teresa Reed will be Acting City Administrator and will be the contact for significant issues. Deputy City Administrator Arturo Sanchez will serve as the main point of contact for all other issues. On August 7-8, Assistant City Administrator Fred Blackwell will be Acting City Administrator.

***Due to the legislative recess in August, the next edition of the City Administrator's Weekly Report will be published September 14, 2012.***

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Art & Soul Festival Brings Two Packed Days of Music, Art & Family Fun to Downtown*** – On August 4 & 5, the City of Oakland's wildly successful flagship festival, Art & Soul Oakland, ventures into its 12<sup>th</sup> year by adding a late-night bash and cutting-edge art show to its long established reputation as one of the region's top music festivals. Advance tickets are available online at [www.artandsouloakland.com](http://www.artandsouloakland.com) – get yours now and save money. Named among the top 12 "must-see summer festivals" in Northern California by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Art & Soul Oakland 2012 goes boldly into the night on Saturday, with audio-video art installations and multimedia performances to accompany DJ Dyloot broadcasting from the rooftop of Oakland City Hall. Art & Soul's musical cornucopia of rock, R&B, jazz, soul, folk, E.D.M., punk, honky-tonk, metal, blues, gospel, world and Latin will feature Luce, Souls of Mischief, Duets: Meshell Ndegeocello and Chris Bruce, Lalah Hathaway, Oleta Adams, Lyrics Born, Zendaya & PopLyfe, Blame Sally, Forrest Day, Tia Carroll, Lady Bianca and Kellye Gray among the 50 bands on 5 stages. The ever popular Bay Area Blues Society Stage is headlined by Jackie Payne while the Gospel Stage programmed by Edwin Hawkins has a roster packed with heavenly performers. Thanks to an expanded partnership with the *East Bay Express*, the festival will include new art elements, including collaborations with de Young Artist Fellow and Artist-in-Residence Alumni, Ex'pression College for Digital Arts, and Black Rock Arts Foundation, the nonprofit arts organization that supports Burning Man art and artists. Art & Soul will run from 2:00 p.m. to Midnight on Saturday, August 4, and Noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5. The festival is centered in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and City Center, encompassing ten strollable city blocks. Entrance gates close 30 minutes before the close of the festival. Save money by purchasing admission tickets to Art & Soul in advance online. Advance online prices are \$10 Adults, \$5

Seniors (65+) & Youth (13-17). Admission prices at the gate will be \$15 Adults and \$8 Seniors & Youth. Children 12 and under entry for free. For more information, please contact Samee Roberts, Marketing Manager, at (510) 238-2136 or [sroberts@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sroberts@oaklandnet.com).

***OPR Team Takes Top Youth Prize at Code for Oakland Civic Hackathon*** – On July 21, over 150 civically engaged developers, coders, designers, entrepreneurs, innovators and youth participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Code for Oakland event. Participants re-imagined ways in which collaboration and technology could help shape, grow and sustain the healthy future of our City. The focus of this year's hackathon was on building apps and technology tools that would drive economic development, improve civic engagement and improve digital education and literacy in our residents. Attendees shared their vision of apps and tech tools that could make Oakland a better place. They also heard from keynote speaker Jen Palhka, CEO and founder of Code for America (an Oakland resident), about the need for apps that not only share info, but allow citizens to help solve problems themselves. Ideas that were pitched included apps related to early childhood education, city infrastructure, transportation, public health and participatory budgeting. One of the winning app teams consisted of 10 youth from the Urban Electronics Program at Office of Parks and Recreation's Mosswood Recreation Center who took home the top Youth prize. Students from various Oakland High Schools and neighborhoods formed this team and developed an app to support in-school curriculum during after-school hours. The team was awarded a cash prize which will be used to purchase new supplies and materials for the students to continue development. For more information, please contact Nicole Neditch, Online Engagement Manager, at (510) 238-2105 or [nmeditch@oaklandnet.com](mailto:nmeditch@oaklandnet.com).

***President Obama's Campaign Stop in Oakland*** – On July 23, President Obama made two campaign appearances in downtown Oakland. The Oakland Police Department (OPD) and the U.S. Secret Service coordinated road closures for the event. For the President's security and the protection of life and property in downtown, certain security restrictions were implemented. OPD was responsible for carrying out the logistical aspects that were required to secure the area for the visit. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic on several streets in downtown Oakland was impacted by street closures. California NORML held a demonstration in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and peacefully marched through downtown Oakland before returning to the Plaza. As in other cities visited by the President, there was a crowd of protesters (approximately 200) who gathered near the Fox Theater. Following the President's departure, this crowd marched peacefully through downtown streets. There were no reports of violence and only three arrests were made. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Office at (510) 238-7230 or [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com).

***PWA Concludes Successful Pothole Blitz*** – On June 22, the Public Works Agency's Streets & Sidewalks Division concluded its eight-week Pothole Blitz. Crews filled an estimated 2,800 potholes and more than 72,000 square feet of new asphalt was laid down using the mill-and-fill process. Milling and filling is a longer term solution consisting of the removal of a few inches of deteriorated asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt. While the cost is higher, the repair is more permanent in nature than filling potholes. During the 2012 Pothole Blitz which began April 30, staff concentrated efforts in one council district each week to ensure safe travel for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The repaired locations included both those

identified by citizen requests and staff's analysis of high priority areas such as traffic corridors, schools, hospitals, high-traffic pedestrian areas and problem streets. Oakland residents and business owners are encouraged to continue contacting Public Works regarding any infrastructure issues encountered by using one the reporting methods below:

- Call the Public Works Call Center Hotline at (510) 615-5566
- Use the online form at [www.OaklandPW.com](http://www.OaklandPW.com)
- Use the mobile app [SeeClickFix](#)
- Email [pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com](mailto:pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com)

For more information on the Pothole Blitz, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at (510) 238-2966 or [kshaff@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kshaff@oaklandnet.com).

***Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library Set to Reopen*** – On August 18, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, located at 6833 International Blvd, will reopen after repair work that has closed the branch since late December 2011. The recent renovation work included a new automatic front door entry, upgraded ADA accessible public restrooms, an open lobby design, book security system, upgraded lighting throughout the building, additional computers, upgraded electrical and cabling systems and new paint on the exterior and interior. This was the second in a two-phase upgrade of the branch. Phase I – an interior makeover – was completed in January 2008 and included new carpeting, bookshelves, service desks, public furniture and bookdrop. A reopening celebration will be held on September 1. For more information, please contact Jane Lopez, Supervising Librarian for Branches, at (510) 238-3479.

***Oakland and Fukuoka Mark 50 Years of Sister City Relationship*** – On August 17-20, Oakland and Fukuoka, Japan will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of establishing a Sister City relationship with events here in Oakland. On the heels of World War II, then-President Eisenhower encouraged sister city relationships to foster international understanding and harmony between cities and nations. Oakland and Fukuoka became sister cities in 1962. As part of the celebration, Fukuoka's new 38-year-old mayor, the Hon. Soichiro Takashima, will lead a delegation of 30 officials and citizens. Four days of celebratory events to showcase our city to the visiting delegation are planned. The public is invited to join in the fun:

- Friday, August 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street. Opening reception for first-ever art exchange between Oakland artist James Gayles and Fukuoka artist Hiroko To. The 38 pieces, first shown in Fukuoka, will be on display.
- Saturday, August 18, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., Yoshi's Jazz Club, 510 Embarcadero West. A performance by Hiroshima blending jazz, pop and rock with traditional Japanese folk music and instruments.
- Sunday, August 19, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Lake Merritt Gardens, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Dedication of 10 Japanese lanterns at the Torii Gate at Lake Merritt. Copied from a lantern design at Kashii Shrine in Fukuoka, the project is funded by local donors. Reception follows at Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue.
- Sunday, August, 19, 1:05 - 4:00 p.m., O.co Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way. Watch the Oakland A's play the Cleveland Indians. Pre-game meal and seating at the private Barbecue Terrace.

- Monday, August 20, 8:30 a.m. - Noon, Council Chamber, City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Earthquake/Tsunami Rescue panel including Fukuoka firefighters who conducted rescue/relief efforts at the Tohoku earthquake/tsunami and Oakland firefighters.
- Monday, August 20, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Sequoyah Country Club, 4550 Heafey Road. Gala and Farewell Dinner.

For more information on scheduled events including admission prices or to become a lantern donor, please visit [www.oakland-fukuoka.org](http://www.oakland-fukuoka.org). For additional information, please call (510) 638-7276 or email [info@oakland-fukuoka.org](mailto:info@oakland-fukuoka.org).

***Forum on Senior Housing Options*** – On August 24, the Downtown Oakland Senior Center, located on 200 Grand Avenue, will host the free “Planning Your Next Move” Senior Housing Forum from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Panel topics will include: independent living, continuing care, skilled nursing, memory care including Alzheimer’s, Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (P.A.C.E.), village/concierge and reverse mortgage as well as how to protect assets and downsizing/protecting/preparing your home. Advanced registration is required. Please R.S.V.P. by August 15 to (510) 238-3284. For more information, please contact Jennifer King, Senior Center Director, at (510) 238-3284.

***Oakland Public Library and Oakland Museum Team Up to Celebrate Summer Reading*** – On August 5, the Oakland Public Library’s Summer Reading Program draws to a close with a free party at the Oakland Museum of California. Entertainment and activities will include performers from Circus Bella, games with the Office of Parks and Recreation, story time, hands-on arts & craft activities, face painting and fun for the entire family. The library will also honor all Summer Reading Program participants who succeeded in reading eight hours or more this summer. The party will take place in the Museum Gardens, 1000 Oak Street from Noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Laurie Wilhalm, Children’s Programs & Outreach Librarian, at (510) 238-3848 or [lwilhalm@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:lwilhalm@oaklandlibrary.org).

***Googie and Friends Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament*** – On August 13, get your clubs ready to take a swing for the Children’s Golf Program with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start to the golf tournament. Proceeds from entrance fees and sponsorships benefit all five Oakland golf programs, including the Metropolitan Junior Golf Program, First Tee of Oakland, Lake Chabot Golf Academy, Oakland Turf/Grass Education Initiative and Ace Kids Golf, that serve over 2,000 youth annually. The programs do more than just develop golfers – they assist in creating positive and outstanding citizens in our community. To register as a participant, please visit [www.tournevents.com/googieandfriends2012](http://www.tournevents.com/googieandfriends2012). For more information, please contact Preston Pinkney, Program Director, at (510) 351-5812, ext. 23.

***Clowning Fun at de Fremery Recreation Center*** – On July 21, there were clowns everywhere as the Prescott Clowns held their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Show at de Fremery Recreation Center, located on 1651 Adeline Street. Smiles were on the faces of the 125 attendees during the delightful show. For more information, please contact Valorie Winn, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 238-7739.

***OPR hosts Open Houses during National Parks & Recreation Month*** – Throughout July, the Office of Parks and Recreation is celebrating National Parks & Recreation Month by hosting open houses at various recreation centers, pools and other facilities. The open houses offer fun and entertainment for the whole family. The following open houses will be held through July:

- Saturday, July 28, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Fremont Pool, 4550 Foothill Boulevard. For more information, please contact Harith Aleem, Aquatics Specialist, at (510) 535-5614.
- Monday, July 30, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Carmen Flores Recreation Center at Josie De La Cruz Park, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue. For more information, please contact Angelica Lopez, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 535-5631.
- Monday, July 30, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 2701 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. For more information, please contact Elena Bermeo, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 597-5038.

***“Bloom into Summer” Lakeside Park Community Gardens Open House Recap*** – On July 14, the Community Gardening program hosted an open house with approximately 400 attendees at the Lakeside Park Community Gardens. Whole Foods donated a \$500 gift card to provide refreshments for the event. Attendees were able to see the type of citywide programming offered through gardening and different types of projects they can take home to share with their families. For more information, please contact Peter Collier, Community Gardens Specialist, at (510) 238-2197

***Ira Jinkins and EOSC Open House Recap*** – On July 20, the Ira Jinkins Recreation Center and the East Oakland Sports Center (EOSC) hosted open houses from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. that attracted more than 200 people. Both sites offered a fun experience with free classes, use of the water park, a bounce house, basketball games, aerobic step classes, kids' movements and teen fitness. BBQ and drinks were served. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

***Manzanita Recreation Center Open House Recap*** – On July 18, the Manzanita Recreation Center hosted an afternoon open house with more than 200 attendees. The event included food, drinks, games, face painting, a bounce house, music and performances by the Karate class and “Girls Power Studio” dance group. The neighboring community donated food, drinks and other items for the event. The Bike-Mobile, in partnership with Cycle of Change, had a free bicycle repair booth and provided free helmets for approximately 60 children and adults in the community. For more information, please contact Marcelina (Marcy) Sanchez, Center Director, at (510) 535-5625.

***Photo of Senior Center Featured*** – In the July 23 edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, a photo of the Downtown Oakland Senior Center was featured in an article entitled, “Oakland drops ban on dance marathons.” Snapped on July 19, the photo shows folks enjoying ballroom dancing at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center. A couple of the dancers were interviewed about their recollections of dance marathons for the article on the Oakland City Council's move

to remove a 1930 law that banned dance marathons. To view the photo and article, please visit [www.sfgate.com/news/article/Oakland-drops-ban-on-dance-marathons-3726865.php#photo-3226831](http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Oakland-drops-ban-on-dance-marathons-3726865.php#photo-3226831). For more information on the Downtown Oakland Senior Center, please contact Jennifer King, Senior Center Director, at (510) 238-3284.

### **Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last seven days.

***Zero Waste RFP Release*** – This memorandum is a reminder that all inquiries and conversations regarding the RFP must be directed to the Process Coordinator, Garrett Fitzgerald, as adopted in the Protocol for Process Integrity (Resolution No. 83729 C.M.S).  
[www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK037203](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK037203)

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

***Mud Cloth Madness*** – Continuing Tuesday to Saturday through July 28, Noon - 5:30 p.m., African American Museum & Library at Oakland, 659 14<sup>th</sup> Street. This exhibition highlights Mud Cloth, a living art form with techniques and motifs passed down from generation to generation. No two pieces are alike and each pattern and color combination has a meaning. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/AAMLOexhibits.html](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/AAMLOexhibits.html) or call (510) 637-0200.

***Free Downtown Walking Tours*** – Every Wednesday and Saturday through October, 10:00 a.m., Various Starting Points. Enjoy 90-minute, guided walking tours through Oakland's downtown districts highlighting our city's history and architecture. Choose from one of eight tour itineraries. Reservations are recommended but not required. For more information, please call (510) 238-3234 or visit [www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours](http://www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours).

***Bites Off Broadway*** – Every Friday through October 12, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Studio One Art Center, 365 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Bites Off Broadway will include food, live music, games and family entertainment every Friday evening while the weather is good. For more information, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, (510) 597-4027.

***2012 Summer Walking Tours*** – Every Saturday and Sunday through August, various hours and locations throughout Oakland. The Oakland Heritage Alliance hosts educational tours about Oakland's unique architectural, historic and cultural heritage on these guided tours. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandheritage.org/Events.html](http://www.oaklandheritage.org/Events.html).

***Dancing Under the Stars at Jack London*** – Every Friday, 8:30 - 10:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Enjoy an evening of free dance lessons provided by the Linden Street Dance Studio. And enjoy a dance party to follow. Come back again and again on Friday

evenings and learn something new each time. For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

***Manzanita Youth Summer Camp*** – Continuing weekdays through August 10, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Camp includes daily activities, programs, sports, trips and more. For more information, please contact Marcy Sanchez, Center Director, at (510) 535-5625.

***Mosswood Summer Camp*** – Continuing weekdays through August 17, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Two exciting camps for youth are offered: a two week sports camp and the traditional recreation center summer camp. For more information, please contact Elena Bermeo, Center Director, at (510) 597-5038.

***Summer Day Camp*** – Through Friday, August 24, Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. Youth from kindergarten through age 8 will participate in art, songs, skits and much more during the weekday camps. For more information, including registration fees, please contact Donte Watson, Program Director, at (510) 615-5959.

***Boating Camps*** – Through Friday, August 31, Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. Sailing and other boating activities are offered. Scholarships are available for Oakland residents with financial need. Visit [sailoakland.com](http://sailoakland.com) for applications. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Boating Supervisor, at (510) 238-2196.

***Summer Movie Series*** – Fridays and Saturdays in July and August, 8:00 p.m. Fridays, 7:00 p.m. Saturdays, Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Enjoy a different sci-fi film each week. Come for dinner, a classic film on the big screen, music, activities and amazing views of the Universe from our Observatory Deck. For more information, please visit [www.chabotspace.org/summer-movies.htm](http://www.chabotspace.org/summer-movies.htm).

***Movies in the Park*** – Friday, July 27 & Friday, August 3, at Dusk, Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and the whole family for these great family favorites: Friday, July 27—*Bedtime Stories* and Friday, August 3—*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Popcorn and hot chocolate for sale, proceeds support the Redwood Heights Recreation Center scholarship fund. For the complete season schedule running through October 19, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks).

***Summer Nights at the Oakland Museum*** – Friday, July 27, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Enjoy half-price admission after 5:00 p.m., extended Gallery hours, book signings at the OMCA Store and classic 1968 flicks. Find out more about artist Dan Clowes in a special panel discussion with artist Chris Ware and the curators. For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org/calendar/omca-summer-nights-2](http://www.museumca.org/calendar/omca-summer-nights-2).

***“Dive-In” Movie*** – Friday, July 27, Dusk, Fremont Pool, 4550 Foothill Boulevard. Enjoy a screening of *Rango* while splashing about in the pool. For more information, please call (510) 535-5614.

***Old Oakland's “Throw Down for the Town”*** – Saturday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Lafayette Square Park, 10th Street at Jefferson. Join First Unitarian Church of Oakland, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and Old Oakland Neighbors as they clean up Jefferson Square Park, Lafayette Square Park and the church neighborhood. Enjoy games for kids and adults, food and music. Bring your own tools or use those provided. Don't forget a hat and sun screen. Followed by a party at Snow Park, Harrison Street at 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Ron Wolf at [info@oldoaklandneighbors.org](mailto:info@oldoaklandneighbors.org).

***Feast for the Beasts at the Oakland Zoo*** – Saturday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. Guests are encouraged to bring fresh produce – such as apples, watermelon, grapes, carrots, lettuce or other delicious fruit and vegetables – to help feed Oakland Zoo animals. The first 250 guests will receive a ticket to place produce in the elephant exhibit before the hungry herd enters. Donate produce at Flamingo Plaza and receive a free ride coupon. For more information, please visit [http://www.oaklandzoo.org/Calendar\\_Item.php?i=117](http://www.oaklandzoo.org/Calendar_Item.php?i=117).

***Melrose High Hopes NCPC 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party*** – Saturday, July 28, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Fairfax Avenue Business District between Foothill and MacArthur. One of Melrose High Hopes' top community-building activities, the block party will include the Annual Book Swap, Mac & Cheese and Baked Dessert Cookoffs, music, art, a Youth Stage, kids' art and activities, nonprofit information booths, food and fun for the whole family. For more information, please visit [www.Npcbeat27x.org](http://www.Npcbeat27x.org).

***Author Discussion on Mary Bowser*** – Saturday, July 28, 2:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library in Oakland, 659 14th Street. Mary Bowser, a Union spy who posed as a slave in the Confederate White House, will be the focus of the program featuring Lois Leveen, author of *The Secrets of Mary Bowser*. The award-winning author will share insights about America's most contested history. The event marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and Emancipation Proclamation. For more information, please call (510) 637-0200 or visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/AAMLOexhibits.html](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/AAMLOexhibits.html).

***Oakland Municipal Band's 101st Concert Season*** – Sunday, July 29 & Sunday, August 5, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Edoff Memorial Bandstand, Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Conductor Troy Davis leads the band through a musical array of jazz, contemporary, pop, big band, international, classical, march and show tunes. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Picnics welcomed. For more information, please visit [www.OaklandMunicipalBang.org](http://www.OaklandMunicipalBang.org).

***Oakland City Junior Open Tennis Tournament*** – Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m., Davies Tennis Stadium, 198 Oak Road. The Oakland City Junior Open is a USTA northern California tennis tournament. Approximately 100 boys and girls ages 10-18 from the western United States will compete in singles and doubles. For more information, please contact Mark Weinstein, Program Director, at (510) 444-5663.

***OFCY Community Meeting*** – Tuesday, July 31, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) will host its final community meeting as part of its Strategic Planning Process for 2013-2016. OFCY staff members are reaching out to parents, children and families in the community to receive input into what should be the City's priorities for helping Oakland's children and youth in the next three-year plan. For more information, please contact Mike Wetzel, Health and Human Services Program Planner, at [mwetzel@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mwetzel@oaklandnet.com).

***"La Voz del Cajón, el Bajo y el Trombón" Afro-Peruvian Benefit Concert*** – Friday, August 3, 8:00 p.m. concert & 10:00 p.m. dance concert, Oakland Public Conservatory of Music (OPCM), 1616 Franklin Street. Juan Medrano Cotito performs classic Afro-Peruvian tunes and

rhythms and jazz standards with David Pinto and Steve Turre. The concerts are a benefit for OPCM's youth programs. For more information, please visit [www.opcmusic.org](http://www.opcmusic.org) or call (510) 836-4649.

***Art & Soul Oakland Festival*** – Saturday, August 4, 2:00 p.m. - midnight and Sunday, August 5, Noon - 6:00 p.m., Downtown Oakland. Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year of offering top-flight talent, food from all over the globe, hundreds of artisan booths, and the largest family fun zone of any festival in the Bay Area, the event this year adds a late-night bash and cutting-edge art show to the festivities. Named among the top 12 "must-see summer festivals" in Northern California by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the festival goes boldly into the night on Saturday, with audio-video art installations and multimedia performances to accompany DJ Dylot. For more information, please visit [www.artandsouloakland.com](http://www.artandsouloakland.com).

***National Night Out*** – Tuesday, August 7, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., neighborhoods throughout Oakland. Last year, Oakland neighborhoods organized and registered 550 block parties with more than 29,000 residents attending. National Night Out is the nation's night out against crime. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, residents are encouraged to join with their neighbors to have a neighborhood block party, ice cream social or other outdoor event to build neighborhood spirit and unity - which is the first defense against crime. Research shows that when neighbors know each other and look out for each other crime goes down. If you would like to host a block party in your neighborhood, please visit [www2.oaklandnet.com/nno](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/nno). For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Division at (510) 238-3091.

***CORE Volunteer Orientation*** – Thursday, August 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Office of Emergency Services, 1605 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. CORE (Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) has expanded volunteer opportunities to include makeup artists, volunteer victims, neighborhood organizing and communications coaches, office helpers and skill station monitors for hands-on training. Attendance at the one-hour volunteer orientation does not obligate participants to any further commitment, but hopefully you'll be inspired to sign up to volunteer. For additional information, please call (510) 238-6351 or email [core@oaklandnet.com](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com).

***Waterfront Flicks*** –Thursday, August 9 & Thursday, August 23, Nightfall, Jack London Market Lawn, Water Street at Webster. Enjoy an outdoor movie along side the beautiful waterfront in Jack London Square. Thursday, August 9—*Moneyball* and Thursday, August 23—*Princess Bride*. Come early and play trivia games or grab some fun picnic bites or purchase a beverage from the East Bay Bike Coalition. Bike to the movies and receive a free gift. For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

***Travel to Magic Mountain with de Fremery*** – From Friday, August 10 to Sunday, August 12, de Fremery Recreation Center will host an end-of-summer trip to the Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park near Los Angeles. For more information, please contact Valorie Winn, Center Director, at (510) 238-7739.

***Laurel Street Fair*** – Saturday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., MacArthur Boulevard between 35<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> streets. This family-oriented event has amazing music, a dance stage, huge kids' land, creative crafts and merchandise, info booths, an impressive variety of food vendors and a spotlight on health and wellness. For more information, please visit [www.laureldistrictassociation.org](http://www.laureldistrictassociation.org).

***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Attend and Achieve Backpack Giveaway and Back to School Rally*** – Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14<sup>th</sup> Street at Broadway. A celebration of the importance and value of attending school and doing your best. Free backpack giveaway and information for students and parents about why it is important to make education a family priority. For more information, please contact Oakland Natives Give Back at (877) 510-6642.

***PedalFest*** – Saturday, August 18, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. In collaboration with the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and Bay Area Bikes, this amazing family festival celebrates all things bicycles. Live music, bike demos, stunts, pedal-powered stage, rides, art and food. For more information, please visit <http://pedalfestjacklondon.com/>.

***Open Opera Concert*** – Sunday, August 19, 3:00 p.m., Dimond Park, 3860 Hanly Road. Bring a picnic, blanket or chairs to this operatic event. Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and Bizet will be performed by Bay Area singers. For information, please call (510) 482-7831 or visit [www.openopera.net](http://www.openopera.net).

***4th Annual Unity in the Community Back to School Block Party*** – Saturday, August 25, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Greater Refuge Church of God in Christ, 2001 73rd Avenue. Free backpack giveaway, free haircuts, free health screening, information for parents and families, free lunch and Gospel entertainment. For more information, please call (510) 472-5866.

***Chinatown StreetFest*** – Saturday, August 25 & Sunday, August 26, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Seventh to Eleventh streets from Broadway to Harrison. Now in its 23rd year, enjoy Chinatown's unique ambiance, many restaurants and colorful shops. Celebrating the Year of the Dragon along eight city blocks with continuous live entertainment on two stages, 250 vendor booths, community information, food, kids' carnival and hands-on crafts for the whole family.

Sponsored by the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandchinatownstreetfest.com](http://www.oaklandchinatownstreetfest.com).

***Creek to Bay Day 2012*** – Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, various locations throughout Oakland. The City's annual creek cleanup and beautification event will be held at more than 20 locations. Volunteers will help clean and beautify Oakland's creeks, Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary by picking up trash, removing invasive plants, planting California native species and cleaning up creek beds. Groups of all ages are welcome to participate in this community event to help improve the health of our community and environment. For more information, please visit [www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/s/ID/OAK024743](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/s/ID/OAK024743) or call (510) 238-6227.

Respectfully submitted,

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