



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: November 2, 2012

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Oakland Police Department Excels in SWAT Competition – On October 29, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) placed third among SWAT teams in the recently completed Urban Shield 2012 Training Exercise. OPD would like to extend congratulations for a job well done to the first-place team from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the second-place team from the Sacramento Police Department. In its sixth year, Urban Shield is the nation's premier tactical training exercise competition that tests the capabilities of first responders. The event is hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and has obtained international recognition with representatives from the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and teams from as far away as Brazil and Chicago competing. OPD's SWAT Team is called upon when specialized tactics and/or equipment are required to handle critical incidents within the city or region. Training, tactics, strategy and equipment help to prevent and reduce injury to officers and offenders when dealing with a critical incident. This competition is just one way for OPD to measure its success and validate how it responds to critical incidents. The 48-hour event consisted of SWAT teams that competed in sustained exercises that involved 32 realistic training scenarios based on real-world threats that were spread across the Bay Area. The training scenarios included hostage rescue, maritime/train interdiction, weapons of mass destruction and infrastructure sabotage along with SWAT fitness assessment. Teams were required to successfully respond to each of the staged scenarios with proper tactics using specialized weapons and equipment. OPD had placed first or second in the last three years of competition. OPD's Tactical Team is made up of 60 people, divided into five elements: Command, Entry, Sniper, TNT (negotiation) and Tactical Dispatchers and Electronic Surveillance Unit. For additional information, please contact Lt. Blair Alexander at balexander@oaklandnet.com.

Temporary Road Closures Enable Pavement Improvements on Embarcadero West for the Jack London Square Area – Beginning on November 5, the City will need to temporarily close different segments of Embarcadero West over a two-week period in order to repair the tracks and repave a section of the street. Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A collaborative effort by Oakland's Public Works Agency and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the pavement project will result in the upgrade of railroad tracks on Embarcadero West from Broadway to Clay Street and resurfacing of the roadway from Webster Street to Clay Street. The

construction should be completed by November 16, 2012. Please note that weather may delay the project and extend the work period; however the City and UPRR are committed to completing the primary work before Thanksgiving week. The roadway and track upgrade is much needed work that will greatly benefit the Jack London Square area. Notices of the temporary road closures have been sent to residents and merchants in the area. While the reconstruction work is underway, advance detour signs will be posted, with recommended alternate routes of travel. Local access will be provided. This project is part of an ongoing process between the City and UPRR to improve the safety and operation of tracks and at-grade crossing throughout Oakland. The work includes resetting the tracks and replacing asphalt with concrete panels for a permanently smooth surface. Similar upgrades were completed in 2010 for the tracks between Webster Street and Broadway. In addition to the track work, UPRR agreed to provide funding to the City for providing traffic control and paving the roadway portion of Embarcadero West. A Memorandum of Understanding will be considered by the Oakland City Council on November 13, 2012, to receive the \$200,000 in funds from UPRR. If you have any questions while the repair work is being done, please call (510) 238-7774 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and refer to the "Temporary Lane Closure on Embarcadero West." For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at (510) 238-2966 or kshaff@oaklandnet.com.

CityCamp to Re-Imagine how Technology will Shape the Future of our City – On December 1, CityCamp will bring together City employee, business, neighborhood, non-profit and academic communities to re-imagine the ways in which open source collaboration and technology will shape the future of our city. CityCamp is designed for active audiences and will include discussions, workshops and speakers, largely created and led by attendees. The format of the event is designed for collaborative learning and as a launch pad for ongoing innovation and participation between otherwise disconnected groups in the city. Of particular interest is the use of social/participatory media, mobile devices, linked open data and the idea of the "Web as a platform." CityCamp recognizes that local government, business and community organizations have the most direct influence and impact on our daily lives. This event looks to connect local communities who are dedicated to design, process and technology applications that make cities more open and "user friendly." Participants do not need to be technically savvy as the event is meant to generate ideas from a variety of participants to help create solutions. Hosted by the Oakland Code for America Brigade, the CityCamp will run from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Oakland City Hall, located at 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. CityCamp will be sponsored by Accela. The free event will include breakfast and lunch. OpenOakland was formed to foster these collaborative efforts and to support open, agile government in Oakland. To register for CityCamp, please visit www.citycampoak.org. For more information, please contact Nicole Neditch, Online Engagement Manager, at (510) 238-2105 or nneditch@oaklandnet.com.

Piedmont Avenue Branch Library to Move in November – On November 10, the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library, located at 160 41st Street, will close for relocation. The branch location is being moved to a new site at 80 Echo Avenue, on the grounds of the Piedmont Avenue Elementary School. The new site, located just a few blocks from the old location, will open on Tuesday, November 27. A Grand Opening Celebration will be held Saturday, December 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The branch is moving to achieve lower total facility costs and the

stability of a long-term lease. The future of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library was uncertain beginning in 2009 when a new owner purchased the building and the rent that the City paid for the branch went from \$1 to \$4,250 per month. The Library worked with the community for several years to explore and evaluate options for the branch. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Branch Services Librarian, at (510) 238-3670 or mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org.

City Departments make it a Spooktacular Halloween – On October 31, departments throughout the City of Oakland participated in a Halloween haunted house competition which drew more than 150 local children to tour each department floor with spooky decorations and costumes. Judges were dazzled by a Netherlands waiting room, a spooky, caged King Kong, an enchanted forest, ghosts and ghouls, a werewolf in transformation and much more. This friendly completion helps build intra-agency relationships among City staff and community with Oakland residents. The Office of Parks and Recreation would like to applaud all the departments and staff who participated and joined the Halloween event. The winner of the competition will be announced in the next weekly report. For more information, please contact Tiffany Millinder, Administrative Assistant, at (510) 238-3791.

Halloween Event a Swimming Success – On October 26, the East Oakland Sports Center held its second annual Halloween Family Swim. More than 100 participants attended the free event which ran from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Approximately 50 children, ranging in age from 1 to 12, had the opportunity to paint a mini pumpkin. Participants enjoyed refreshments, swam and splashed about in the water. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

“Renegade” Halloween Howl – On October 28, the Office of Parks and Recreation's dragonboat team known as “The Renegades” hosted their third annual Halloween Howl Dragonboat Regatta from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Merritt Boating Center. Approximately 300 participants from 12 Bay Area adult, university and high school boating teams participated in the competition which drew more than 100 spectators. For more information, please contact Kyle Winslow, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 238-2196.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of November 5, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for Sewer Maintenance Planner. For updated information on City jobs, please visit 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 on-line and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact Daryl Look, Principal Human Resource Analyst, at (510) 238-4479.

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last week.

Senate Bill 1186: \$1 Surcharge on Business Licenses – This memorandum provides information regarding the implementation of a new mandate and business license surcharge imposed by the State of California. www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038282

Five-Year Financial Plan and FY11-12 Fourth Quarter Revenue & Expenditure Report – This memorandum provides detail on the two reports that find the City of Oakland is in its best financial condition in a decade. www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038275

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Monday Night Tights: Ballet Film Series – Mondays through December 3, 7:00 p.m., Danforth Lecture Hall, Mills College Art Museum, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. Mills College is hosting ballet movies every Monday. Some movie titles include *Black Swan*, *Billy Elliot* and *Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary*. For more information, please visit www.mcam.mills.edu/events/.

Peralta Junction Events – Weekends through December 15, Various Hours, corner of Mandela Parkway and West Grand Avenue. Working with local artists, the Peralta Junction Project creates an arts-based gathering space, autumnal activities and exciting economic opportunities. There will be art installations, creative workshops, local performing arts programming, micro-retail shops featuring local artisans, Oakland-based food trucks, a pumpkin patch and a tented creative commons. For more information, please visit <http://peraltajunction.com> or call (510) 550-0009.

Hidden Jewels – Every Saturday through November 10, 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. Jewelry classes where participants can design their own custom pieces. The beginners' classes teach the use of appropriate tools to create original unique jewelry such as earrings, necklaces, bracelets and body jewelry. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 615-5959.

Ira Jinkins Basketball Clinic – Every Saturday year-round, 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The basketball clinic is designed for youth, ages 7-12, to experience the basics of basketball techniques while enjoying fitness. The clinic meets in the gym. For more information including registration fees, please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

18th Annual Days of the Dead Exhibition – Through Sunday, December 9, Various Hours, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. A wide range of local artists are featured in this observance and exhibition entitled *Forgotten Stories, Remarkable Lives: Dias de los Muertos 2012*. Through altars and installations, the exhibition pays tribute to Californians in the recent and more distant past. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org.

We Are America: Resistance & Resilience – Through December 30, Various Hours, Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th Street, Suite 290. An exhibit featuring a 100-year timeline about the civil rights of Filipinos which provides a visual account of Filipino resistance to discrimination and a chronology of the community's struggle for equality. In addition to the timeline a display of photos, artifacts and news articles will be on exhibit. For more information, please visit www.oacc.cc/programs/exhibitions.html.

CORE Classes – Through Saturday, December 1, Various Hours, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. Learn how to make yourself, your family and your neighborhood better prepared to deal with emergencies. There is limited space available for these classes. You can register for CORE I and II classes only, if you prefer. For more information, please visit www.oaklandcore.org, email core@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 238-6351.

Cyrano de Bergerac – Friday, November 2 through Saturday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. Friday, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Oakland School for the Arts, 530 18th Street. The Oakland School for the Arts' School of Theatre presents Edmund Rostand's class story of humor and love. Featuring a cast of 40 students from grades 6-12, this unique production will highlight the heart of this timeless story. For more information, please visit www.oakarts.org/school-theatre.

Ghost Investigation – Saturday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. - Midnight, Pardee Home Museum, 672 11th Street. Join Karen Zimmerman, a professional ghost investigator and author, and her staff in searching for evidence of spirits within the Pardee Home Museum. Karen's recently published book, *Ghost Stories and Legends of Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland*, contains an entire chapter on the Pardee Home. Volunteers will serve food and drinks midway through the event. For more information, please visit www.pardeehome.org.

Oakland Youth Orchestra Fall Concert – Sunday, November 4, 3:00 p.m., Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Boulevard. Celebrating their 49th season, the Oakland Youth Orchestra (OYO), under the direction of Michael Morgan, Artistic Director, will perform Copland - Fanfare for a Common Man, Barber - Overture to 'The School for Scandal,' Ginastera - Suite from Estancia, Dvorak - Symphony no. 8 and more. For more information, please visit www.oyo.org.

Friends of the Oakland Public Library Bookstore Celebrates 20 Years in Old Oakland – Monday, November 5 to Sunday, November 11, Various Hours, Bookmark Bookstore, 721 Washington Street. The Friends of the Oakland Public Library (FOPL) will mark its 20th anniversary with a weeklong celebration by extending the 20 percent discount available to FOPL members to anyone who makes a purchase in the store. Plans include an Anniversary Raffle with prizes from local businesses and Kids' Day on November 10. For more information, please visit the Bookmark Bookstore website at www.thebookmarkbookstore.org.

The Mystery of Bird Song – Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m., Dimond Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. California naturalist and author David Lukas will help answer questions and share his insights into the magical world of bird song – from the ways we study bird song, to the

anatomy of how birds produce sounds, to some of the social behaviors that explain common bird vocalizations. For more information, please visit www.sausalcreek.org or call (510) 501-3672.

Oakland East Bay Symphony Concert: Celebrating Democracy – Friday, November 9, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway. Opening concert for the 2012-13 season with Michael Morgan, Conductor, celebrating the rich, vibrant tradition of American music. For more information, please visit www.paramounttheatre.com.

Interpretive Beer Tasting: A Tastebud Tour of the World's Best Brews – Saturday, November 10, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Oakland-brewed beers and other brews will be available for tasting. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks will also be available for purchase. All proceeds support Feather River Camp. For tickets and more information, please call (510) 336-2267 or visit www.featherrivercamp.com.

Housing Clinic & Homeowner Workshop on Foreclosures – Monday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., registration runs 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway. Assemblymember Sandré R. Swanson, Oakland Mayor Jean Quan and the City of Oakland host a day of free housing and foreclosure prevention services and resources. Lenders will meet face-to-face with homeowners, and information on valuable housing programs will be available. For more information, please call (510) 286-1670 or visit www.asm.ca.gov/swanson.

Patchwork Indie Art & Craft Festival – Sunday, November 18, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square Pavilion, foot of Broadway. Patchwork showcases 100+ curated local independent vendors with handmade goods such as look-and-shop art, knits, clothing, paper goods, accessories, housewares, artisan food and more. Free DIY crafting and complimentary eco-gift wrap. For more information, please visit www.patchworkshow.com.

Jazz at the Chimes – Sunday, November 18, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. Jazz series, featuring a performance by Marcos Silva, returns to this landmark designed by Julia Morgan. For more information, please visit <http://oakland.chapelofthechimes.com/blog/article/show?id=1942>.

Holiday Ice – Sunday, November 18 to Saturday, January 5, Various Times, Oakland Ice Center, 519 18th Street. Enjoy the holiday season by gliding across the ice on a pair of skates during one of the many public skating sessions. Warm clothing and gloves recommended. All Holiday Ice sessions are skate one session, and get the second session 50% off. Discount applies for same day only. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days. Skate rentals available. For more information, please visit www.oaklandice.com.

Holiday Tree Lighting – Friday, November 30, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. This annual tree lighting celebration comes complete with grazing reindeer and live musical performances by Radio Disney recording artist Amber Lily, pop sensation Emme and rising star Jeremy Thurber. Get a sneak preview of a float from the Children's Holiday Parade and meet costumed characters. The Oakland Ballet will host a dress-up station for kids featuring

costumes from this year's performance. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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