



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

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

**DATE:** November 30, 2012

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***OPD Awarded \$55K Grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety*** – On November 28, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) announced it had been awarded a \$55,000 traffic safety grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. This grant is for an anti-DUI program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on Oakland's roadways. OPD is dedicated to keeping the streets safe through both enforcement and education. The special DUI Checkpoint grant will assist in efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug-related collisions. The grant activities will specifically target impaired driving offenders as well as educating the public on the dangers of impaired driving through the use of DUI/driver's license checkpoints. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. Drunk and drug-impaired driving are among America's deadliest crimes. In 2010, Oakland experienced 15 people killed and 129 people injured in alcohol and drug-impaired crashes. Studies show that crashes involving alcohol dropped by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted. Checkpoints have proven to be the most effective of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Office at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***Mayor to Host District 2 Town Hall Meeting*** – On December 5, Mayor Jean Quan, District 2 City Councilmember Pat Kernighan and City staff will attend a Town Hall Meeting at Edna Brewer Middle School, 3748 13th Avenue. Running from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., the meeting will cover topics such as what OPD is doing about crime in the neighborhood, the state of the City, public safety, economic development & jobs, youth & schools, afterschool programs and infrastructure & Public Works. The meeting is an opportunity to meet neighbors, voice concerns and share suggestions. The meeting venue is wheelchair accessible. Simultaneous Spanish translation will be provided. R.S.V.P. to [rsvp2mjg@gmail.com](mailto:rsvp2mjg@gmail.com) or (510) 238-3141. For more information, please contact Ellen Dillard at (510) 238-6514 or Richard Cowan at [rcowan@oaklandnet.com](mailto:rcowan@oaklandnet.com).

***Holiday Safety Tips from the Oakland Police Department*** – As December begins, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) wants to ensure a safe and happy holiday season for everyone. To that end, the department has increased patrols in key areas of Oakland. OPD will be using a variety of enforcement techniques in which officers will focus on intervention, prevention and enforcement. The department will continue its partnerships with the California Highway Patrol, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the California Department of Justice and members of the community to reduce crime. Even during this season of giving, criminals will take advantage of easy targets. Please keep in mind the following personal safety tips throughout the holidays:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices
- Stay in well lit, populated areas
- If you enjoy alcoholic beverages at holiday events, don't drive. Call a taxi or have a designated driver
- Stay alert and keep your shopping bags nearby – don't leave bags unattended
- Avoid showing large amounts of cash when making purchases
- Let people know when you intend to arrive at your destination, so they can keep an eye out for you
- Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle
- Do not leave packages, shopping bags or other items of value visible in your vehicle
- Remember to lock your car doors after entering your vehicle
- If someone or something looks suspicious call the police on OPD's non-emergency number (510) 777-3333.

If you prefer, you can anonymously report suspicious activity by:

- Texting TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your mobile phone
- Calling OPD's toll-free anonymous tip line at 855-TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
- Responding to one of OPD's Nixle messages

To receive OPD alerts, advisories and community messages, please visit [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com). Follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Office at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***Feeding Families at Rainbow Recreation Center on Thanksgiving*** – On Thursday, November 22, the Office of Parks and Recreation's Adult Sports Director Fred Morris and his family hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the local community at the Rainbow Recreation Center. With donations from family, friends, co-workers, Oakland businesses and others, the Morris Family generously fed over 500 families. District 6 City Councilmember Desley Brooks supported the event and was in attendance as adult and youth volunteers provided an unforgettable experience for those attending. Fred was featured in an NBC Bay Area television segment by Cheryl Hurd that followed him picking up turkeys at Uncle Willie's Original BBQ & Fish restaurant in downtown Oakland to his mother's house where the turkeys were carved and other preparations were underway for the Thanksgiving feast. Fred's mother Lorna oversees Project Outreach, Inc. and the East Oakland Food Pantry.

[Click here to view the segment entitled, "Oakland Family Gives Back on Thanksgiving."](#) For more information, please contact Fred Morris, Adult Sports Director, at (510) 238-3496.

***Piedmont Avenue Branch Library Grand Reopening Celebration*** – On Saturday, December 1, a Grand Opening Celebration will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library's new location at 80 Echo Avenue, on the site of the Piedmont Avenue Elementary School. All are welcome to join the celebration. The branch opened at its new location on November 27 after closing earlier in November to vacate its old location. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Branch Services Librarian, at [mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3670.

***OPD Joined with Friends of Bella Vista Park to Host Holiday Safety Fair*** – On November 28, members of the Oakland Police Department (OPD) and other City of Oakland officials joined hundreds of local residents for a Holiday Safety Fair at Bella Vista Elementary School. The fair's aim was to improve safety and prevent crime during the holidays. In addition to educating local residents on ways to protect themselves against robberies and burglaries, which traditionally increase during the holidays, the event fostered a sense of community that is important in making neighborhoods safer. OPD officers lead participants in a workshop on personal safety, which included tips on how to avoid being a target for potential criminals. Following the workshop, local business owners and vendors displayed and demonstrated various security and crime prevention tools and equipment, including door locks, surveillance cameras and alarm systems. The Holiday Safety Fair was a partnership between the Friends of Bella Vista Park, area Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council-17Y and OPD. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Office at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***Holiday Fire Safety Tips*** – As December begins, winter holidays are a great time for families and friends to get together in celebration, but this also brings a greater risk for fire. The Oakland Fire Department offers a few simple tips to ensure a happy and fire safe holiday season.  
Holiday Decorating:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs
- Read the manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining:

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.

For more information, please contact Karen Cox, Public Education Coordinator, at [kcox@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kcox@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7255.

***Informational Hearing Regarding State Laws on the Misuse of Public Funds*** – On December 3, the Public Ethics Commission (PEC) will host an information hearing where San Francisco Deputy City Attorney Andrew Shen will provide an overview of the state laws regarding the misuse of public funds by City government candidates, officials and employees. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m., in Hearing Room 1, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. For more information, please contact Whitney Barazoto, PEC Executive Director, at (510) 238-6620.

***Public Works' Crews Prepare for Wet Weather, Provide Sandbags to Residents & Businesses*** – On November 27, in preparation for the rainy weather, the Public Works Agency (PWA) distributed a press release detailing the proactive measures taken by the agency to prepare for rain. Annually, PWA crews remove debris from storm drains, inlets, culverts, creeks and drainage structures in preparation for the winter months. Throughout the winter, a maximum of 20 sandbags and 50 feet of plastic sheeting (per household/business) will be available for pickup at the City's Municipal Service Center and PWA's Drainage Division facility. Proof of Oakland residency is required to obtain sandbags and sheeting. Oakland Fire Stations will join in storm preparations by distributing sandbags to residents. A limit of five sandbags (per household) will be available for pickup at the Fire Stations. The Agency suggested ways that residents can help prevent water damage and flooding:

- Check & clean private drainage systems, including roof gutters & downspouts
- Keep curbs & gutters free of leaves & debris
- Do not place leaves, debris or lawn clippings near storm drains
- Place leaves & green trimmings in green cart for weekly pickup
- Keep natural waterways such as creeks & ditches free from obstructions
- Do not obstruct access to storm drain inlets with vehicles
- Report flooding problems to Public Works Call Center at (510) 615-5566.

At the same time, PWA renewed its call for volunteers to join the Oakland Adopt a Spot program and keep a storm drain in their neighborhood free of debris. By keeping storm drains clean, volunteers can help prevent flooding of streets and sidewalks while allowing the City to focus storm-response activities on the most critical problems. To adopt a storm drain, visit [www.oaklandadoptaspot.org](http://www.oaklandadoptaspot.org) or call (510) 238-7630. For sandbag and plastic sheeting locations, please read the full press release by visiting [www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038847](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038847). For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, PWA Public Information Officer at [kshaff@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kshaff@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2966.

***Help Bring Holiday Joy to Oakland's Children by Donating to the Mayor's Community Toy Drive*** – On December 2, the 31st Annual Mayor's Community Toy Drive will hold its registration event from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 4 of Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank

H. Ogawa Plaza. Oakland low-income residents can sign up their children who are 12 and under for the Toy Drive. Participants needing to register their children should enter the building via the 14th Street entrance. To register, please bring a photo ID, proof of Oakland residency (e.g., PG&E bill, driver license, etc.), proof of children's ages (e.g., birth certificates, school records, etc.) and proof of income (e.g., TANF, SSI or paystub). There is no need to arrive early as everyone who shows up will be enrolled. The Toy Drive wants to make the holidays joyful for the children of Oakland and provide holiday gifts to children whose families can't afford gifts. The Oaklanders Assistance Center, with help from the Oakland Fire Department, has organized one of the city's largest toy distribution sites. In 2011, more than 11,000 toys were provided to over 5,400 children from low-income families. There are two ways to help – made a tax-deductible contribution or donate toys. While many toys are donated directly to the Mayor's Community Toy Drive, each year additional toys – especially for older kids – are purchased from local toy stores. A tax-deductible monetary donation ensures the purchase of these needed toys. To make a secure, online donation, visit [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com). For those wishing to donate a new, unwrapped toy, donation bins will be in place throughout Oakland until December 23. For more information, please visit the Mayor's Community Toy Drive web page at [www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/Mayor/OAK023177](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/Mayor/OAK023177). For more information on the Mayor's Community Toy Drive, please call (510) 777-TOYS or contact Al Lujan, Oaklanders Assistance Center Supervisor, at [alujan@oaklandnet.com](mailto:alujan@oaklandnet.com).

***Stakeholders' Input Sought During Open House on Future Development around Lake Merritt BART*** – On Saturday, December 15, the City of Oakland will host a public open house from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Laney College's Student Center, 900 Fallon Street. Since 2009, the City has engaged the public in a planning process to guide future transit-oriented development within a half-mile radius of the Lake Merritt BART station. The December open house will focus on the proposals for improvements to streets and open space and land use guidelines for new development within the Planning Area that are included in the Draft Station Area Plan, as well as possible funding and implementation mechanisms to achieve these improvements. The product of this multi-year planning process – the Lake Merritt Station Area Plan – will provide guidelines for how development of the area should take place and plans for the other types of improvements that are needed to support development. At the open house, there will be a formal presentation followed by questions and answers as well as time for attendees to visit stations displaying proposals and provide feedback on the proposals. Input gathered during the event will be synthesized and presented at public hearings to review and adopt the Station Area Plan in early 2013. The open house is open to all. R.S.V.P. to (510) 238-7904 or [Lake\\_merritt\\_plan@oaklandnet.com](mailto:Lake_merritt_plan@oaklandnet.com). Interpretation services will be available during the presentation and materials will be provided in English, Chinese and Vietnamese. Individuals requiring special arrangements, must contact the City five days in advance of the meeting. Please visit [www.business2oakland.com/lakemerrittsap](http://www.business2oakland.com/lakemerrittsap) for more information and a map of the area covered by the Lake Merritt Station Area Plan. To read the press release, please visit [www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038849](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038849). For more information, please contact Harry Hamilton, Public Information Officer, at [hhamilton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hhamilton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2107.

***Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate Hosts A Holiday Tradition*** – On Saturday, December 1, the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate opens its 42nd annual holiday celebration, A Holiday Tradition. One of the Dunsmuir Estate's premier events, the festive holiday event runs for three consecutive weekends. In addition to tours of the magnificent 37-room mansion featuring ornate turn-of-the-century holiday decorations, guests can enjoy strolling the lovely 50-acre estate and indulge in holiday teas, romantic horse-drawn carriage rides and warm beverages while being entertained by holiday performers. The Carriage House Café will offer light lunch or snacks while the Mansion Gift Shop and Carriage House Crafters will help holiday shoppers find unique items for those on their shopping lists. The Kids' Zone will have pony rides, holiday face-painting, crafts and Breakfast with Santa. This year's entertainment has been enhanced with excerpts of "The Nutcracker" performed by the Oakland Ballet and live performances by the Pacific Boychoir. The event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, December 16. The lovely Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate is located at 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. For ticketing and more information, please call Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, at (510) 238-3052 or visit [www.dunsmuir-hellman.com](http://www.dunsmuir-hellman.com).

***Holiday Caroling on Lake Merritt*** – Beginning Friday, December 7, the Office of Parks and Recreation will offer festive caroling on Lake Merritt aboard the "Water Sleigh." Enjoy a unique view of Oakland during the holiday carol sing-a-long. The hour-long programs will begin with candy cane treats at the Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. Song sheets will be provided. Advance registration required. Tours will be offered on Fridays through Sundays from December 7 to 23, plus Thursday, December 20. Tour times are 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the one Thursday and Fridays and 3:00 to 8:00 pm. on Saturdays and Sundays. The 6:00 p.m. tours are for individual participants; other tour times are for whole boat charter only. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Aquatics Director, at (510) 238-2196 or visit [www.sailoakland.com](http://www.sailoakland.com).

***Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate on TLC's "Four Weddings"*** – On Saturday, November 15, an episode of TLC's "Four Weddings" featured the lovely Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate. After being followed by TV cameras through their nuptials, four Northern California brides gathered at the historic estate to learn which one would win the show's grand prize. [Click here to view the episode](#). For more information, please contact Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, at (510) 615-5555.

***Airport Exhibit Features Art from Studio One Art Center Students*** – Through January 2013, the "Playing with Fire" exhibition curated by the Oakland Museum of California at the Oakland International Airport features glass art from the Office of Parks and Recreation's Studio One Art Center. The exhibition is a compilation of glass objects created by youth and adult students at Studio One along with the work of a few other glass art makers. This wonderful art display spotlights the beauty of glass art and flame work created in Oakland. The exhibit can be found on the second floor of Terminal 2. For more information, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at (510) 597-5096.

***Food Distribution for Low-Income Families*** – On Friday, December 14, the Department of Human Services' Hunger Program is sponsoring a food distribution for low-income families and

seniors at multiple sites throughout Oakland. Bags consist of frozen poultry, fresh produce and dried goods and will weigh approximately 15 pounds each. To be eligible, families must reside in one of the seven Community Development (CD) Districts in the City of Oakland. Proof of residence in the CD District of distribution is required. For specific distribution site locations, please visit [www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038921](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak038921). Please call specific sites for distribution times. For more information, please contact Mike Church, Program Analyst, at (510) 238-6590 or [mchurch@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mchurch@oaklandnet.com).

***Volunteers and Tube Socks Needed*** – Through December, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is partnering with EveryOne Home to collect new packages of adult men's tube socks (both men and women—prefer the men's). A donation bin is located in the lobby of the Wilson Building at 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. These socks will be distributed to homeless service users in the community when EveryOne Home conducts its biennial homeless count. The count measures progress towards ending homelessness and is essential in order to maintain funding for homeless services. Because of the recession, there are more service sites than ever in Alameda County, necessitating interviews at 33 sites. Count organizers are only half way to their goal of the needed 250 volunteer interviewers. Without a sufficient number of volunteers, enough sites can not be staffed to provide a statistically accurate count. The biennial homeless count provides a critical picture of the evolving needs among this population. Your help is needed to make the 2013 Count to be as accurate and consistent as prior counts. EveryOne Home is the non-profit organization that coordinates Alameda County's plan to end homelessness and conducts the biennial Homeless Count. The City of Oakland is a key partner and co-chairs EveryOne Home's board of directors. The next Homeless Count will be in late January 2013. For more information or to volunteer, please contact EveryOne Home at (510) 670-9796 or [everyonehome@acgov.org](mailto:everyonehome@acgov.org).

***Final Bulky Item Drop Off Event*** – On December 1, a free Bulky Item Drop Off Event for Oakland residents coordinated by the Public Works Agency will take place at the Waste Management Davis Street Transfer Station in San Leandro from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. This is the last amnesty day scheduled. Select items will be accepted including appliances, mattresses, passenger tires, computers and other electronics. Limits apply. Proof of Oakland residency required. No commercial deliveries accepted. Additional details can be found at [www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK032240](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK032240) or by calling (510) 238-SAVE (7283). For more information, please contact Will Crowder, Recycling Hotline Coordinator, at [wcrowder@oaklandnet.com](mailto:wcrowder@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7073.

***Movies in the Park 2012 Recap*** – From mid-April through October, more than 2,000 children, teens, adults and seniors enjoyed free movie screenings at the 2012 Movies in the Park series held at the Redwood Heights Recreation Center. This fourth season of hosting movies in the park was a success. Even when the weather was chilly, the community loved coming out to the movies and to enjoy the park. The Office of Parks and Recreation looks forward to the beginning of the 2013 Movies in the Park series in the spring. For more information, please contact Brehm Clark, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 482-7827.

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**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. For more information, please visit [www.mcam.mills.edu/events/](http://www.mcam.mills.edu/events/).

***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. For more information including registration fees, please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

***18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.museumca.org).

***We Are America: Resistance & Resilience*** – Through Sunday, 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](http://www.oacc.cc/programs/exhibitions.html).

***Holiday Ice*** – Through 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 percent off. Discount applies for same day only. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days. Skate rentals available. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandice.com](http://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 of "The Nutcracker". For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

***Holiday Pop Up*** – Friday, November 30, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Pavilion Building, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Buy your gifts local this holiday season. This fun holiday shopping event features the best of Oakland's local merchants selling gifts for the holidays, fashions for men and women, accessories, kids' items, home decor, local art and much more. For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

**ZooLights** – Friday, November 30 through Monday, December 31, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. Hundreds of thousands of LED lights brighten Oakland's night sky. Highlights include a candy-cane-lane themed rides area, a nighttime adventure on the Outback Express train, rocking around the Christmas trees in the Children's Zoo, and a light show that's sure to blow out any bah hum bugs. Closed December 24-25. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandzoo.org](http://www.oaklandzoo.org) or call (510) 632-9525, ext. 100.

**CityCamp** – Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. 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. 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." Hosted by the Oakland Code for America Brigade, CityCamp is sponsored by Accela. The free event will include breakfast and lunch. To register for CityCamp, please visit [www.citycampoak.org](http://www.citycampoak.org). For more information, please contact Nicole Neditch, Online Engagement Manager, at [nneditch@oaklandnet.com](mailto:nneditch@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2105.

**Beginners' Jewelry Class** – Saturdays from December 1 to December 22, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The beginners' classes teach the use of appropriate tools to create original unique jewelry such as, earrings, necklace, bracelets and body jewelry. The class instructor will discuss new techniques in beading, wire chains, jump rings and more. For additional information, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

**Piedmont Avenue Branch Library Grand Opening Celebration** – Saturday, December 1, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 80 Echo Avenue. Community celebration for the opening of the branch library at its new site on the grounds of the Piedmont Avenue Elementary School. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Branch Services Librarian, at [mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3670.

**Oakland Holiday Parade** – Saturday, December 1, 2:00 p.m., Broadway from 14th to 20th streets. Dancing trees and floats join the marching bands, drill teams and clowns. It's fun to watch kids see their favorite stars. Santa rides his sleigh along the parade route. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandholidayparade.com](http://www.oaklandholidayparade.com).

**Piedmont Avenue's 4th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll** – Saturday, December 1, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Key Route Plaza, Piedmont Avenue at 41st Street. A holiday tradition featuring the unveiling of the Avenue's holiday decorations, performances by local school children and Santa Claus ceremoniously lighting a giant tree in the plaza. Enjoy photos with Santa and walk the Avenue to visit shops staying open throughout the evening. For more information, please visit [www.piedmontavenue.org](http://www.piedmontavenue.org).

**36th Annual Lighted Yacht Parade** – Saturday, December 1, 5:30 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. The Encinal Yacht Club and Oakland Yacht Club present this festive event featuring highly decorated boats gliding along the Oakland Estuary. For more information, please visit [www.lightedyachtparade.com](http://www.lightedyachtparade.com).

**27th Annual Holiday Concert** – Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir presents its popular holiday concert with special guests. For more information, please visit [www.oigc.org](http://www.oigc.org).

**Holiday Gift & Art Sale** – Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Junior Center of Art and Science, 558 Bellevue Avenue. Student artwork for sale along with handmade wares from local artists. Face painting, kids' activities and more. For more information, please visit [www.juniorcenter.org](http://www.juniorcenter.org).

**7th Annual Jingtown Winter ArtWalk** – Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Jingtown between the Park and Fruitvale Street bridges along the Oakland Estuary. The annual winter open studio event will highlight 35 artists who live and/or work in the area known as Jingtown, one of the most established arts districts in the Bay Area. The Winter ArtWalk opening reception will be held on November 30, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at 4:20 Gallery, 420 Peterson Street. For more information, please visit [www.jingtown.org](http://www.jingtown.org).

**5th Annual Temescal Holiday Skate & Stoll** – Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Telegraph Avenue at 49th Street. Enjoy an outdoor skating sensation on a faux ice rink plus skateboarding demonstrations, roving musicians, booths, lights & decorations, Santa and holiday cheer. For more information, please visit [www.temescaldistrict.org](http://www.temescaldistrict.org).

**Songs for a Starry Night** – Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. Saturday and 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Odell Johnson Theater, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. The Oakland-East Bay Gay Men's Chorus presents its holiday concerts with a mix of seasonal songs representing the diversity of the East Bay. For more information, please visit [www.oebgmc.org](http://www.oebgmc.org).

**A Holiday Tradition** – Saturdays & Sundays from December 1 through December 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. Visitors tour the magnificent 37-room mansion, which features turn-of-the-20th-century holiday decorations plus indulge in Holiday teas, ride the romantic horse-drawn carriage and sip something warm while being entertained by holiday performers. Work on your holiday shopping list at the mansion gift shop or the Carriage House crafters. The Kids' Zone will have pony rides, holiday face-painting, crafts and Breakfast with Santa. The Oakland Ballet will perform an excerpt of "The Nutcracker". For more information, please visit [www.dunsmuir-hellman.com](http://www.dunsmuir-hellman.com) or call (510) 238-3052.

**Snow Flurries** – Saturday, December 1 to Monday, December 31, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Enjoy snow flurries on ever hour sprouting 15 feet into the air from atop life-sized snowmen located throughout the Square. For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

***OPR District 4 Community Focus Groups*** – Monday, December 3, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter Street. The Office of Parks and Recreation will host a series of focus groups to gather community input on OPR facilities and programming. Participants will hear plans for the New Year, discuss park programs, dog play areas, park use hours, facility improvements and public safety. For more information on the focus groups, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at (510) 597-5027.

***OPR District 3 Community Focus Groups*** – Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Willie Keys Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street. The Office of Parks and Recreation will host a series of focus groups to gather community input on OPR facilities and programming. Participants will hear plans for the New Year, discuss park programs, dog play areas, park use hours, facility improvements and public safety. For more information on the focus groups, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at (510) 597-5027.

***Holiday Stroll - Winter Wonderland*** – Thursday, December 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Montclair Village, Mountain Boulevard and surrounding streets. In addition to shops staying open late to offer discounts and promotions, the event features music, food and drink. Free parking in the Montclair Garage from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.montclairvillage.com](http://www.montclairvillage.com).

***OPR District 6 Community Focus Groups*** – Thursday, December 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Rainbow Recreation Center, 5800 International Boulevard. The Office of Parks and Recreation will host a series of focus groups to gather community input on OPR facilities and programming. Participants will hear plans for the New Year, discuss park programs, dog play areas, park use hours, facility improvements and public safety. For more information on the focus groups, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at (510) 597-5027.

***Oakland First Fridays Holiday Edition*** – Friday, December 7, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., Telegraph Avenue from 17th to 27th streets; various other locations throughout KONO, Uptown and downtown Oakland. Monthly arts and culture event featuring local crafts/artisan bazaar, unique food vendors, live music performances, performance artists, DJs, interactive art installations, live painting, gallery exhibitions, beer garden, food trucks and much more. Get your holiday gifts or just enjoy the festivities. The event is accessible via BART, AC Transit and the free Broadway Shuttle. Bike valet parking is also available. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandfirstfridays.org](http://www.oaklandfirstfridays.org), [www.konooakland.org](http://www.konooakland.org) or [www.oaklandartmurmur.org](http://www.oaklandartmurmur.org).

***6th Annual Holiday Sales Bazaar*** – Friday, December 7, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m., Pavilion Building, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Meet the youth entrepreneurs from BUILD and do your holiday shopping at this family-friendly event. BUILD is a college prep organization that teaches teens about the business world. For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

***27th Annual Christmas Revels*** – Friday, December 7 to Sunday, December 9 & Friday, December 14 to Sunday, December 16, Various Times, Scottish Rite Theater, 1547 Lakeside Drive. Celebrate the Solstice on the shores off the Adriatic Sea with three Festive Fools and a whole village worth of song, dance and seasonal merriment circa 1520. Christmas Revels blends

traditional music, dance, ritual and folk plays from many different cultures, presented by a large volunteer chorus of local children and adults accompanied by professional actors, musicians and artists. For more information, please visit [www.californiarevels.org](http://www.californiarevels.org).

***Holiday Caroling on Lake Merritt*** – Friday, December 7 to Sunday, December 9; Friday, December 14 to Sunday, December 16 & Thursday, December 20 to Sunday, December 23, Various Hours, Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. Enjoy a unique view of Oakland from our Water Sleigh as you and your friends sing holiday carols on an hour-long program that includes treats before a tour of Lake Merritt. Advance registration required. 6:00 p.m. tours are for individual participants. Other tour times for are for whole boat charter only. Call for details and to register. For more information, please visit [www.sailoakland.com](http://www.sailoakland.com) or call (510) 238-2916.

***Keep Calm and Sing a Song Sing-a-long*** – Saturday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., The New Parkway Theater, 474 24th Street. A magical day of educational film, videos, storytelling, music, movement and song that celebrates the genius of quality educational children's films, shows and music. Photographers, painters and other visual artists are invited to submit their work to be exhibited on the screen. For more information, please visit [www.facebook.com/events/467005186683627/](http://www.facebook.com/events/467005186683627/).

***Sounds of the Season Concert*** – Saturday, December 8, 7:00 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison Street. The Oakland School for the Arts hosts a holiday choral concert. For more information, please visit [www.OakArts.org](http://www.OakArts.org).

***Holiday Gift Art Sale & Open House*** – Saturday, December 8 & Sunday, December 9, Noon - 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Noon - 4:00 p.m. Sunday. The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. A fun day for the whole family featuring live demonstrations, molten metal pour, handmade art for sale, a visit from Santa, class discounts and more. For more information, please visit [www.thecrucible.org](http://www.thecrucible.org).

***Oakland East Bay Symphony Concert: Let Us Break Bread Together*** – Sunday, December 9, 4:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. A holiday celebration with Michael Morgan, Conductor, featuring inspiring performances of gospel music, classical selections, holiday favorites and sing-a-longs with the Oakland Symphony Chorus, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Piedmont Choirs, Mt. Eden High School Choir & Klezmer band Kugelplex. For more information, please visit [www.paramounttheatre.com](http://www.paramounttheatre.com).

***OPR Citywide Programs Focus Groups*** – Monday, December 10, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Sailboat House, 568 Bellevue Avenue. Office of Parks and Recreation will host a series of focus groups to gather community input on OPR facilities and programming. Participants will hear plans for the New Year, discuss park programs, dog play areas, park use hours, facility improvements and public safety. For more information on the focus groups, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at (510) 597-5027.

***Kwanzaa Celebration*** – Wednesday, December 12, Noon - 1:00 p.m., Oakland City Center, Broadway at 13th Street. The West African Highlife Band revives the “highlife” dance classics

with a fusion of African and world music. This amazing band blends rich vocal harmonies, intertwining guitars and exciting percussion. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandcitycenter.com](http://www.oaklandcitycenter.com).

***OPR District 7 Community Focus Groups*** – Thursday, December 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. Office of Parks and Recreation will host a series of focus groups to gather community input on OPR facilities and programming. Participants will hear plans for the New Year, discuss park programs, dog play areas, park use hours, facility improvements and public safety. For more information on the focus groups, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at (510) 597-5027.

***Fruitvale Traditional Christmas Posada*** – Friday, December 14, 4:00 p.m., Meet at the corner of Fruitvale Avenue and International to start the procession. The Christmas Posada is a Mexican tradition re-enacting Mary's and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem. Pilgrims participating in Posadas traditionally sing hymns and go door-to-door symbolically asking for shelter. After the procession, a celebration with piñatas and traditional tea for the participants will be held. For more information, please visit [www.unitycouncil.org](http://www.unitycouncil.org) or call (510) 535-6919.

***2012 Holiday Lights by the Bay*** – Friday, December 14 & Sunday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. Friday, 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Oakland Ice Center, 519 18<sup>th</sup> Street. A 90-minute figure skating exhibition presented by the Oakland Ice Center Skating School – Operated by Sharks Ice. Skaters from the Learn to Skate program of all levels will be performing as well as the Special Skaters program and Adult Synchronized Skating team. Special guests to include current Elite and National level competitors. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandice.com](http://www.oaklandice.com).

***Fairy Winterland*** – Friday, December 14 to Sunday, December 23, Noon - 7:00 p.m., Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue. Fairy Winterland celebrates the winter holidays of many cultures: Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Diwali and Chinese New Year with stories, crafts, a festival of lights and a visit from Santa. For more information, please visit [www.fairyland.org](http://www.fairyland.org).

***Oakland Youth Chorus Gifts of Unity Concert*** – Saturday, December 15, 6:00 p.m., Presbyterian Church of Oakland, 2619 Broadway. OYC's singers, ages 5 to 18, will warm up a chilly December evening with traditional and exciting new arrangements of songs from around the world. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandyouthchorus.org](http://www.oaklandyouthchorus.org).

***Laurel Holiday Stroll and Donation Drive*** – Saturday, December 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Laurel District, MacArthur Boulevard between 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue and High Street. The Stroll features food sampling, wine tasting, music, tree lights and live art. Begin at Marquardt Property Management (4164 MacArthur Boulevard) with your canned food, toy or coat donation and get an All-Access Stamp. For more information, please visit [www.laureldistrictassociation.org/events](http://www.laureldistrictassociation.org/events).

***35th Annual Middle School Holiday Basketball Tournament*** – Saturday, December 15 & Sunday, December 16, 9:00 a.m., Skyline High School, 12250 Skyline Boulevard and Oakland

Technical High School, 4351 Broadway. The Office of Parks and Recreation will host its annual holiday tournament. The Boys' tournament will be held at Skyline High School while the Girls' tournament will be held at Oakland Technical High School. For more information, please contact Armond Gray, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 238-3897.

***Family Holiday Craft Exchange*** – Sunday, December 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Bring your family together to make this a merry holiday season. Enjoy making handmade holiday ornaments as gifts to exchange. For more information, please call (510) 238-7526.

***Annual Holiday Concert*** – Sunday, December 16, 7:00 p.m., Imani Community Church, 3300 MacArthur Boulevard. The Oakland Interfaith Youth Choir brightens the holidays with its annual holiday concert. For more information, please visit [www.oigc.org](http://www.oigc.org).

***Chanukah Celebration*** – Wednesday, December 19, Noon - 1:00 p.m., Oakland City Center, Broadway at 13th Street. Playing exuberant, old-world soul music, Kugelplex performers with special guest vocalist Jewlia Eisenberg. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandcitycenter.com](http://www.oaklandcitycenter.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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