



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: February 8, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Upcoming Holidays and Furloughs – On Monday, February 10; Tuesday, February 11 and Monday, February 18, the City of Oakland administrative offices will be closed for a mandatory business closure day and the Lincoln's Birthday and Presidents' Day holidays. While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holidays or business closures. To read the full release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039627>. For more information, contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at kboyd@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6365.

"Improving Public Safety in Oakland" Forum part of the Safe Oakland Speaker Series – On Sunday, February 10, the City of Oakland will hold a forum on improving public safety in Oakland. Joining Mayor Jean Quan, City Councilmember Libby Schaaf and Police Chief Howard Jordan will be guest speaker Robert Wasserman, a nationally recognized public safety expert and chairman of the Strategic Policy Partnership. Strategic Policy Partnership is a consulting service which assists public agencies – including Oakland – with policing strategy development and performance improvement. Mr. Wasserman is also the author of "Guidance for Building Communities of Trust," published by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Sunday's event will provide insight on Oakland's short-term and long-term plans, and, more importantly, provide community dialogue about what Oakland is doing – and should be doing – to make our community safer. The event will run from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the Valley Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. For more information, please contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at (510) 238-6365 or Sgt. Chris Bolton, Chief of Staff, at (510) 238-3131.

Oakland Offers Nation's First Municipal Identification/Debit Card – On Friday, February 1, the City of Oakland officially launched the Oakland City ID Prepaid MasterCard program with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This is the first card of its kind in the U.S. and represents a major new resource for the community. At launch, the program has two locations: Downtown at 250 Frank

H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 6301 and in the Fruitvale at the Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation, 1470 Fruitvale Avenue. A third office will be opened in East Oakland in March. SF Global, a program partner with the City of Oakland, also plans on providing a mobile unit to facilitate card enrollment efforts organized by local community and faith-based organizations. The card provides a government ID for Oakland residents now lacking an official form of identification and provides optional, secure financial services and products to those unbanked and under banked. All city residents able to provide proof of identity and residency in Oakland are eligible for the card. SF Global developed and initiated the city identification debit card program in the US and was selected by the Oakland City Council to issue its municipal ID/Prepaid card. The City of Oakland leads other cities and regional municipalities in the country in addressing both the official identification and affordable financial needs of all of its residents, and in particular, of its most vulnerable residents. The City ID MasterCard card is issued by University National Bank, member FDIC, pursuant to license by MasterCard International Incorporated. MasterCard is a registered trademark of MasterCard International Incorporated. For more information, please contact SF Global Program Manager Luis Flores at (510) 893-3606.

City of Oakland Welcomes Code for America Fellows – On Tuesday, February 5, Mayor Jean Quan, City Councilmember Libby Schaaf and City Administrator Deanna J. Santana welcomed an excited team of innovative fellows from Code for America to Oakland. The three fellows – Sheila Dugan, Richa Agarwal and Cris Cristina – will be embedded in the City for the next four weeks while they work with City staff and the community to identify needs, leading to the development of new apps and tools that will bring greater openness, efficiency and participation to local government. The fellows will hold weekly open office hours every Friday through March 1. The office hours will be held from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Hearing Room #3 in Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and are open to the public and City staff. Their focus will be on two subject areas which are a common challenge for local governments nationwide: public records requests and contracting/procurement. These projects will make it easier for Oakland citizens to access the information they need and foster a more direct dialogue between residents and City Hall. In March, the fellows will return to Code for America headquarters in San Francisco to develop their ideas for implementation later this year. The City of Oakland is one of 10 municipalities participating in the 2013 national fellowship program. Through a competitive process, Oakland was selected for its commitment to engaging a motivated community, as well as its forward-thinking approach to openness and government transparency. Code for America collaborates with local governments seeking to keep pace with the community they serve by creating and implementing new applications, and by demonstrating new ways of resolving local challenges. To read the media release, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039618. For more information, please contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at kboyd@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6365.

City of Oakland Launches Open Data Platform to Spur Civic Innovation – On Friday, February 1, the City of Oakland announced the launch of its open data platform. In launching the platform, the City joins the ranks of other forward-thinking government organizations around the

world that are using Open Data as a platform for increased civic engagement and government transparency, improved decision making, and more efficient and effective service delivery. The newly launched website, <https://data.oaklandnet.com>, will serve as the central repository of the City of Oakland's public data. The website allows users to access, visualize and download City data. In addition, programmers will appreciate the site's Application Programming Interface (API), which enables direct access to tap into City data to build software applications. The website also provides the public with the opportunity to engage with the City and contribute feedback and ideas. The site allows users to request additional datasets and create their own unique maps and charts that they can then share via social media, or embed on blogs and websites. The City of Oakland collects a broad range of data in order to perform its tasks. By making the data easily accessible to both staff and the public alike, it has the potential to transform how the City does business and provides the community a better view into the inner workings of local government. An initial offering of over 50 datasets is available on the site. The data catalog will grow over time as City employees discover or aggregate new data, or as data is suggested by the public. The City of Oakland is fortunate to have creative, committed and tech-savvy residents and community partners. By opening City data, the City of Oakland hopes to spark innovation and allow for the creation of dozens more free or low-cost customized apps that would create value for citizens and promote civic engagement. To read the full release, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039584. For more information, contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at kboyd@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6365.

Mayor's Summer Jobs Program Kicks Off with \$50,000 Grant – On Thursday, February 7, Mayor Jean Quan announced that the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program (MSJP) kicked off with a \$50,000 grant from Bank of America. Last year, the MSJP offered summer employment to almost 1,000 Oakland youths. The goal this year is to provide a job for every kid who applies. Bank of America's grant is to the East Bay Community Foundation through its workforce development fund. The \$50,000 grant will create 31 jobs for local teens, working with the City of Oakland, non-profit organizations, and local Oakland businesses. Part of the City of Oakland's long-term solution for economic justice and violence reduction, a MSJP internship gives kids experiences and connections that will help them access the critical jobs pipeline later in life. Kids who get these internships are more likely to graduate high school, more likely to go to college and more likely to find productive employment. To help connect unemployed and underemployed people, including young adults, with training and educational opportunities, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation has made workforce development and education among its top philanthropic priorities. This year, the City of Oakland intends to train and place over 2,000 youth into summer jobs. To meet this goal, the program is looking to the private sector to join in creating summer jobs for youth. To support the jobs program and hire a youth for summer 2013, please make a tax-deductible contribution to support local youth by contacting the Mayor's Office at (510) 238-3141 or meverhart@oaklandnet.com.

Oakland Unite's Violence Prevention Network Coordinator Interviewed on Forum – On Thursday, January 31, Kevin Grant, Oakland Unite's Violence Prevention Coordinator, spent an hour talking with Michael Krazny on KQED's Forum about his violence prevention efforts. The discussion covered interrupting violence and retaliation in Oakland's hot spot areas where shootings and homicides are most prevalent, how the work is done, how success is measured and

how he integrates working with Probation and the Oakland Police Department (OPD) while maintaining the trust of those he works with. Guest calls included a parolee being mentored by Kevin who discussed how services have helped him escape from the cycle of violence and Captain Ersie Joyner from the Oakland Police Department who shared how he has worked with Kevin in the past. The hour-long recording is available to stream at Oakland Unite's website at <http://oaklandunite.org/oakland-unite-in-the-media/>. Also on that page is a link to another recording from KQED Forum's radio show "Living With Gun Violence" featuring Cindy Hill-Ford of Catholic Charities of the East Bay describing how Oakland Unite is working to reduce homicides and shootings in Oakland. For more information, please contact Priya Jagannathan, Interim DHS Program Manager, at pjagannathan@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2360.

Mother of The Year Nominations – On Saturday, May 11, the City of Oakland will honor Oakland's Mother of the Year. The public is invited to submit nominations for Mother of the Year Award through noon on Friday, April 12. Oakland's Mother of the Year Award program was initiated in 1954 to publicly honor Oakland citizens whose contributions to the community symbolize the finest traditions of "motherhood." The award is given to an extraordinary individual whose life story is inspirational, reflecting, among other traits, the values of volunteerism, leadership, heroism and achievement against all odds. Nomination forms may be downloaded by visiting www.oaklandnet.com/parks or picked up from the Office of Parks and Recreation at 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3330. A panel comprising city officials, business leaders and community representatives will review the nominations and select the honoree. In addition to the Mother of the Year awardee, nominees will be recognized at a ceremony at the Morcom Rose Garden on Saturday, May 11. For more information, please contact Kola Thomas, Recreation Center Director, at kthomas2@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5555.

Open Data Day Hackathon – On Saturday, February 23, the City of Oakland will co-host a hackathon with OpenOakland to celebrate International Open Data Day. Join volunteer programmers, coders and community members at the 81st Avenue Branch Library to explore, visualize and build apps using government data. To suggest ideas for apps and needed data, visit <http://www.engageoakland.com>. To register for the event, please visit <http://opendatadayoakland.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, please contact Nicole Neditch, Online Engagement Manager, at nneditch@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2105.

Department of Human Services Food Distribution – On Friday, February 15, 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. Each bag weighs approximately 15 pounds. 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. Call the specific site for distribution times. Please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039633> for specific site locations. For more information, please contact Mike Church, Program Analyst, at mchurch@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6590.

Living Black History – On Saturday, February 16, the deFremery Recreation Center, located at 1651 Adeline Street, will host Oakland youth and families in an exploration of the traditions and

history of African American culture in the Bay Area. Residents who lived in West Oakland in the 1940s, 1950s or 1960s are encouraged to bring pictures and stories for discussion and documentation. The event begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Valorie Winn, Recreation Director, at (510) 238-7739.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of February 11, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following position: Receptionist to the City Auditor. 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 the Department of Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Save the Date for Oakland EarthEXPO and Earth Day – On Wednesday, April 10, Earth Expo will be held in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Renew Your Commitment." Earth Day events will be held on April 20. More details on these two events will be provided in the next few weeks. For more information on EarthEXPO, please visit www.oaklandearthexpo.com. For more information on Earth Day activities, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK026214>.

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandum was released in the last week.

The City of Oakland Rating Affirmations by Moody's – This memorandum provides an update on the affirmation of the City's long-term credit ratings with regards to its outstanding Pension Obligation Bond and General Obligation Bond debt. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039614>

Budget Director – This memorandum announces the appointment of Donna Hom as Budget Director for the City of Oakland, effective immediately. Ms. Hom had been serving as the City's Interim Budget Director since October 1, 2012. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039629>

Upcoming Meetings and 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.

Encuentros: Youth Speaks Poetry Workshops – Tuesdays through February 12, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street. The winter cycle of Youth Speaks' free afterschool writing workshops for teens, ages 13 to 19, is underway. Encuentros is a space for Latina/o, migrant and undocumented youth to share and write about their everyday stories. For more information, please call (510) 535-5620.

Little Tots Program – Every Tuesday and Thursday through March 21, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The 10-week-long Little Tots program is designed for children, ages 3 to 4 (must be potty trained). For more information, please call (510) 482-7827 or visit www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/s/facility/OAK029394.

Big Tots Program – Every Tuesday and Thursday through March 21, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The 10-week-long Big Tots program is designed for children, ages 4½ to 5. For more information, please call (510) 482-7827 or visit www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/s/facility/OAK029394.

Off the Grid: Lake Merritt at OMCA – Every Friday, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. The Bay Area's most talked-about food truck party comes to Oakland. Enjoy a family-friendly take on a festive night market on 10th Street with curbside cuisine. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org or call (510) 318-8400.

Second Fridays at Mosswood Rec Center – Every second Friday, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Enjoy this monthly performing arts social. Engage and share in music, dance and poetry geared to those ages 16 and up. For more information, please call (510) 597-5038.

Sewing with a Purpose – First and third Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Come revamp your favorite clothes, from jeans to shirts, in this fun and exciting semimonthly class and learn basic sewing skills. For more information including class fees, please call (510) 597-5038.

New School Crafting – Every third Friday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Patrons, ages 21 and up, can stop by and create arts & crafts in a fun and relaxing setting while enjoying appetizers and drinks. For more information including class fees, please call (510) 597-5038.

Junior Warriors Basketball League – Saturdays through February 16, Various recreation centers, middle schools and elementary schools throughout Oakland. Youth in three age divisions participate in this league for boys and girls: Peewee (kindergarten to second grade #20706), third to fifth grades (#30706) and sixth to eighth grades (#40706). For more information including registration fees, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parks or call Armond Gray, Youth Sports Coordinator, at (510) 238-6279 or (510) 238-3495.

Juan Bautista de Anza National History Trail Traveling Exhibit – Through Thursday, February 28, Various Hours, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The exhibit highlights the 30

families, including more than 100 children, who established the first European settlement at San Francisco Bay in 1776. The families' arrival heralded an era of change, introducing settlers of mixed African, European and Native American ancestry who would lay a new cultural foundation for the American West. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/JUBA or call (415) 623-2344.

Funky Soul Stop ENStallation – Through Wednesday, February 27, Various Hours, Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. Get ready to get down with a funky visual treat as Ed N. Sted brings his Mixed-Media-Funk Collection to the Lakeview Branch. This art exhibition celebrates Ed N. Sted's Funky Soul Stop, a local business celebrating 20 years of music, art, vintage and cool. For more information, please call (510) 238-7344.

Skate into Fun – Saturday, February 9, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., deFremery Recreation Center, 1651 Adeline Street. Join the West Oakland community for this fun community skateboard event. In partnership with Friends of deFremery Park, Town Park and local skaters, the event will feature prizes, a skate contest and music. For more information, please contact Valorie Winn, Recreation Director, at (510) 238-7739.

Mindful Drumming: Community Wellness & Healing – Saturday, February 9, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc., 3278 West Street. Mindful Drumming is a transformative learning process that offers individuals opportunities to heal ancient wounds, to forgive through the nonverbal process of rhythm and sound and to experience the natural richness that diversity brings. Participants will utilize rhythm and sound as a way of raising awareness, practicing the art of listening and raising consciousness for a rich experience of joy and peace. There will be drums available. For more information, please visit www.ahc-oakland.org or call (510) 652-5530.

Ishmael Reed: Reading and Book Signing – Saturday, February 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Legendary Oakland author Ishmael Reed, one of the most outspoken voices in African American literature, will discuss his latest book, "Going Too Far: Essays About America's Nervous Breakdown." For more information, please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Wednesday, February 13, 10:15 a.m., Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Avenue. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 615-5727.

The Concentric Mandala Project Opening – Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290. View the Mandala in the lobby created by artist Nancy Horn. For more information, please visit www.oacc.cc.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Thursday, February 14, 3:30 p.m., Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. Celebrate the music and dance

of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 597-5023.

25th Annual African American Cultural Celebration – Thursday, February 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison Street. Join St. Paul's Episcopal School for an evening honoring the influence of African American music on world music. The event includes performances by student bands and guest artists of gospel, soul and jazz music. For more information, please visit www.spes.org or call (510) 285-9630.

Love Notes – Thursday, February 14, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Malonga Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Celebrate Valentine's Day at this concert of tribute sound to Luther Vandross featuring the amazing Ray McCoy Band. For more information, please visit www.brownpapertickets.com or call (510) 238-7526.

Anthony Browder: Lecture and Book Signing – Friday, February 15, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Scholar, author and cultural historian Anthony T. Browder's three decades of study have led him to the conclusion that ancient Africans were the architects of civilization and developed the rudiments of what has become the scientific, religious and philosophical backbone of mankind. He will discuss his bestselling book, "Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization." For more information, please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Exhibition Celebrating African American History – From Friday, February 15 to Thursday, February 28, Various Hours, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The Office of Parks and Recreation celebrates African American History with an exhibition of two-dimensional art by City of Oakland employees that depicts aspects of African American life. In addition to the art exhibition, there will be a noontime special event on February 15. For more information, please contact Derin Minor, Building Services Manager, at (510) 238-3998 or Tomye Neal-Madison, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 238-2786.

Invention Experience – Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. In the spirit of the NASA Night Rover Challenge, Invention Experience invites students to invent, prototype, and present their own ideas. Prize drawings, giveaways, face to face with experts in the field and more. For more information, please visit <http://www.chabotspace.org/events.htm>.

Year of the Snake/Lunar New Year Festival 2013 – Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290. Event will include cultural performances, arts & crafts expo and artists workshops for the whole family. Free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.oacc.cc.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Saturday, February 16, 1:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street, Suite 271. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming,

singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 535-5620.

“Follow the Yellow Brick Road” – Saturday, February 16, 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., Malonga Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Enjoy two performances of this stage play. For more information, please visit <http://www.mccatheater.com>. To purchase tickets, please visit www.brownpapertickets.com.

Elaine Brown Lecture and Discussion – Saturday, February 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. As an author, prison activist and former chair of the Black Panther Party, Elaine Brown has a lot to say about a lot of issues. This lecture will be about “Black Life in the Age of Obama.” The public is invited to join in the discussion following her lecture. She is the author of “A Taste of Power” and “Condemnation of Little B.” For more information please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Black History Weekend – Saturday, February 16 & Sunday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue. Join award winning storyteller Kirk Waller as he uses his unique skills to combine old tales with special surprises. Story time is 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. with themed arts & crafts from Noon to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please visit www.fairyland.org or call (510) 452-2259.

12th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration – Sunday, February 17, Noon - 4:30 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Event honors California's diversity and celebrates the many time-honored traditions of Asian communities. Drumming, musical and acrobatic performances along with marital arts and yo-yo demonstrations are just part of the fun. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org or (510) 318-8400.

Discussion and Book Signing by Dr. Fitz Hill – Tuesday, February 19, 2:00 p.m., West Oakland Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street. Arkansas Baptist College President Dr. Fitz Hill has been a passionate scholar on the challenges faced by African Americans in college coaching. He has written the most comprehensive book on the subject – “Crackback! How College Football Blindsides the Hopes of Black Coaches.” For more information, please visit www.crackback.us or call (510) 508-3309.

Drop-In Art – Tuesday, February 19 to Saturday, February 23, Various Hours, MOCHA, 538 Ninth Street, Suite 210. Celebrate Black History Month with themed drop-in art projects all week long. Paint, build, sculpt, create - with our help, children, ages 18 months - 6 years, can take their first important steps toward a lifetime of creativity. For more information, please visit www.mocha.org or call (510) 465-8770.

Coffee and Conversation at DOSC – Wednesday, February 20, 9:30 a.m., Downtown Oakland Senior Center (DOSC), 200 Grand Avenue. Tobin Evans, a pest inspector with more than 15 years of experience, will present on “Bedbugs: a problem we can't ignore” and answer questions from the audience. R.S.V.P. at (510) 238-3284. For more information, please call (510) 238-3284.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Wednesday February 20, 10:00 a.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 238-7352.

Discover the Diversity of Early California – Wednesday, February 20, Noon - 1:30 p.m., Hearing Room 2, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. In honor of Black History Month, this event features a screening of “The Anza Expedition” film and a panel discussion featuring representatives from the Oakland Black Cowboy Association, the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park and the Juan Bautista de Anza National History Trail, a unit of the National Park Service. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/JUBA or call (415) 623-2344.

Black History Month Craft – Thursday, February 21, 3:30 p.m., 81st Avenue East Oakland Community Library, 1021 81st Avenue. Join us in making a craft to celebrate Black History Month. For more information, please call (510) 615-5812.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Saturday, February 23, 10:00 a.m., Tour meets at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. This 90-minute guided walking tour highlights the African-American leaders who helped shape present-day Oakland including Lionel Wilson, Robert Maynard, Delilah Beasley and others. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours or call (510) 238-3234.

African American Quilters – Saturday, February 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. Enjoy a demonstration and workshop on the art of quilting. For more information, please call (510) 238-7352.

Celebrate African American Heritage Month with Bodac Cultural – Tuesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m., Eastmont Branch Library, 7200 Bancroft Avenue, Suite 211. Celebrate the music and dance of Africa with Bodac Cultural, an international African Traditional drumming, singing, dancing and performing arts group that originated in West Africa. For more information, please call (510) 615-5726.

Skyline High Jazz Band Concert – Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m., Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West. Come listen to some great Jazz by the Skyline High School Jazz Band and Jazz Combo. Proceeds will be used to send the award-winning band to the Reno Jazz Festival in April. For more information, please visit <http://yoshis.inticketing.com/>.

Angela Y. Davis: Discussion and Book Signing – Friday, March 1, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Ms. Davis will discuss her latest book, “The Meaning of Freedom and Other Difficult Dialogues.” For more information, please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

54th Annual White Elephant Sale – Saturday, March 2 & Sunday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., White Elephant Sale Warehouse, 333 Lancaster Street. Join bargain hunters, treasure seekers and vintage collectors to check out all the fantastic finds at the biggest and best rummage sale in the West which is a fundraiser for the Oakland Museum of California. For more information, please visit www.whiteelephantsale.org.

AAUW's 31st Annual Summer Camps and Programs Fair – Sunday, March 10, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m., Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. Meet representatives from more than 80 camps and programs for children ages pre-school to high school. The Oakland-Piedmont Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has sponsored the annual Summer Camps and Programs Fair for 31 years. For more information, please visit <http://www.aauw-op.com/CampFair.htm>.

Morcom Rose Garden Fundraiser – Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., San Mateo Event Center, 2495 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo. Enjoy the Deadheaders Garden Gala, an opening night sneak preview of the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show that is also a fundraiser for Oakland's Morcom Rose Garden. Early bird ticket discount ends February 15. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://deadheadersgardengala.brownpapertickets.com>. For more information, please contact Victoria Rocha, Parks Supervisor, at vrocha@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3208.

Respectfully submitted,

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