



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

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

**DATE:** February 15, 2013

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Upcoming Holiday*** – On Monday, February 18, the City of Oakland administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. 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 holiday 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](mailto:kboyd@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6365.

***OPD Graduates One Academy, Seeks Candidates for Next Academy*** – On Friday, March 22, the current recruit academy for the Oakland Police Department (OPD) anticipates graduating 45 officers. The next OPD recruit academy starts on Monday, March 25, with 55 police officer trainee positions. Of those slots, 43 have been filled. Individuals interested in participating in the March recruit academy are asked to visit <http://opdjobs.com/how-to-apply.asp>. One additional academy is scheduled to begin on September 30 with 55 recruit positions. To date, the number of recruit applications received has been 3,038. For more information, please contact Officer Johnna Watson, Public Information Officer, at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***"Improving Public Safety in Oakland" Forum Draws Hundreds*** – On Sunday, February 10, the City of Oakland held a forum on improving public safety in Oakland. Joining Mayor Jean Quan, City Councilmember Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Deanna J. Santana and Police Chief Howard Jordan was 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. Sunday's event provided insight on Oakland's short-term and long-term plans, and, more importantly, provided community dialogue about what Oakland is doing – and should be doing – to make our community safer. The event, held in the Valley Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Holy Names University, drew more than 400 people. Future forums on public safety will be held. The public is invited to visit [www.engageoakland.com](http://www.engageoakland.com) and submit their suggestions or ideas on how to improve public safety in Oakland. Alternatively, suggestions, ideas and comments may be emailed to

[fightcrime@oaklandnet.com](mailto:fightcrime@oaklandnet.com). 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.

***How the Community Can Assist OPD*** – On Tuesday, February 12, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) sent out a community message via Nixle detailing how the public can assist the department. The message reminded the public about OPD's non-emergency number; a useful tool for the community to aid OPD's crime fighting efforts. The non-emergency number, (510) 777-3333, should be used to report any suspicious behavior and suspicious vehicles parked or driving in your neighborhood or area of business. Callers can opt not to provide their name and number and remain anonymous. Please include any descriptive details that could be helpful. When reporting suspicious vehicles try to include color, make and model of the vehicle, the number of doors and the license plate number (even if a partial number). All information is helpful, no matter how small. When reporting suspicious individuals, try to describe clothing, hairstyle, height, approximate weight, age and gender. Jot down the date, time and location you saw the vehicle or suspicious person. Each time this information is reported, it is used in the investigative process. Remember, if you see a crime in progress, call the emergency number at (510) 777-3211 from your cell phone or 911 from your landline phone. In general, follow your gut instinct, if you believe something is suspicious call the non-emergency number and report it. Do not place yourself in danger. Stay safe and report the suspicious behavior; let OPD follow up on the information. OPD uses Nixle Tip Watch which allows tipsters to send an anonymous tip three ways:

1. Text TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your cell phone
2. Call the toll-free tip hotline at 855-TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
3. Respond to OPD's Nixle messages

To view the Nixle message, please visit [https://local.nixle.com/alert/4958942/?sub\\_id=762368](https://local.nixle.com/alert/4958942/?sub_id=762368). For more information, please contact Officer Johnna Watson, Public Information Officer, at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (519) 238-7230.

***Assistant City Administrator Participates in Hour-Long Radio Panel on Unfunded Liabilities*** – On Monday, February 11, Assistant City Administrator Scott P. Johnson participated on an hour-long panel for City Visions which aired on KALW 91.7 FM. Joining Mr. Johnson to discuss how Oakland is managing its Unfunded Financial Liabilities were Daniel Borenstein, columnist and editorial writer for the Bay Area News Group, and Jim Blachman, co-founder of Make Oakland Better Now (MOBN). The discussion centered on Oakland's fiscal health and pension costs. Questions included "As Oakland is being challenged to find ways to honor its pension and retirement obligations while providing essential city services, how realistic is the city's Five-Year Financial Plan?" and "What lessons can be learned from Oakland's approach to its unfunded liabilities?" To listen to the show, please visit [www.kalw.org/programs/city-visions](http://www.kalw.org/programs/city-visions). Next week, the podcast will be available for download at [www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast\\_detail.php?siteId=14946265](http://www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast_detail.php?siteId=14946265). For more information, please contact Scott P. Johnson, Assistant City Administrator, at [sjohnson@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sjohnson@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6906.

***Latham Square Community Design Workshop*** – On Saturday, February 23, the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency will host a community design workshop to redesign Latham Square into an active, community-centered pedestrian plaza. Located at the intersection of Telegraph Avenue and Broadway and flanked by the Latham Fountain and the Cathedral Building, Latham Square is an important part of Oakland history. The design process will seek to create a plaza that builds on this unique history and serves as a focal point for the re-birth of this part of downtown Oakland. The workshop will be held at the Cathedral Building, 1615 Broadway, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend and may drop-in at any time for interactive exercises asking participants to imagine the future of Latham Square. No prior design experience is necessary. Visit the project website at [www.oaklandnet.com/LathamSquare](http://www.oaklandnet.com/LathamSquare). For more information, please contact Iris Starr, Division Manager of Transportation Planning and Funding, at [istarr@oaklandnet.com](mailto:istarr@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6229.

***City Employees Needed for OFD Oral Panels*** – On Monday, March 4 through Friday, March 8, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) will be holding oral board panels as part of its recruitment process. OFD is looking for City of Oakland employees to become involved in the hiring of future firefighters for the City of Oakland to sit on oral board panels and interview potential candidates. As a volunteer, your commitment to this process could range from one to three days depending on your availability. You are not required to serve all days, but your support is appreciated and necessary for the success of this recruitment process. A typical day in the life of a panel member begins at 8:00 a.m., with the first hour consisting of training, and ends at 5:30 p.m. Each panel will consist of three members: a sworn member of the Oakland Fire Department, a City of Oakland employee and a community member. As a City employee panelist, you can volunteer on your days off, or obtain approval from your supervisor to sit on the boards during your regular work shift (no overtime is permitted to serve as a City employee panelist). The upcoming oral boards are scheduled for:

- Monday, March 4
- Tuesday, March 5
- Wednesday, March 6
- Thursday, March 7
- Friday, March 8

Any City staff interested in serving as an assessor should contact Ms. Yvette Harris-Wallace, Office Manager, at [YHarris@oaklandnet.com](mailto:YHarris@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6138.

***School Unveils City-Supported Mural*** – On Thursday, February 14, Arise High School Mural Project held a celebration to unveil a student-created mural at 500 Peterson Street in the Jingtowntown neighborhood. This mural and several others have transformed the south side of Peterson Street between Chapman and Ford streets as part of the Peterson Street Art Wall and Garden. Mural artist Jill McClennan, who worked with the Arise High School students on the mural and helped organize the Art Wall, received a \$4,249 individual artist grant from the City of Oakland's Cultural Funding Program in 2011. Art supplies and materials and labor for landscape improvements at the Art Wall were funded by a grant of \$8,000 from the Redevelopment Agency to the Jingtowntown Arts and Business Community and Pro Arts. For more

information, please contact Dan Seamans, Urban Economic Analyst, at [dseamans@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dseamans@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3250.

***OPR is Hiring for Summer Positions*** – Through Friday, February 22, the City of Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for the following summer positions: Recreation Leaders, Sports Officials, Recreation Specialists, Lifeguards, Pool Managers and Water Safety Instructors. Applications must be submitted online by February 22 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. Late applications will not be accepted. For those who do not have access to the Internet at home, computer workstations are available at all Oakland Public Library locations and at the main office of Department of Human Resources Management located at 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor. For more information contact Cookie Robles-Wong, Recreation Supervisor, at [crobles-wong@oaklandnet.com](mailto:crobles-wong@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7275.

***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](http://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](mailto:kthomas2@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5555.

### **Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last week:

***Economic & Workforce Development Director Appointment*** – This memorandum announces the appointment of Kelley Kahn as Economic & Workforce Development Director for the City of Oakland, effective March 4. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039702>

***Planning & Building Director Appointment*** – This memorandum announces the appointment of Rachel O'Dwyer Flynn as Planning and Building Director for the City of Oakland, effective March 4. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039704>

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

***Saturday Morning Bike Ride*** – Every Saturday year-round, 8:45 a.m., Warehouse416, 416 26th Street. Enjoy a flat, short ride designed to provide new or returning riders with a way of getting started. Guides adjust the ride based on participants' needs. Rain cancels ride. For more information, please contact Ron Scrivani at [scrivanir@aol.com](mailto:scrivanir@aol.com) or visit [www.warehouse416.com](http://www.warehouse416.com).

***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.

***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](http://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](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/s/facility/OAK029394).

***City of Oakland Code for America Fellows Office Hours*** – Every Friday through March 1, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Awaken Café, 1429 Broadway. The three Code for America Fellows will hold office hours during which City staff and the general public are invited to stop by and share thoughts and ideas on apps and tools that will bring greater openness, efficiency and participation to local government. For more information, please contact Nicole Neditch, Online Engagement Manager, at [nmeditch@oaklandnet.com](mailto:nmeditch@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2105.

***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](http://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.

***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](http://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.

***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](http://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 [www.chabotspace.org/events.htm](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](http://www.oacc.cc).

***Living Black History*** – Saturday, February 16, 12:30 p.m., deFremery Recreation Center, 1651 Adeline Street. The Center hosts 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.

***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](http://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](http://www.MarcusBooks.com) or call (510) 652-2344.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing*** – Friday, February 15, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., First Mt. Sinai MBC, 1970 86th Avenue. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are organizing neighborhood Night Walks for the month of February. Night Walks are a way that community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. Volunteers are trained in advance of the Night Walk and are accompanied by other volunteers for the duration of the walk. The purpose of the Night Walk is to reach out to communities affected by violence. For more information, please call (510) 639-1440.

***Lindy Hop Symposium*** – Saturday, February 16, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., Eastside Alliance Cultural Center, 2277 International Boulevard. This symposium will feature rare films, beginning and intermediate classes, discussions, open cyphers and Jazz. For more information, please visit [www.eastsideartsalliance.com](http://www.eastsideartsalliance.com).

***Working The Roots: The Healing Power of Black Folk Medicine Tradition and Practice*** Saturday, February 16, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m., African American Museum and Library, 659 14th Street. Through photographs and demonstrations, Michele Elizabeth Lee will present plant medicines and other common ingredients used in Black Folk medicines. Afterwards, stick around, as The Friends of the African American Museum and Library presents their first mixer of the year in honor of Black History Month. For more information, please call (510) 637-0200

or visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/working-roots-healing-power-black-folk-medicine-tradi](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/working-roots-healing-power-black-folk-medicine-tradi).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nps.gov/JUBA) or call (415) 623-2344.

**Foundation Ceremony** – Thursday, February 21, 2:00 p.m., Remember Them: Champions for Humanity Monument, Henry J. Kaiser Memorial Park, 19th and Rashida Muhammad streets. To honor our firefighters and those lost during 9-11, members of the Oakland Fire Department and local First Responders will place a section of a steel girder from the World Trade Center into the foundation of section #4, the final section of the Monument. While open to the public, the ceremony will be held during construction and the park will be fenced for craning of the multi-ton bronze section. Viewing will be limited and perhaps hampered by the fencing; however all are welcome. Making a difference is the thought and inspiration behind the Remember Them: Champions for Humanity Monument, which will be completely installed with the Donor walls, bronze likenesses and Braille quotes during February and March. For more information, visit [www.remember-them.org](http://www.remember-them.org).

**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.

**An Evening with the Queen of Swing Norma Miller** – Thursday, February 21, 6:30 p.m., EastSide Alliance Cultural Center, 2277 International Boulevard. A very special evening of dinner and conversation with the Queen of Swing Norma Miller. The evening will also feature a live Harlem Renaissance revue featuring Traci Bartlow, Howard Wiley and many others. R.S.V.P. at [eastsideculturalcenter@gmail.com](mailto:eastsideculturalcenter@gmail.com). For more information, please visit [www.eastsideartsalliance.com](http://www.eastsideartsalliance.com).

**Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing** – Friday, February 22, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., At Thy Word, 8915 International Boulevard. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are organizing neighborhood Night Walks for the month of February. Night Walks are a way that community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. Volunteers are trained in advance of the Night Walk and are accompanied by other volunteers for the duration of the walk. The purpose of the Night Walk is to reach out to communities affected by violence. For more information, please call (510) 639-1440.

**Open Data Day Hackathon** – Saturday, February 23, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue. The City of Oakland co-hosts 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](mailto:nneditch@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2105.

**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](http://www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours) or call (510) 238-3234.

***Black History Tour*** – Saturday, February 23, 10:00 a.m., Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue. Visit the graves and hear the stories of many prominent African Americans laid to rest in the cemetery including Capt. William Shorey, the first African American Sea Captain on the West Coast and mentor to Jack London; Marcus Foster, the first African American Superintendent of the Oakland Public Schools; Ida Louise Jackson, the first African American woman to be certified to teach in the state of California; Oakland Tribune publisher Bob Maynard and others. Usually a walking tour, this docent tour will be by car because of the large area to be covered. For more information, please visit [www.mountainviewcemetery.org/tour.html](http://www.mountainviewcemetery.org/tour.html).

***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.

***One Man's Voice*** – Saturday, February 23, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library, 659 14th Street. Rick Moss, Scholar and Chief Curator of AAMLO, dissects the history of the Emancipation Proclamation and The March on Washington. For more information, please call (510) 637-0200 or visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/one-man-s-voice](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/one-man-s-voice).

***“What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland's Griots” Opening Reception*** – Saturday, February 23, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta House Museum of History and Community, 2465 34th Avenue. This reception marks the opening of the visual and audio art installation based on West African tradition of griots – storytellers who hand down family and community history from one generation to the next. Come hear the narratives of African American residents of Oakland. Add your own stories to the interactive art piece. For more information, please call (510) 532-9142 or visit [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org).

***“What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland's Griots”*** – Saturday, February 23, 2013 – Saturday, February 22, 2014, Wednesday to Saturdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Peralta House Museum of History and Community, 2465 34th Avenue. A visual and audio art exhibit featuring the voices of African American Oaklanders who recorded the stories of their lives through the Griot Initiative of StoryCorps, a national nonprofit oral history project. Their voices emanate from a gigantic horse, designed and built by African American sculptor and landscape architect, Walter Hood. Add your own stories to the interactive art piece. In collaboration with the Oakland Public Library, a reading list exploring the themes in the oral stories has been developed. For more information, please visit [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org) or call (510) 532-9142.

***Music Enlightenment to Remember*** – Saturday, February 23, 4:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. All are welcome to a performance featuring

Minister of Music Henry Delton Williams and the Seventh Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Choir. For more information, please call (510) 637-0200.

***The Art of Living Black Open Studios Art Fair*** – Saturday, February 23 & Sunday, February 24, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mills College Student Union, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. The fair features 15 Bay Area artists of African descent, including Mills Professor Ajuan Mance's acrylic paintings as well as artwork by Mills student Desire Johnson. The artists represent a wide range of visual media, including found object sculpture and collage, painting, fired clay and ceramic sculpture, jewelry making, doll making, photography and more. For more information, please visit <http://blackartistsatmills.wordpress.com/>.

***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](http://www.MarcusBooks.com) or call (510) 652-2344.

***Oakland Youth Orchestra Benefit Gala*** – Saturday, March 2, 5:30 p.m., Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Avenue. Award-winning Oakland Youth Orchestra (OYO) will present an evening of good food, fabulous music and exciting auction items. Cocktails and silent auction accompanied by chamber music performed by OYO precedes the dinner and live auction featuring Artistic Director Michael Morgan as the Master of Ceremonies. For more information, please visit [www.oyo.org](http://www.oyo.org).

***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](http://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>.

***Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting*** – Monday, March 18, 7:10 p.m., Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. The Measure DD Community Coalition meets bi-monthly to continue dialogue between the City of Oakland and interested members of the community on how this bond measure will be implemented. Funded projects include parks, trails, bridges, a recreation center and an arts center, land acquisition, and creek restoration. Though these projects are being phased in over a number of years, many are already complete and many others are in progress. For more information, please visit <http://www.waterfrontaction.org/dd/#coalition>.

***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](mailto:vrocha@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3208.

Respectfully submitted,

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