



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: February 22, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Short-term Strategies, Long-Term Solutions: Improving Public Safety in Oakland – In March, the City of Oakland is hosting a series of community meetings seeking input from neighborhoods across the city on public safety priorities. This input will be incorporated into two action plans currently being developed by Strategic Policy Partnership for the Oakland Police Department (OPD): 1) a short-term strategy to have an immediate, high impact on crime trends and 2) a long-term, citywide strategy to sustain reduced levels of crime. Strategic Policy Partnership is a consulting team of the nation's best minds in policing, with proven track records in achieving major reductions in crime. The meetings will be structured to foster active, engaging dialogue between the consulting team, City leaders and the Oakland community. Meetings will be attended by Mayor Jean Quan, City Administrator Deanna J. Santana, City Councilmembers, Police Chief Howard Jordan and members of the OPD Command Staff. Meetings scheduled to date include:

- Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
 - Hosted by the Community Policing Advisory Board in coordination with the Measure Y Oversight Committee. Chinese interpretation available.
- Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Police District 3)
West Oakland Middle School, 991 14th Street
- Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Police District 5)
Castlemont High School, 8601 MacArthur Boulevard
- Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Police District 1)
Location to be announced
- April, Location to be announced (Police District 4)

Every meeting is open to all members of our community, regardless of your neighborhood's location. A map of Oakland's police districts, beats and Council districts can be reviewed at <http://www.oaklandpolice.com/cdpdbeats/>. Additional meetings may be added in the future. Please visit www.engageoakland.com to submit suggestions or ideas on how to improve public safety in Oakland, or submit suggestions, ideas and comments by email to fightcrime@oaklandnet.com. For more information, please contact Joe DeVries, Neighborhood Services Manager, at (510) 238-3083.

Continuing to Build the Police Department our Community Deserves – Between February 20 and February 22, over 529 police officer job applicants completed the oral board interview portion of the police officer hiring process. In order to ensure candidates possess strong and desirable City and community held values, oral board interview panels are comprised of a peace officer, a city employee and an Oakland community member volunteer. Following the interviews, those most qualified will proceed through the hiring process to an eventual, potential spot in one of two scheduled academies this year. At present, OPD is staffed with 612 police officer positions of all ranks and assignments, and currently supplemented by coordinated street patrols by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol. OPD is excited to be building their Department of tomorrow upon the skills, expertise, knowledge and values of today's candidates, and the men and women of the police department wish to thank their community member volunteers for being essential in this process. For more information, please contact Sgt. Chris Bolton, Chief of Staff to Chief Howard Jordan, at (510) 238- 3131.

Lake Merritt Channel Re-Opening a Milestone for Measure DD – On Friday, February 22, the City of Oakland held a media event marking a major milestone in the effort to reconnect Lake Merritt to the Bay – the re-opening of a 750-foot section of the Lake Merritt Channel. The removal of the 12th Street dam, culverts and twelve-lane roadway is one of the premier Measure DD projects. Since 1869, Lake Merritt has been separated from the channel by man-made structures that altered what was once an open waterway to the San Francisco Bay. This phase of the Measure DD project included removal of the 12th Street dam, culverts, unsightly pedestrian tunnels and twelve-lane “mini-freeway” and construction of a new 100-foot-wide, free-flowing tidal channel bridged by a six-lane, tree-lined boulevard. The \$47 million project also includes improvements for water quality and wildlife habitat, creation of a new tidal marsh and construction of a new recreational trail that will eventually connect to the San Francisco Bay Trail. This is the first in a series of major projects to open the Lake Merritt Channel and once again connect Lake Merritt to the Oakland Estuary and San Francisco Bay. One of Measure DD's major goals is to improve the water quality in Lake Merritt, with an emphasis on increasing dissolved oxygen levels. The Lake Merritt Channel 12th Street project will help meet these goals by removing restrictive culverts and opening the channel to greater flows. The increased tidal exchange to and from the Bay will help mix and oxygenate the water, and provide more tidal flushing. To read the media release, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039774. For more information, please contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at kboyd@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6365.

Community Gardens Potluck – On Sunday, February 17, the Community Gardening program hosted a neighborhood potluck to discuss the importance of gardening. A mix of Oakland community gardeners from across the city meet at the beautiful Lakeside Park Garden Center for a special night of delicious food, and harvesting of donated seeds provided by the Office of Parks and Recreation's (OPR's) Community Gardens program. The event was provided by OPR in partnership with the Community Gardens Recreation Advisory Council (RAC) to work on the continued improvement of the program and its service to Oakland residents. The RAC meets the fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House, 568 Bellevue Avenue. For more information, please contact Peter Collier, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 238-2197.

Kids Winter Bird Watch – On Saturday, February 16, the Rotary Nature Center hosted its second annual Kids' Winter Bird Watch in partnership with the Golden Gate Audubon Society. Naturalists educated youth and their families on the history of Lake Merritt and of bird counting as well as the basics of bird identification. It is fitting that this birding event was held on the shores of Lake Merritt, the oldest designated wildlife refuge in America which was established in 1870. During the event, youth were offered a Winter Birding "Bingo" Chart as an alternative to an adult table chart for marking which species they spotted and were able to identify. Youth used bingo paint daubers to stamp their spotted species on the chart as a fun, artistic way to participate in this educational activity. For more information, please contact Alexa Fulper, Recreation Leader II, at (510) 238-3739.

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.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of February 25, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following part-time, seasonal positions: Recreation Aide and Recreation Attendant I. 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.

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last week.

Workplan to Obtain On-the-Job Training Funds – This memorandum provides details regarding a workplan and timeline being implemented by Oakland's Workforce Development staff to secure \$900,000 of on-the-job training funds to support up to 180 dislocated workers in Oakland. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039760>

New Housing Initiatives – This memorandum provides information on several new housing initiatives that the City is launching including the Housing Assistance Center, Foreclosure Prevention Outreach Workers and ROOT Loan Fund.
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039614>

Zero Waste Services RFP Evaluations – This memorandum provides a brief update on the status of the Zero Waste Services Request For Proposals (RFP) process.
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK039766>

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 or visit 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.

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.

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 nneditch@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 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.

Drop-In Art – Through 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.

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.

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.

Exhibition Celebrating African American History – Through 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. For more information, please contact Derin Minor, Building Services Manager, at (510) 238-3998 or Tomye Neal-Madison, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 238-2786.

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 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 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.

Latin Cultural Extravaganza – Saturday, February 23, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue. Join Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for a fun-filled day of games, songs and crafts. Information will be provided on how to join each organization and the work that is done in the community. For more information, please contact Carmen Medina, Recreation Leader I, at (510) 238-7742.

Latham Square Community Design Workshop – Saturday, February 23, Noon to 4:00 p.m., Cathedral Building, 1615 Broadway. 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. 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. For more information, please contact Iris Starr, Division Manager of Transportation Planning and Funding, at istarr@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6229.

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.

Innovators: Transforming the Landscape of Black America – Saturday, February 23, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Warehouse416, 416 26th Street. This year's Black History Month show is a special treat, focusing on an incredible group of artists, spanning four generations, who are continually breaking new ground in their work. Come experience the pioneers and emerging talent of your local art community. Artists include James Gayles, Aswad Aarif, Sage Amewa, Lawrence Buford, Melanin Buford, Keena Romano and Eesuu Orundide. For more information, please visit www.warehouse416.com.

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.

“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.

“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 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/>.

Black History Celebration – Thursday, February 28, 4:30 p.m., Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center, 7701 Krause Avenue. The program will feature African drumming students led by Ms. Kujichagulia from the Attitudinal Healing Connection. Performers include students from Arroyo Viejo and Inclusion Services. Join in the celebration of the rich history of our community through art. For more information, please contact Maribel Corral, Recreation Supervisor, at (510) 615-5755.

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.

Collage Workshop with Robert Ray – Saturday, March 2, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Transmission Gallery, 770 West Grand Avenue. Join artist & curator Robert Ray for an afternoon of art, wine and cheese. For more information, please visit www.thetransmissiongallery.com or call (510) 835-2626.

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.

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>.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Friday, March 15, Noon - 1:00 p.m., Oakland City Center, Broadway at 13th Street. Enjoy the traditional Irish sounds of Driving with Fergus. For more information, please visit www.oaklandcitycenter.com.

Summoning Ghosts: The Art of Hung Liu – Saturday, March 16 through Sunday, June 30, Various Hours, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. A retrospective exhibition on Hung Liu, one of the most significant Chinese-American contemporary artists living today, features approximately 80 works of art. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org or call (510) 318-8400.

Watershed Workshop – Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. Learn the essentials of onsite stormwater management from conception to construction at this free workshop offering a comprehensive overview of Low Impact Design (LID), and how to incorporate this form of landscaping on your own property. LID uses nature as a model for managing rainfall with runoff prevention and mitigation strategies, as well as treatment controls to remove pollutants. To attend the workshop, please register at www.stormwaterredwoodheights.eventbrite.com/. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/index.htm>.

Jazz at the Chimes – Sunday, March 17, 2013, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. Two-time Grammy-Award-winning violinist Mads Tolling performs in the lovely Julia Morgan-designed Chapel of the Chimes. For more information, please call (510) 654-0123.

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. 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.

Avotcja with Veronica Loving & Jazzmine Jackson – Saturday, March 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Books, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Bay Area favorite Avotcja will read from and discuss her latest and great volume of poetry, "With Every Step I Take." The mother/daughter team of Loving and Jackson will discuss their new book, "Feeding a Monster," a revelatory and honest account of sexual abuse within their family. For more information, please visit www.MarcusBooks.com or call (510) 652-2344.

Respectfully submitted,

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