



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: April 12, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Short-Term Strategies, Long-Term Solutions: Improving Public Safety in Oakland – On Saturday, April 27, Mayor Jean Quan and the City of Oakland will host the next in a series of town hall meetings seeking input from neighborhoods across the city on public safety priorities to incorporate into a comprehensive crime reduction and suppression strategic plan. These town hall meetings are being led by the renowned consulting team Strategic Policy Partnership to explain the overall strategy to develop or strengthen strategic planning, improved data systems and neighborhood policing in relation to both short-term and long-term crime reduction strategies. The meetings are structured as a conversation between neighbors and City leaders including Mayor Jean Quan, City Administrator Deanna J. Santana, City Councilmembers, Police Chief Howard Jordan and members of the OPD Command Staff. To view a video of a meeting held on March 6, please visit <http://bit.ly/16LJkzI>. The next town hall meeting will be held on:

- Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Police District 4)
Cesar Chavez Education Center, 2825 International Boulevard
Spanish interpretation provided at this event.

A special town hall meeting specifically for youth is being organized and will be announced in the near future. 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 www.oaklandpolice.com/cdpdbeats. To request interpretation services in other languages, please contact Silvia San Miguel, at least five days prior to the meeting date, at (510) 238-6448 or ssanmiguel@oaklandnet.com. Please visit www.engageoakland.com or email fightcrime@oaklandnet.com to submit your suggestions, ideas or concerns on how to improve public safety in Oakland. To view the flyer for these town hall meetings, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK039852. For more information, please contact Joe DeVries, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, at (510) 238-3083.

Five City of Oakland Employees Graduate from the Local Government Leadership Academy of Alameda County – On Thursday, April 11, five City of Oakland employees participated in a

graduation ceremony held at Hayward City Hall as a part of their enrollment in the Local Government Leadership Academy of Alameda County. The academy, sponsored by the Alameda County City/County Management Association, is a jointly planned and funded six-month training and talent development program for city and county agencies in Alameda County. The academy is aimed at accelerating the development of emerging leaders by promoting leadership skills to first-line supervisors, mid-managers, division managers and other professionals who desire to advance. City of Oakland's graduates include: Estelle Clemons, Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (CAP) Manager, Department of Human Services; David Ferguson, Assistant Director, Public Works Agency; Andrew Murray, Assistant to the City Administrator, City Administrator's Office; Tavares Nichols, Systems Programmer II, Department of Information Technology; and Sharon Williams, Lieutenant, Oakland Police Department. For more information, please contact Alexandra Orogas, Chief of Staff to the City Administrator, at aorogas@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6587.

Earth Day 2013 – On Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, thousands of community and corporate volunteers will clean and green over 80 locations during the 19th Annual Oakland Earth Day. Earth Day is Oakland's largest community volunteer event. This year's activities are expected to draw over 3,500 participants, including 300 volunteers from Starbucks East Bay. Activities include creek restoration, graffiti removal, litter pickup, weed abatement and planting. Participants can choose from over 80 sites (listed at www.oaklandearthday.org), including parks, recreation centers, creeks, commercial corridors and neighborhood locations throughout the city. The first 3,000 Oakland Earth Day volunteers will receive a complimentary reusable bag, as well as a Chinook Book and smart phone app that include over 350 coupons for local, green businesses in the East Bay. Advance registration is not necessary. Featured Earth Day sites and meeting locations are:

- **San Pablo Ave. Corridor**, 5606 San Pablo Avenue
- **Morcom Rose Garden**, 700 Jean Street (West of Grand Avenue)
- **DeFremery Park**, DeFremery Recreation Center, 1651 Adeline Street
- **Lake Merritt Gardens & Sailboat House**, 568 Bellevue Avenue
- **Dimond Park**, Dimond Recreation Center, 3860 Hanly Road
- **Peralta Hacienda Historical Park**, 2465 34th Avenue
- **Rainbow Recreation Center**, 5800 International Boulevard
- **East Oakland Boxing Association**, 816 98th Avenue

To read the media release, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak040508. For a complete list of all registered Earth Day sites and an interactive site map, visit www.oaklandearthday.org or call (510) 238-7611.

City of Oakland Partners with SPARK to Provide Apprenticeships for the Second Year – This month, the City of Oakland will be partnering with the SPARK program for the second year in a row to provide City apprenticeships to 8th grade students who attend Frick and Westlake Middle Schools. SPARK is an award-winning national non-profit that combats the epidemic of disengagement and dropping-out among low-income urban youth by bringing in 8th grade youth into professional workplaces. SPARK serves the areas of Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia

and the San Francisco Bay Area. The City has more than doubled our level of partnership with SPARK this year from initially hosting five apprenticeships last fall to 12 apprenticeships this spring. Each apprenticeship offered by the City will be managed by a mentor. For this spring, City SPARK mentors include: Rachel Flynn, Director, Planning & Building; Officer Qiana Johnson, Oakland Police Department; Lauren Angius, Program Analyst, City Administrator's Office-Public Ethics Commission; Mark Hall, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Parks and Recreation; Tomye Neal-Madison, Visual Arts Recreation Specialist-Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, Office of Parks & Recreation; Nicole Neditch, Online Engagement Manager, City Administrator's Office; Sabrina Jones, Call Center Supervisor, Public Works Agency; Melvin Landry, Youth Sports Supervisor, Office of Parks & Recreation; and, the following employees from the Oakland Fire Department: Darin White, Battalion Chief; Emmanuel Watson, Firefighter, Tracey Chin, Lieutenant; and June Miller, Payroll Personnel Clerk III. Thank you to all of the employees who have volunteered their time to provide this valuable mentorship to these students. The City is looking forward to expanding this partnership with SPARK in future years. For more information, please contact Alexandra Orologas, Chief of Staff to the City Administrator, at arologas@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6587.

OFD Urban Search and Rescue Team Commended – From Friday, April 5 to Monday, April 8, the Oakland Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team, California Task Force 4 (CA-TF 4), participated in a four-day drill. The team was commended on their performance in the deployment exercise. About 90 of CA-TF 4's 210 members were challenged with demonstrating their ability to deploy and operate after a simulated 7.4 earthquake. Participants were faced with trapped people inside a partially collapsed building, with the added challenges of operating near hazardous materials, treating severely injured victims and cutting and tunneling through a concrete building. The team was evaluated by an elite group of their peers from other Urban Search and Rescue Teams. CA-TF 4 received excellent reviews during the evaluation. CA-TF 4 is one of 28 elite national teams designed to respond to the most demanding disaster situations. Trained in multiple functional areas, team members are capable of performing, in the most austere conditions, heavy rescue on any type of structural collapses, medical care for victims, reconnaissance to determine damage extent and areas, hazardous materials evaluations, structural evaluations and building stabilization. CA-TF 4 is comprised of local fire and emergency services personnel and civilian volunteers, and is sponsored by the Oakland Fire Department. For more information, please contact Battalion Chief Robert Lipp at rlipp@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5872.

Trained Assistants Offering Free Computer Help at Select Libraries – Through Friday, June 7, trained tutors at six Oakland Public Library (OPL) locations are now offering free help to patrons using some of the library's public access computers. Thanks to the Ready, Set, Connect! job training program that has prepared young people for jobs as computer tutors, assistance is offered at the following locations and times:

- Main Library, 125 14th Street
Sundays from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 81st Avenue Branch, 1021 81st Avenue

Tuesdays from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

- Asian Branch, 388 9th Street, Suite 190
Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th Street, Ste. 271
Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon and Tuesdays from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue
Tuesdays from Noon - 3:00 p.m.
- Rockridge Branch, 5366 College Avenue
Tuesdays from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Patrons needing assistance from a tutor will need to sign up for a computer at one of the six locations listed above, during the scheduled period. The assistance program complements the Library's mission to help "close the digital divide" by making computers accessible to all. Throughout its locations, the Oakland Public Library has 190 public access computers available for one-hour sessions for anyone with a library card. For more information on the public access computers, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org. Ready, Set, Connect! is made available thanks to a partnership between the Oakland Public Library and Community Technology Network. It's a workforce development program designed to provide local youth with technology-based job skills through a balanced combination of classroom training and hands-on work experience. In the program's training phase, which began in March, youth received mentoring from employees of technology companies and were taught professional etiquette and cultural sensitivity. Community Technology Network's Ready, Set, Connect! program is a 2012 Dell Powering the Possible grant recipient. Powering the Possible is Dell's commitment to put technology and expertise to work where it can do the most good for people and the planet. For more information, please contact Jamie Turbak, Acting Associate Library Director, at jturbak@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6610.

DHS Awarded \$3 Million HUD Grant – On Wednesday, March 13, the Department of Human Services (DHS) was notified of the award of a HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program grant in the amount of \$3,092,140. The CoC Program improves the lives of homeless men, women and children through local planning efforts and through the direct housing and services funded. The funding is earmarked for the Oakland Homeless Youth Housing Collaborative; Matilda Cleveland Transitional Housing Program; Families in Transition – Scattered Sites and Homeless Families Support Network. For more information, please contact Susan Shelton, Community Housing Services Manager, at sshelton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 986-2721.

Outdoor Adventures Afterschool and Spring Break Programs – Between Monday, March 11 and Friday March 29, the Oakland Parks and Recreation's Outdoor Adventures program provided afterschool and spring break programs to over 20 Oakland youth, ages 9 to 16, from the Lincoln Recreation Center and Rainbow Recreation Center. Youth learned kayak techniques and Red Cross water, sun and boating safety. Sessions were held at the Lake Merritt Boating Center,

Jack London Aquatic Center and City of Oakland Pools. The program was funded by a grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways. For more information, please contact Megan Seccombe, Program Coordinator, at mseccombe@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2196.

Oakland Spring Egg Hunts – From Friday, March 29 through Sunday March 31, more than 8,000 youth and families participated in Spring Egg Hunt activities at Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate, Mosswood Recreation Center, Montclair Recreation Center, Studio One Recreation Center, the Franklin Recreation Center, Manzanita Recreation Center and other locations. In addition to egg hunts, activities included face painting and games. This year's participation was up from 7,000 last year. For more information, please contact Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, dcooper@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5555.

Oakland Youth Movement Track Meet – On Saturday, April 6, more than 280 youth participated in the Oakland Youth Movement Track Meet at McClymonds High School. Youth participated in various track and field competitions including the long jump and traditional timed races. For more information, please contact Willie White, Track & Field Coordinator, at (510) 238-3897.

April Pools Day – On Friday, April 5, over 120 Oakland residents participated in April Pools Day at the East Oakland Sports Center. This free event included swimming, kids' jumpers, kayak and lifeguard presentations, Oakland Fire Department engine presentations and firefighter hat and sticker giveaways. For more information please contact Anthony Schriver, Aquatics Director, at (510) 615-5838.

Cesar Chavez Day Celebration – On Sunday, April 7, more than 100 people attended a community garden workday and urban agriculture event in honor of Cesar Chavez – a noted human, civil, social and economic rights activist – held at Dover Street Park. For more information, please contact Peter Collier, Community Gardening Coordinator, (510) 238-2197.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of April 15, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following position: Principal Revenue Analyst. 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 Memorandum was released in the last week.

Frank Ogawa Plaza Recycling/Litter Containers – This memorandum provides information on the new combination recycling/litter containers that will be installed in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK040500>

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Mural Workshop – Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., 81st Street Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue. Join acclaimed muralist Lisa Nowlain in creating a mural for the branch's TeenZone. For more information, please call (510) 615-5812.

Off the Grid: Lake Merritt at OMCA – Every Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 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.

Customizer-in-Residence Open Studio Series – Fridays 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays & Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. through Sunday, June 2, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Catch Bay Area hackers, makers and DIYers in action as part of the we/customize Customizer-in-Residence series. Watch the process of expert customizers and participate in transforming objects with clothing mash-ups, toy hacking, music remixing and more. Visit the open studio to customize something different every week, then see your finished work featured on Flickr and www.wecustomize.org. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org.

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.

“RENT” – Through Saturday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Rawley T. Farnsworth Theatre, Skyline High School, 12250 Skyline Boulevard. Students from the Skyline High Performing Arts Program present the musical “Rent.” For advance tickets, please call (510) 879-3060, ext. 250.

“What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland's Griots” – Through 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 Walter Hood, an African American sculptor and landscape architect. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

“Mash It Up” Tour – Through Sunday, April 14, Various performance times, 633 Hegenberger Road. The shows are a highly interactive combination of circus arts, theater and music that span genres including Pop, Classic R&B, Latin, Hip Hop, Jazz and Gospel. They embrace and celebrate the unique and familiar aspects of pop culture globally by bringing them center stage with a cast of international performers. UniverSoul Circus is rated as one of the top three circuses in America. For more information, please visit www.universoulcircus.com.

West Oakland Senior Center Poetry Reading – Friday, April 12, 1:00 p.m., West Oakland Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street. Be inspired and enjoy a joyous afternoon of poetry as the creative writing class shares poetry and stories. For more information, please contact Dorothy Poston, Senior Center Director, at dposton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7016.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 12, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., First Mt. Sinai, 1970 86th Avenue. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays as a way community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. Volunteers are trained in advance 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 or email fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com.

25th Anniversary Season Performances – Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14, 8:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Malonga Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. In honor of its anniversary Axis Dance, the country's leading physically integrated dance company, celebrates reaching the quarter century mark with the debut of the first-ever collaboration between choreographer and Guggenheim Fellow Victoria Marks and composer/musician Beth Custer; titled “what if would you”, it revolves around notions of how deductive thinking leads to if/then assumptions. For more information, please visit www.axisdance.org.

Avoiding Foreclosure Clinic for Home Owners – Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. Come ask questions of an attorney who specializes in foreclosure prevention. Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA) will be

presenting information on what options homeowners have for making their mortgage more affordable, the mechanics of the foreclosure process, the mechanics of mortgage modification and Homeowner Bill of Rights Basics. For more information, please call (510) 482-7844 or email reppley@oaklandlibrary.org.

Girls' Sports Days – Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Bushrod Recreation Center, 560 59th Street. The Office of Parks and Recreation hosts a Girls' Sports Days including Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Double-Dutch and Cheer/Dance. For more information, please contact Coach Love at girlssports@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5608.

Special Performance & Auction – Saturday, April 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Edna Brewer Middle School, 3748 13th Avenue. A fun-filled afternoon featuring the new MUSE VIVO Orchestra, with renowned violinist Jeremy Cohen, the Oakland Youth Orchestra and Edna Brewer alumnus. Enjoy a silent auction, succulent snacks, games, complimentary chair massages and entertainment by Oakland Symphony Chorus' a cappella group TOSCA. All proceeds of this event will benefit Oakland East Bay Symphony's music and education programs. For more information, please visit www.oebs.org.

Jazz Search West 2013 Grand Finale – Saturday, April 13, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Avenue. The Bay Area's Jazz talent search for solo instrumentalists and vocalists ages 15 and up concludes as eight finalists perform. Three top winners will win valuable prizes designed to enhance their musical careers. For more information, please visit www.jazzsearchwest.com/jazzsearchwest/Welcome.html.

Opera Scenes – Saturday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. An evening of scenes and arias from opera, fully-staged and costumed. For more information, please visit www.hnu.edu/publicevents.

Auditions for Summer Musicals – Saturday, April 13 & Sunday April 14, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road. Try out for Woodminster's 2013 summer season that will feature *Annie Get Your Gun*, *A Chorus Line* and *Legally Blonde: The Musical*. For more information, please visit www.woodminster.com.

Bicycle Safety Class & Brown Bag Lunch – Tuesday, April 16, Noon - 1:00 p.m., Alameda County Transportation Commission, 1333 Broadway, 3rd Floor, Conference Room A. Interested in using a bicycle more often and feeling safer doing it? Are you getting excited about Bike to Work Day coming up on May 9, 2013? Do you already ride and have questions about bicycling rights and responsibilities? Want to start bicycling to work (or to transit) on a regular basis? If so, come to a lunchtime class covering general bicycling safety information as well as your specific questions. The class will be taught by an East Bay Bicycle Coalition (www.ebbc.org) cycling instructor. For more information, please call (510) 208-7453.

Lawyers in the Library – Tuesday, April 16, 4:45 p.m., 81st Avenue Branch, 1021 81st Avenue. Free legal information and referral presented with the Alameda County Bar Association.

Sessions are popular and sometimes subject to change; please call on the day of the program to confirm. For more information, please call (510) 615-5812.

Montclair Restaurant Walk – Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Montclair Village, Mountain Boulevard. An al fresco dining experience, co-hosted by the Montclair Lions Club and the Montclair Village Association. For more information, please visit http://montclairvillage.com/ai1ec_event/lions-resturant-walk/?instance_id=8564.

OSA Spring Dance Concert – Thursday, April 18 - Sunday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday & 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Malonga Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Come see the young, up-and-coming talent from the Oakland School for the Arts' School of Dance in their only dance concert of the year. For more information, please visit www.oakarts.org.

2013 Youth Poet Laureate Competition Application Deadline – Friday, April 19, 5:00 p.m. The Oakland Public Library, in partnership with Youth Speaks, is accepting applications for the citywide 2013 Youth Poet Laureate. The contest winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and gain invaluable experience and exposure through public speaking engagements and publishing and media opportunities. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 18 and reside or attend school in Oakland. To read the media release, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK039850. Youth, parents and teachers can learn more and apply online at <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate>. For more information, please contact Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at oaklandpoets@gmail.com or (510) 238-7233.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 19, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, 988 85th Avenue. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays as a way community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. Volunteers are trained in advance 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 or email fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com.

Earth Day 2013 – Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 100 sites throughout Oakland. Rain or shine, join this annual event and help beautify your favorite Oakland park, creek or street. The Public Works Agency supports this event with website listings, tool loans and pickup of debris and green waste. For more information, please visit www.oaklandearthday.org.

5th Annual African American Caregiving and Wellness Forum – Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr., Way. This free event gives caregivers the opportunity to learn the latest information related to Alzheimer's disease from experts. African Americans are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's, and are more likely to receive a diagnosis in the later stages of this disease, when treatment is not an option. The forum also provides caregivers with the opportunity to make connections with other caregivers, which helps lift the burden of isolation and helplessness caregivers can feel at times. To register, please call (800) 272-3900 or visit <http://forum.kintera.org/2013AfricanAmerican>. For more

information, please contact Mary Norton, Senior Center Director, at mnorton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 597-5085.

Girls' Sports Days – Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street. The Office of Parks and Recreation hosts a Girls' Sports Days including Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Double-Dutch and Cheer/Dance. For more information, please contact Coach Love at girlssports@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5608.

3rd Annual Cambodian New Year Celebration – Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. Enjoy this festive celebration with food, music, dance, arts & crafts, traditional games and family fun. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

Great Estates In April: A House Tour of Claremont Pines & Upper Rockridge – Saturday, April 20, Vintage Vistas 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sunset over the City 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Various homes. The Oakland Heritage Alliance's popular house tours feature Claremont Pines and Upper Rockridge, which emerged as suburban garden developments in the first decades of the twentieth century. The afternoon Vintage Vistas tour offers the opportunity to view home interiors, light refreshments and a self-guided walking tour map to better enjoy exterior views of additional homes, vistas and local landscaping. The festive evening tasting tour features music with libations and appetizer pairings at tour homes. For more information, please visit <http://oaklandheritage.org/events.html>.

Notes from the Middle East – Saturday, April 20, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2201 Broadway. This Oakland East Bay Symphony program will open with Egyptian composer Nader Abbassi's "The Nile Bride," a tone poem based on an ancient Egyptian legend. Israeli-American conductor Daniel Alfred Wachs will lead the orchestra in its performance of "The Nile Bride," as well as of "Astrolatry," a work written by one of Israel's most successful composers, Avner Dorman. For more information, please visit www.oebgs.org.

"Man, Oh Man!" Spring Concert Series – Saturday, April 20, 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 21, 5:30 p.m., Odell Johnson Theater, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. The Oakland-East Bay Gay Men's Chorus takes audiences on a journey of music for men through the ages, weaving a tapestry of Medieval chant, Renaissance polyphony, Romantic part-song, Spirituals, campy show tunes and a world premiere. For more information, please visit www.oebgmc.org or call (800) 706-2389.

HNU Orchestra – Sunday, April 21, 3:00 p.m., Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. The HNU Orchestra performs works by Tchaikovsky and Haydn. For more information, please visit www.hnu.edu/publicevents.

2nd Annual Oakland Veg Week – Monday, April 22 to Sunday, April 28, Various Locations, Various Hours. A week's worth of events to help community members learn about the benefits of a plant-based diet to our health, the environment and for animals. Participants are asked to

pledge to be vegetarian for the week. Restaurants will be offering specials. For more information, please visit www.oaklandveg.com/veg-week/.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 26, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Boulevard. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays as a way community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. Volunteers are trained in advance 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 or email fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com.

Community Spring Tea – Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue. Join in the Community Spring Tea by wearing your favorite spring dress and bonnet. The event will include all-you-can-drink tea varieties, sandwiches, photos, festive craft projects and raffle baskets. For more information, please contact Angelica Lopez, Recreation Center Director, at alopez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5631.

Healing In Harmony: Day of Unity at the Peace & Wellness Garden – Saturday, April 27, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. Join Peralta Hacienda, in partnership with Peersnet, for an afternoon of storytelling, dance and drumming to celebrate the Peace & Wellness Garden. Hear stories of healing and connection. Share your story in the newly constructed “story circle.” Refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org.

Fire & Light Soiree and Art Auction – Saturday, April 27, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m., The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. In addition to a three-course dinner and live art auction, the soiree features an exclusive performance by Flyaway Productions in collaboration with musician Mark Growden. For more information, please visit www.TheCrucible.org or call (510) 444-0919.

Spring Choral Concert – Saturday, April 27, 7:30 p.m., Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. Concert will feature the HNU Chamber Singers and University Chorus. For more information, please visit www.hnu.edu/publicevents.

Weekly Basketball Clinic – Saturday, April 27 through Saturday, May 25, Noon to 2:00 p.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. Weekly Saturday co-ed basketball clinic for elementary, middle and high school students, ages 7 to 16. The clinic will give participants a chance to learn and work on their dribbling, passing, shot form, offense (catch and shoot, jump-shot, set-shot, drop step, etc.) and defense (footwork, zone rotation, man-to-man, shot blocking, etc.). Each week, participants can stop by to sign up while spots are available. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Recreation Leader, at (510) 615-5959.

Girls' Sports Days – Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Tassafaronga Recreation Center, 975 85th Avenue. The Office of Parks and Recreation hosts a Girls' Sports Days including

Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Double-Dutch and Cheer/Dance. For more information, please contact Coach Love at girlssports@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5608.

2nd Annual OPD Open House – Friday, May 10, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Police Administration Building, 455 7th Street. Community members will have an opportunity to meet the Chief of Police, members of his command staff and other Oakland Police Department personnel. Police equipment will be on hand for display and presentation, and OPD staff from the five community districts throughout Oakland will be present. For more information, please contact Sgt. Chris Bolton, OPD Chief of Staff, at CBolton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Girls' Sports Days – Saturday, May 11, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. The Office of Parks and Recreation hosts a Girls' Sports Days including sailing and paddle boats. For more information, please contact Coach Love at girlssports@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5608.

Screening of "Just a Piece of Cloth" – On Saturday, May 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., The 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue. A free film screening of "Just a Piece of Cloth," a 34-minute documentary unravels stereotypes that the mainstream media perpetuate about Muslim women, with intimate profiles of four women who challenge us to understand the stories behind hijab and to see the shared human dilemmas that lie just beneath the surface. To see a preview of the film, please visit <http://youtu.be/VMU6u0VP6Go>. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org or call (510) 615-5812.

Respectfully submitted,

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