



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

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

**DATE:** April 19, 2013

### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***FY 2013-15 Proposed Policy Budget Presented*** – On Wednesday, April 17, Mayor Jean Quan, City Administrator Deanna J. Santana and senior budget staff released the City of Oakland's FY 2013-15 Proposed Policy Budget. The proposed budget strives to offer a "fair share" balance of Oaklanders' many priorities in concert with the City's fiscal reality. The proposals invest heavily in public safety, job creation and economic development. It is a balanced budget and includes spending reductions that will be necessary to close projected shortfalls, in some cases eliminating positions. Contributions made by City employees to help weather the Great Recession will begin to sunset on July 1, 2013. Important elements of the proposed budget include:

- Graduating four police academies over the next two fiscal years, bringing the sworn staffing to an estimated 697 officers based on graduation and attrition estimates;
- Outlining policy tradeoffs that the community, employees and City Council will have to consider, including funding for additional police academies, housing services, litter and illegal dumping enforcement and clean-up, road repair, graffiti abatement and Head Start services, which likely face federal cuts;
- Reducing ongoing expenditures by \$11.6 million in the first year and increasing that reduction to \$16.1 million in the second year;
- As part of those reductions, eliminating 79.5 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) in the first year and an additional 7 FTEs in the second year;
- Investing in economic development, which includes job training, business assistance, cultural arts and marketing, business attraction and affordable housing;
- Reducing reliance on one-time revenue sources, which account for \$14.3 million in the current year but just \$10.8 million over the next two years; and
- Calling on all Oakland stakeholders to help resolve long-term projected shortfalls caused by factors outside the City's control, including rising pension and health care costs, currently unknown state and federal cuts and the still-unfolding impacts of the elimination of the state Redevelopment program. We must also begin planning ahead to address the significant backlog of deferred maintenance on City roads and buildings, as well as long-overdue technology upgrades.

Quan, Santana and staff will formally present the budget proposal to the City Council on April 30. A series of town hall meetings will be held citywide throughout the month of May, and the City Council will conduct three budget hearings before adopting a balanced budget, as required in the City Charter, by June 30, 2013. Visit the City's Budget Page at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK040588> to view the proposed budget, fact sheets, supporting documents and upcoming budget town hall meetings. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak040609>. For more information, please contact Sean Maher, Communications Director in the Office of the Mayor, at [smaher@oaklandnet.com](mailto:smaher@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7439 or Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director in the Office of the City Administrator, at [kboyd@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kboyd@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6365.

***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 meetings 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.
- Thursday, May 9 at 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Special Town Hall Meeting for Youth)  
Laney College Forum, 900 Fallon Street

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](http://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](mailto:ssanmiguel@oaklandnet.com). Please visit [www.engageoakland.com](http://www.engageoakland.com) or email [fightcrime@oaklandnet.com](mailto: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](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK039852). For more information, please contact Joe DeVries, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, at (510) 238-3083.

***OPD Makes Arrests in Two High Profile Homicide Cases*** – On Tuesday, April 16, Chief Howard A. Jordan announced that five juveniles, all Oakland residents, had been arrested in connection with the April 2 shooting of Quinn Boyer, at a stop sign on Keller Avenue. Mr. Boyer died from his injuries two days later. The arrests, which took place April 15 and 16, resulted from combined efforts of law enforce and the community. The Oakland Police Department

(OPD) team included crime investigators, patrol officers, the OPD Gangs/Guns Intelligence Task Force, problem solving officers and school safety officers. Oakland Unified School District officers also participated. Police acknowledge that the arrests could not have happened so quickly without the support of the community, which was determined to obtain justice. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is currently reviewing the case for charging. Besides murder, they are facing a range of other charges, including robbery and carjacking. In response to the fact that a tragic death was caused by such young suspects, the Chief stressed the importance of continuing to strengthen the community's commitment to prevention, outreach and education, especially as it impacts our youth. In the second case, Anthony Lister, 38, of San Leandro was arrested on April 6 for the murder of Lionel Fluker, 54, a former freelance photojournalist for the Oakland Tribune. Lister has been charged with murder as well as possession of a firearm by a felon, carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle and carrying a loaded firearm in a city. His prior convictions, which date back to 1993, could add to his state prison term if he is convicted. A second gunman remains at large. So far this year, OPD has cleared 21 murder cases. For more information, please contact Sergeant Chris Bolton, OPD Chief of Staff, at [cbolton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:cbolton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

**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](http://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](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak040508). For a complete list of all registered Earth Day sites and an interactive site map, visit [www.oaklandearthday.org](http://www.oaklandearthday.org) or call (510) 238-7611.

**Library Offers Free Online Language Learning** – On Monday, April 1, the Oakland Public Library celebrated a year of offering library card holders free access to Transparent Language Online, a language learning program via the library's website. Transparent Language Online

provides instruction in over 80 languages plus English. It's designed to help users learn basic language skills or dive into more extensive language instruction – all at a self-determined pace. The program can be used from any computer with Internet access, and free companion mobile applications for Apple and Android devices are available. To access the system, please visit <http://library.transparent.com/oaklandca/game/modern/login>. (New users can sign up on this page.) For more information, please contact Andrew Demcak, Acting Collection Management Librarian, at (510) 238-4704.

***“Compassionate Cook” Coming to Temescal Branch Library*** – On Tuesday, April 23, all are welcome to join Oakland's Colleen Patrick-Goudreau, popular vegan chef, on World Book Night at the Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. The well-known cookbook author will introduce the first volume in her new “Joyful Vegan” series and share her extensive knowledge – and tasty recipes – as part of Oakland Veg Week. Visit the event's web page at <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/temescal-branch/compassionate-cook-colleen-patrick-goudreau>. For more information, please call Steve Lavoie, Branch Manager, at (510) 597-5049.

***Councilmember Schaaf and Assemblymember Bonta Hold Office Hours at the Library*** – On Wednesday, April 24, citizens of Oakland can drop by to share their thoughts and concerns about local issues with Councilmember Libby Schaaf (District 4) at the Melrose Branch Library, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. Councilmember Schaaf holds office hours at the branch every fourth Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Assemblymember Rob Bonta (18th District) holds regularly scheduled office hours from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Eastmont Branch Library, in the Eastmont Town Center, 7200 Bancroft Avenue, Suite 211. For more information, please call the Melrose Branch Library at (510) 535-5623 or the Eastmont Branch Library at (510) 615-5726.

***Week of the Young Child*** – Through Saturday, April 20, the City of Oakland's Head Start/Early Head Start program is celebrating the Week of the Young Child. This annual celebration is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families as well as recognition of the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The Oakland Head Start/Early Head Start centers will focus on various activities during the week that reflect this year's theme of “Early Years Are Learning Years” and celebrate cultural diversity, nutritional awareness, Earth Day, gardening and literacy awareness. In addition, due to a valuable partnership with Children's Fairyland, the week will conclude on Friday, April 19 with over 1,500 Head Start children, families and staff enjoying a free outing to the beloved storybook theme park on the shores of Lake Merritt. For more information, please contact Alisa Burton, Head Start Supervisor, at [aburton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:aburton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2323.

***Oakland Ranked #1 Green City*** – On Monday, April 15, SheKnows.com published its list of the Greenest Cities in the U.S. and ranked Oakland #1. The author noted the city is reducing waste, using energy more efficiently, planning eco-friendly developments, enacting green transportation guidelines and more. To view the online post, please visit

[www.sheknows.com/living/articles/990651/the-5-greenest-cities-in-the-us](http://www.sheknows.com/living/articles/990651/the-5-greenest-cities-in-the-us). For other recent accolades bestowed on Oakland, please visit [www2.oaklandnet.com/News/OAK033058](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/News/OAK033058).

***Movies in the Park*** – On Friday April 19, the Redwood Heights Recreation Center, located at 3883 Aliso Avenue, will begin its Movies in the Park series with a free screening of “How to Train Your Dragon.” The movie will begin shortly after sunset. For more information please contact Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, at [bclark@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bclark@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 482-7827.

***Youth Sail Outreach Day*** – On Friday, April 12, 42 Oakland youth, ages 5 to 12, participated in Youth Sail Outreach Day. Activities included a question-and-answer session with America's Cup Youth Sailing Force contenders in the America's Cup pavilion, sailing on the Oakland Estuary with the Encinal Yacht Club and Afterguard sailors on keelboats and interactive activities on the tallship Seaward and an America's Cup Catamaran. This experience was made possible through a collaboration between Sail San Francisco Bay, Strictly Sail Pacific, America's Cup, City of Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation, Afterguard Sailing and the Encinal Yacht Club. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Boating Program Director, at [sherbelin@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sherbelin@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2196.

***Youth Help Deliver Yachts to the Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show*** – On Wednesday, April 10, two Oakland youth from the Office of Parks and Recreation's (OPR) Lake Merritt Boating program joined with Sunsail staff to deliver two boats to the Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show in Jack London Square from Sausalito. The experience resulted from a collaboration between Sunsail, OPR, Afterguard Sailing and America's Cup Youth Sailing Force. For more information please contact Sarah Herbelin, Boating Program Director, at [sherbelin@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sherbelin@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2196.

### **Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandum was released in the last week.

***Update on Federal and State Budgetary Actions Standing Report*** – This information memorandum provides a written report of the Assistant City Administrator's verbal reports regarding Federal and State Budgetary Actions made during the April 9th Finance and Management Committee. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK040546>

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

***Mexica Dance*** – Every Monday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Center for History and Community, 2488 Coolidge Avenue. Discover Mexica culture during ceremony and dance classes open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org).

***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](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.

***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](http://www.wecustomize.org). For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org](http://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](mailto:scrivanir@aol.com) or visit [www.warehouse416.com](http://www.warehouse416.com).

***OSA Spring Dance Concert*** – Through Sunday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. Friday-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](http://www.oakarts.org).

***Poetry Workshops for Teens*** – Tuesdays through June 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street. The spring cycle of Youth Speaks' after-school writing

workshops are led by local artist Dennis Kim and open to teens, ages 13 to 19. For more information, please call (510) 535-5620.

***“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](http://www.peraltahacienda.org) or call (510) 532-9142.

***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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

***African American Spring Parent Conference*** – Saturday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., McClymonds High School, 2607 Myrtle Street. This free event for students, parents and families features informational workshops, student performances, family resources and a book giveaway. The keynote speaker is Dr. Wade Nobles. For more information, please contact Vicky Herrera at (510) 273-1561 or [edna.herrera@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:edna.herrera@ousd.k12.ca.us).

***Earth Day 2013*** – Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 80 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.oeps.org](http://www.oeps.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](http://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](http://www.hnu.edu/publicevents).

***YPSO Music Scholarship Program Benefit Concert*** – Sunday, April 21, 4:00 pm., Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Avenue. Concert Series presents music from local and international musicians. For more information, please visit [www.piedmontpiano.com](http://www.piedmontpiano.com).

***Technology Comes to Oakland*** – Monday, April 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., California Federation of Teachers Office, 1330 Broadway, Suite 1601. The League of Women Voters hosts this discussion about the impact of technology companies moving to Oakland and tech products designed to improve public processes on our city. For more information, please visit [www.lwvoakland.org](http://www.lwvoakland.org).

***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/](http://www.oaklandveg.com/veg-week/).

***Economics of Safety & Police*** – Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Holy Names University, Valley Center Theater, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. As part of the Safe Oakland Speaker Series, UC Berkeley Law Professor Justin McCrary shares findings from his recent study, "The Effect of Police on Crime: New Evidence from U.S. Cities, 1960-2010," including a cost-benefit analysis of policing. For more information, please visit <http://safeoakland.com/events>.

***"Welcome to the Table" Healing Circle*** – Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, 3278 West Street. Engage in sharing stories, experiences, events and deep dialogue about healing the wounds of racial inequality. Held the last Wednesday of every month. For more information, please visit [www.ahc-oakland.org/calendar](http://www.ahc-oakland.org/calendar).

***Peralta Community College District's Annual Sustainability Conference*** – Thursday, April 25, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Laney College Bistro, Estuary and Quad, 333 E. 8th Street. The free conference includes a variety of exhibitors: community groups, environmental control technologies, architects, renewable energy, alternative fuels, etc. Displays will include hybrid cars, film projections, pictorials and models. For more information, please contact Charles Neal at [cneal@peralta.edu](mailto:cneal@peralta.edu) or (510) 587-7894.

***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](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

***Mindful Drumming*** – Friday, April 26, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, 3278 West Street. Experience the twin concepts of rhythm and sound-wave vibration and tap into your

natural rhythm. Drums are available. For more information, please visit [www.ahc-oakland.org/calendar](http://www.ahc-oakland.org/calendar).

**Stephanie Crawford Jazz Vocalist & Trio** – Friday, April 26, 8:00 p.m., Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Avenue. Concert Series presents music from local and international musicians. For more information, please visit [www.piedmontpiano.com](http://www.piedmontpiano.com).

**The Maltese Falcon** – Friday, April 26, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. Enjoy a screening of this film classic as part of the Paramount Movie Classics series. For more information, please visit [www.paramounttheatre.com](http://www.paramounttheatre.com).

**2nd Annual Career and Tech Education Open House** – Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Laney College, Bldg G, 900 Fallon Street. More than a dozen hands-on demonstrations of Laney's many programs will be presented, including machine technology, welding, biomanufacturing, green jobs training, architecture and engineering, electrical and environmental technology, carpentry, photography, cosmetology, culinary arts, graphic arts and more. For more information, please visit [www.laney.edu/wp/cteopenhouse](http://www.laney.edu/wp/cteopenhouse).

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hnu.edu/publicevents).

**Brazilian Piano Night** – Saturday, April 27, 8:00 p.m., Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Avenue. Four Bay Area pianists present an evening of Brazilian Music. For more information, please visit [www.piedmontpiano.com](http://www.piedmontpiano.com).

***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.

***Do Laws Matter?*** – Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Holy Names University, Valley Center Theater, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. As part of the Safe Oakland Speaker Series, Stanford Law Professor and renowned empirical researcher John J. Donohue III discusses the data on how certain laws and policies are succeeding (or failing) to control crime. For more information, please visit <http://safeoakland.com/events>.

***Jack's Night Market*** – Friday, May 3, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. A captivating evening filled with merriment and verve can be enjoyed every first Friday through September. Sample the eclectic mix of artisans, music, food and fun. For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, May 3, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., At Thy Word, 8915 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](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

***Saints & Sinners*** – Friday, May 3, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. Enjoy the season finale for the Oakland East Bay Symphony including the world premiere of "Mysterium." For more information, please visit [www.oeps.org](http://www.oeps.org).

***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](mailto:girlssports@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5608.

***Oakland's Violent Social Networks*** – Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Holy Names University, Valley Center Theater, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. As part of the Safe Oakland Speaker Series, Yale Sociology Professor Andrew Papachristos shares his analysis of Oakland's street gangs, the nature of interpersonal violence and its use in Oakland's Ceasefire strategy. For more information, please visit <http://safeoakland.com/events>.

***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 (OPD) 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](mailto:CBolton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, May 10, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., First Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 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](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

***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](mailto:girlssports@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5608.

***Screening of "Just a Piece of Cloth"*** – On Saturday, May 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., 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](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org) or call (510) 615-5812.

***Oakland Scottish Rite Revealed Tour*** – Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Oakland Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. The Scottish Rite Masons can trace their Oakland roots back to 1883. Learn about the history of the intriguing organization that created this lovely architectural gem built in 1927. For more information, please visit <http://ohatour-may2013.eventbrite.com>.

***Girls' Sports Days*** – Saturday, May 18, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue. The Office of Parks and Recreation hosts a Girls' Sports Days including fun swimming. For more information, please contact Coach Love at [girlssports@oaklandnet.com](mailto:girlssports@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5608.

Respectfully submitted,

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