TO:  HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM:  Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT:  City Administrator’s Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

City Announces OPD’s New Executive Leadership Team – On Friday, May 10, the City of Oakland announced a new executive leadership team of the Oakland Police Department headed by Sean Whent, who has been appointed Interim Chief of Police, effective immediately. Interim Chief Whent, a 17-year veteran of OPD, moved quickly to stabilize the leadership of the Oakland Police Department by announcing the following appointments:

- Paul Figueroa: Acting Assistant Chief responsible for day-to-day operations of the Police Department.
- Eric Breshears: Deputy Chief, Commander of Bureau of Strategic Initiatives including the Ceasefire program and Compstat.
- Danielle Outlaw: Acting Deputy Chief, Commander of the Bureau of Risk Management, which includes the Training Section, Internal Affairs Division, Office of Inspector General, and Criminalistics Division
- David Downing: Acting Deputy Chief, Commander of Bureau of Field Operations
- Anthony Toribio: AC Toribio has made a personal decision to step down to the position of Captain of Police. He fully supports the new leadership and will continue to contribute to the Department’s ongoing effort to reduce crime and meet full compliance with the Negotiated Settlement Agreement.

To read the media release, please visit [http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK041031](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK041031). For more information, please contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at kboyd@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6365.

Budget Town Hall Meetings – On April 30, Mayor Jean Quan and City Administrator Deanna J. Santana presented the FY 2013-15 Proposed Policy Budget to City Council. Throughout May, the City of Oakland will host a series of Budget Town Hall Meetings, in partnership with City Councilmembers, to gather input from Oakland residents on the proposed budget. The scheduled meetings are:

- Monday, May 13, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  César Chávez Education Center, 2825 International Boulevard
  Council Districts 5 & At-large
- Saturday, May 18, Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Beebe Memorial Cathedral, 3900 Telegraph Avenue  
Council Districts 1 & 3  
- Sunday, May 19, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Glenview Elementary School, 4215 La Cresta Avenue  
Council Districts 2 & 4  
- Monday, May 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Frick Middle School, 2845 64th Avenue  
Council District 6

Every meeting is open to all members of the Oakland community, regardless of the Council District of residency. No R.S.V.P. required. Visit [http://mapgis.oaklandnet.com/councildistricts](http://mapgis.oaklandnet.com/councildistricts) for a map of Council Districts and locator tool. To request interpretation services in languages other than English, please contact Silvia San Miguel, at least five business days prior to the meeting date, at ssanmiguel@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6448. For those unable to attend one of the above meetings, other engagement and feedback opportunities available include:

- The City's newly launched open data platform, [https://data.oaklandnet.com](https://data.oaklandnet.com), to explore and visualize budget data
- A community-created visualization tool, [www.openbudgetoakland.org](http://www.openbudgetoakland.org), to view data and interactive infographics
- Survey and community engagement opportunities at [www.EngageOakland.com](http://www.EngageOakland.com)
- Emailing suggestions and comments to budgetsuggestions@oaklandnet.com

For budget-related documents including the Administration’s priorities, the principles behind the budget proposal, a four-page Budget-in-Brief fact sheet and an eight-page Budget Backgrounder fact sheet, please visit the budget web page at [http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK040588](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK040588). To read the media release, please visit [http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK040949](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK040949).

**OPD Open House** – On Friday, May 10, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Oakland Police Department (OPD) will open its doors to the community for its second annual Open House. The Open House, sponsored by OPD and the Oakland Police Foundation, will be held at the Police Administration Building on 455 7th Street. Residents of Oakland will have an opportunity to meet members of the OPD command staff and other OPD personnel and employees of the Police Department. The Open House is a great opportunity for the community to get to know the men and women of OPD and learn a little more about what they do. Activities at the event include:

- A performance by the Oakland School for the Arts’ Jazz Ensemble
- Crime Dog McGruff, who has been invited to share ideas and games about staying safe with the kids
- OPD’s K-9 Unit
- Police equipment and vehicles on display
- Officers, Neighborhood Service Coordinators and civilian employees from each of Oakland’s five districts will be available to discuss neighborhood-specific initiatives
- Light refreshments

For more information, please contact Sgt. Chris Bolton, OPD Chief of Staff, at cbolton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

**Oakland Announces 2013 Mother of the Year** – On Saturday, May 11, Oakland Parks and Recreation will honor Annalee Allen who was chosen as Oakland’s 2013 Mother of the Year.
The award ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Morcom Rose Garden, 700 Jean Street. Raised in Berkeley, Annalee graduated from UCLA with a degree in Art History before settling in Oakland with her husband Jim in 1978. She is the mother of three sons. Ms. Allen has been a consummate volunteer at more than 20 community organizations, serving in leadership positions at many of them. She was nominated for the Mother of the Year award by the Oakland Heritage Alliance. Annalee has been a dedicated Oakland booster, working to tell Oakland’s story in a positive and optimistic way, promoting the city’s virtues, heritage, quirks and culture. Since 1996, Annalee has coordinated the City of Oakland’s Oakland Tours Program, promoting the efforts of volunteer guides who lead walking tours of Oakland’s downtown. Annalee has published three books to educate the public on the city’s history: Selections from the Oakland Tribune Archives, Oakland Landmarks, and Oakland (Postcard History Series).

Oakland’s Mother of the Year Award is a project of Oakland Parks and Recreation and was initiated in 1954 to publicly honor an Oakland citizen whose contributions to the community symbolize the finest traditions of motherhood, although being a parent is not a requirement to be nominated for the Mother of the Year Award. Past honorees have included hard-working, dedicated community servants whose volunteerism has been exemplary. To read the media release, please visit [http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/40970](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/40970). For more information, please contact Dana Riley, Assistant to the Director, at driley@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6495.

**Love Our Lake Day** – On Sunday, June 9, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., enjoy a fun-packed Sunday around Lake Merritt that celebrates Oakland’s investment through Measure DD which has transformed Lake Merritt. Pedal and paddle the lake at Oaklavía - Oakland Sunday Streets. The festive event will enrich three miles of car-free streets with recreation and cultural activities for the entire family. At 2:00 p.m., join Mayor Jean Quan on the south end of the lake for the Grand Opening of Lake Merritt Boulevard featuring a beautiful new amphitheater and four-acre park. Enjoy live entertainment by Oakland artists; children’s activities; Oakland food trucks; and information booths and photographs highlighting the many transformative projects brought about by Measure DD, the voter-approved bond for Clean Water & Safe Parks. Love Our Lake Day is presented by the City of Oakland, Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) and the Measure DD Community Coalition. For further event details, please visit [www.LoveOurLakeDay.com](http://www.LoveOurLakeDay.com). For more information, please contact Harry Hamilton, Public Information Officer, at hhamilton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2107.

**17th Annual Affordable Housing Week** – From Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 19, the Department of Housing and Community Development invites the public to a variety of workshops, groundbreakings, grand openings and other events in honor of the annual Affordable Housing Week. The events are coordinated by the East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), an Oakland-based affordable housing advocacy consortium. This year, 20 events will take place in six cities throughout the Bay Area. The events scheduled in Oakland are:

- **Friday, May 10**
  - EBHO 17th Annual Affordable Housing Week Kickoff Celebration
    5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
    Uptown Body and Fender, 401 26th Street
    Sponsor: EBHO
➢ Monday, May 13
   Workshop: The Power of Resident Organizing for Affordable Housing
   4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
   Merritt Crossing, 609 Oak Street
   Sponsor: EBHO

➢ Tuesday, May 14
   Satellite First Communities Grand Re-opening
   10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
   Satellite Central, 540 21st Street
   Sponsor: Satellite Affordable Housing Associates

➢ Thursday, May 16
   Lakeside Senior Apartments Groundbreaking
   1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
   2nd Avenue & E.15th Street
   Sponsor: Satellite Affordable Housing Associates

   Rising Oaks Grand Opening
   3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
   3800 Coolidge Avenue
   Sponsor: Fred Finch Youth Center

➢ Friday, May 17
   Brookfield Court Construction Tour
   10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
   9507 Edes Avenue
   Sponsor: Habitat for Humanity

   Drasnin Manor Grand Opening
   3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
   2530 International Boulevard
   Sponsor: East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation

➢ Saturday, May 18
   Rental Property Owner Appreciation Fair
   9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
   Oakland Housing Authority, 1619 Harrison Street
   Sponsors: OHA and Eden I&R

For more information on Affordable Housing Week events, please contact Norma Thompson, Housing Development Manager, at nthompson@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7137.

Unleash the Power of Age: Senior Town Hall Discussion – On Thursday, May 23, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is holding a Senior Town Hall Discussion from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. In
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honor of Older Americans Month, please join the Commission on Aging to discuss the issues and opportunities confronting seniors in 2013 and beyond. The keynote speaker will be Mayor Jean Quan. Refreshments, abundant giveaways and community resource tables will be provided at this free event. A free shuttle will be provided to Senior Centers and Senior Housing. To make a reservation, please contact Barbara Ellis at bellis@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7298. To read the media release, please visit http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak040973. For more information, please contact Tammy Siu, Aging & Adult Services Manager, at tsiu@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6137.

**Googie and Friends Annual Golf Tournament** – On Monday, August 12, at Metropolitan Golf Links, Vice Mayor Larry Reid and Oakland Parks and Recreation staff will host a golf tournament fundraiser benefiting five Oakland Junior Golf Programs: Ace Kids Golf, The First Tee of Oakland, Lake Chabot Junior Golf Academy, Metropolitan Junior Golf Program and Oakland Turfgrass Initiative. Join in the celebration of Leonard “Googie” Kirtley’s 90th birthday by playing golf, tasting fine food and enjoying friends. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with a shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. To register your foursome, please visit [www.playmetro.com/googie](http://www.playmetro.com/googie). For sponsor information or to donate raffle prizes, please call Preston. For more information, please contact Preston Pinkney, Golf Program Director, at ppinkney@oaklandnet.com or (510) 351-0391.

**Public Works Kicks Off Annual Blitz on Potholes** – Through Wednesday, June 26, the City of Oakland’s Public Works Agency (PWA) continues its pothole blitz. Several hundred potholes were filled in the first week in this all out effort to keep Oakland’s vehicular and pedestrian traffic safe. Each week, the Blitz will re-locate to another district in the City. Last year, the Streets & Sidewalks Division of the Department of Infrastructure & Maintenance filled 2,800 potholes city-wide during the Blitz. Crews expect to repair more than 3,000 this year. The focus will be on traffic corridors, schools, hospitals, high-traffic pedestrian areas and problem streets. The public are asked to report their least favorite potholes by either:

- Calling the PWA Hotline at (510) 615-5566
- Using the online form at [www.oaklandpw.com](http://www.oaklandpw.com)
- Using the mobile app SeeClickFix
- Emailing pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com

To read the media release, please visit [http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak040764](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak040764). For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at kshaff@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2966.

**Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements** – During the week of May 13, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions: Accounting Supervisor, Criminalist II (Selective Certification for Forensic Chemistry), Criminalist II (Selective Certification for Forensic Firearms), Park Supervisor I, Public Works Maintenance Worker and Public Works Supervisor I. For updated information on City jobs, please visit the DHRM website at [http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm](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.

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).

**Creative Dance Classes for Kids** – Mondays through June 17, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Malonga Center for the Arts, Studio D, 1428 Alice Street. AXIS Dance offers one of the few programs that offer children with disabilities the opportunity to explore their “inner dancer” in a structured environment with professional, disabled dancers as role models. Class focus is on positive body awareness, natural creativity, teamwork, motor coordination, personal expression, discipline and self-control. Children, ages 6 to 12, with and without disabilities are welcome. For more information, please visit [www.axisdance.org](http://www.axisdance.org) or call (510) 625-0110.

**Guided Walking Tours** – Every Wednesday and Saturday through October 30, 10:00 a.m., Various Starting Points. The twice weekly guided tours showcase the city’s changing skyline, landmarks, churches and high-rises. There are eight different tour itineraries. The tour brochure, itinerary descriptions, dates and starting locations are available at [www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours](http://www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours). Reservations are recommended and may be made by leaving a message on the Tours’ 24-hour hotline at (510) 238-3234 or via email to aallen@oaklandnet.com.

**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.

**Dinner, a Movie, and the Universe** – Friday & Saturday evenings year-round, Various Times, Chabot Space and Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. The perfect date night experience is back by popular demand. Enjoy a full-course dinner in the Skyline Bistro, the live-narrated Planetarium show *Cosmos 360* and view the night sky through the telescopes (weather permitting). Reservations are not required, but strongly encouraged. For more information, please visit [http://www.chabotspace.org/dinner-movie-universe.htm](http://www.chabotspace.org/dinner-movie-universe.htm).

**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 or visit [www.warehouse416.com](http://www.warehouse416.com).

**Jewelry Making** – Saturdays through June 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. Jewelry making class for youth, age 5 to 12, will teach appropriate tools to originate unique jewelry such as earrings, necklace, bracelet and body jewelry. Students will discover new techniques in beading, wire chains, jump rings and much more. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Recreation Leader, at (510) 615-5959.

**Weekly Soccer Clinic** – Saturdays through May 25, 11:00 a.m. - Noon, Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The weekly Soccer clinic is an opportunity for energetic youth, ages 5 to 12, to learn and develop fundamental soccer techniques and teamwork while making new friends. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Recreation Leader, at (510) 615-5959.

**Weekly Basketball Clinic** – Saturdays through May 25, Noon to 2:00 p.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. Weekly 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.
Food Drive in the Plaza – Mondays through Fridays through Friday, May 31, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 4340. The Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) is hosting a food drive in honor of National Community Action Month, to benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Food donation barrels will be available for nonperishable food items (no glass containers). For more information on the most needed food drive items, please visit us at www.AC-OCAP.com or contact Barbara Amaro, Program Analyst, at bamaro@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2272.

Celebrating our Diversity and a Cultural Renaissance through the Arts – Through Friday, May 31, Various Hours, Oakland City Hall, 3rd Floor, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. A collaborative art exhibition with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County and Artists from the Bay Area and International. For more information, please call (510) 444-CITY.

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.peralta hacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

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 or (510) 238-3131.

Fireside Lounge: Creation Art Exhibit – Friday, May 10, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. The Fireside Lounge explores creation and how ideas move from concept into creative expression. In collaboration with Maker Month, The Crucible celebrates creation with a spectacular evening. For more information, please visit http://thecrucible.org/.

Fractured Fairytales – Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday, plus 2:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Children’s Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue. The Oakland School for the Arts’ Theatre Department presents this fun series of classic fairytales. For more information, please visit https://www.wepay.com/events/fractured-fairytales-at-fairyland.

Bites Off Broadway – Fridays from May 10 to October 11, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., in front of Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. Mobile Food and Family Fun. Opening night: Caribbean music
by Asheba 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., face painting by Alana Dill and Pop-up Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by Kehilla Community Synagogue. Featuring affordable and delicious food from rotating trucks such as Fist of Flour, Tina Tamale, Taco Evangelist, Roderick’s BBQ, Annakoot, Suzie Q's Lunch Box, Sanguchon, Go Streatery, Doc's of the Bay, Two Mammas Vegan Kitchen, Blue Saigon, Sunrise Deli and more. Lawn seating: bring a chair or a blanket plus your friends, family and neighbors. Hula-hooping, ping pong, live music and movies at dusk. For more information, please visit http://www.bitesoffbroadway.com.

**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.

**Diaghilev Imagery** – Friday, May 10, 8:00 p.m. & Saturday, May 11, 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., Malonga Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Pay tribute to the legacy of the Oakland Ballet through reconstructions of ballets from the legendary Ballets Russes of Sergei Diaghilev. For more information, please visit www.oaklandballet.org.

**Mother’s Day Hike** – Saturday, May 11, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Get a jumpstart on the Mother’s Day weekend by enjoying a hike through the redwoods and spend some quality time with mom on this moderate 4-5 mile hike. After the hike, stay and enjoy lunch in the Skyline Bistro and view the Sun through the solar telescopes (weather permitting) or tour Chabot’s new exhibit, Touch the Sun. Hike will take place rain or shine. For more information, please visit www.chabotspace.org/events.htm.

**Mother of the Year Award Ceremony** – Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m., Morcom Rose Garden, 700 Jean Street. 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.” In addition to the Mother of the Year awardee, nominees will be recognized at the ceremony. For more information, please call (510) 615-5555.

**Friends of Joaquin Miller Park Annual Meeting and Picnic** – Saturday, May 11, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Horse Shoe Picnic Area, Joaquin Miller Park, 3590 Sanborn Drive. Come out to hear about the many ongoing native restoration projects and other park improvements being led by the many friends of this wonderful park. There will be a guided tour of the Fern Ravine Wetlands and Redwoods Restoration Site. For more information, please visit www.fojmp.org or call (510) 531-5449.

**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.

**Affordable Housing Week Scavenger Hunt** – Saturday, May 11, 12:30 - 7:00 p.m., starts in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. This urban scavenger hunt through downtown Oakland that explores walkable and transit friendly communities. Crack clues and solve puzzles. Post event celebration at the Lake Chalet at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please visit http://alloveroakland.eventbrite.com/?utm_source=CBD+Spotlight+May+2013&utm_campaign=May+CBD+Spotlight+2013&utm_medium=email#.

**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 or call (510) 615-5812.

**Internet Cat Video Festival** – Saturday, May 11, 3:00 - 10:00 p.m., Great Wall of Oakland, Grand Avenue between Broadway and Telegraph. An estimated 5,000+ cat-lovers and friends will be celebrating felines and exploring the low-art of Internet cat videos together, in real-time. Proceeds benefit the East Bay SPCA. For more information, please visit www.oaklandcatvidfest.com.

**“A Salute To Our Veterans,” Oakland Firefighters Random Acts 12th Annual Awards & Dinner Dance** – Saturday, May 11, 5:00 p.m. - midnight, Greek Orthodox Cathedral Community Center, 4700 Lincoln Avenue. This event salutes our Veterans and the work that Oakland Firefighters have done to support them. Presentation of the Community Service Award and Citizen Hero Awards are part of this evening of fun entertainment. For more information, please email cindy@ofrandomacts.org or call (510) 465-8422.

**Last Word** – Saturday, May 11, 6:00 p.m., The New Parish 579 18th Street. The Oakland School for the Arts (OSA) holds a spring Literary Arts Showcase with Poetry, Spoken Word, Stories, Zine Sale and more. OSA’s finest writers, ages 14 to 18, will be performing poetry, spoken word, songs, theatrical scenes and more. For more information, please visit www.oakarts.org.

**“Art + Industry” American Steel Open Studios** – On Saturday, May 11, Noon - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 12, Noon - 5:00 p.m., American Steel, 1960 Mandela Parkway. The exhibition serves up a healthy dose of the kind of large, interactive sculpture American Steel is known for, along with painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles, ceramics, glass and furniture. The open studios include scheduled tours, artist talks, demos, workshops and performances. Saturday night features several outdoor, fire-enhanced sculptures, art cars and fire performances. For more information, please visit www.americansteelstudios.com/openstudios.
**Mother’s Day at the Oakland Zoo** – Sunday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. All moms can enjoy a free train ride on the Outback Express Adventure Train where one can see wallaroos and emus up close. Spending a day at the Zoo is a great way to celebrate Mother’s Day. Bring the whole family to see siamang swing, lemurs leap and river otters swim. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandzoo.org](http://www.oaklandzoo.org).

**Patchwork Show** – Sunday, May 12, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Enjoy handmade goods, art, DIY crafting, local music, bike valet and more at this modern handmade festival. For more information, please visit [www.patchworkshow.com](http://www.patchworkshow.com).

**Mother’s Day Cruise** – Sunday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Presidential Yacht Potomac, Clay Street at Water Street. A festive cruise aboard the Presidential Yacht Potomac with a tasty brunch buffet, champagne and wine bar. For more information, please call (510) 627-1215.

**Mother’s Day High Tea** – Sunday, May 12, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. Enjoy High Tea on the mansion veranda or lawn. Dress up, wear your fancy hat and enjoy a spot of tea and some delicious treats. Tour the 114-year-old mansion and the gift shop. For more information, please visit [www.dunsmuir-hellman.org/events.html](http://www.dunsmuir-hellman.org/events.html).

**Bay Area Black Comedy Competition and Festival** – Wednesday, May 15 to Sunday, May 19, Various Times, Various Venues. The largest, longest-running live showcase of urban comedians in the world returns to Oakland with daytime symposiums, industry panels, workshops and one-on-one professional consultations, all specifically designed to develop the next generation of stand-up comedians. Enjoy performances by top comedians. For more information, please visit [www.blackcomedycompetition.com](http://www.blackcomedycompetition.com).

**Oakland Greek Festival** – Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Avenue. Shout “opa” while immersing yourself in Greek culture with activities including cooking demonstrations, live entertainment, vendors and tours of the cathedral. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandgreekfestival.com](http://www.oaklandgreekfestival.com) or call (510) 531-3400.

**Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk** – Friday, May 17, 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).

**Movies in the Park** – Friday, May 17, Dusk, Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The Movies in the Park series features a free screening of “Grease.” For more
information please contact Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, at bclark@oaklandnet.com or (510) 482-7827.

**8th Annual Walk to End Poverty** – Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Bandstand, 666 Bellevue Avenue. The Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership holds this event to raise awareness about the conditions of people who live in poverty in Oakland and throughout Alameda County. The first 400 people will receive a free lunch and a t-shirt. Enjoy the free community fair, children’s activities and live entertainment. For more information, please call (510) 238-2362.

**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.

**Free Boating Open House** – Saturday, May 18, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. Enjoy free boat rentals and rides, boating safety information and water safety games for youth. For more information, please visit www.sailoakland.com.

**Sounds In Rockridge** – Saturday, May 18, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., College Avenue from Broadway to Alcatraz. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon in Rockridge at this musical event. Stroll along the avenue, sample food and drink and listen to live street music. Local merchants and restaurants will be offering specials. For more information, please visit www.rockridge.org.

**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 or (510) 535-5608.

**Jazz at the Chimes** – Sunday, May 19, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. Enjoy a concert by highly acclaimed Brazilian vocalist Claudia Villela in the lovely Julia Morgan-designed Chapel of the Chimes. For more information, please visit www.jazzatthechimes.com.

**Street Wisdom** – Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Holy Names University, Valley Center Theater, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. As part of the Safe Oakland Speaker Series, Oakland Street Outreach Manager & California Peace Prize recipient Kevin Grant, Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere Founder Pastor Zac Carey and Caught in the Crossfire First Responder Kyndra Simmons share firsthand knowledge of violence from their outreach work on Oakland’s toughest streets. For more information, please visit http://safeoakland.com/events.

**Ghost Investigation** – Saturday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. - midnight, Pardee Home Museum, 672 11th Street. Join Karen Zimmerman, a professional ghost investigator and author, and her fellow investigators in searching for evidence of spirits within the Pardee Home Museum. During
previous investigations, she has recorded several Electronic Voice Phenomenon at the historic home. Volunteers will serve a wonderful array of food and drinks to the participants midway through the event. For more information, please visit www.pardeehome.org.

7th Annual Oakland Indie Awards – Thursday, May 30, 6:30 -10:30 p.m., Kaiser Center Rooftop Garden, 300 Lakeside Drive. Winners of the 2013 Indie Awards will be announced. Celebrate with Oakland’s own delicious food, wine, beer, goods, services and people. Shop the Indie Marketplace and enjoy entertainment from Oakland’s freshest DJs, musicians, artists and performers. For more information, please visit www.oaklandindieawards.com.

Remember Them Dedication – Friday, May 31, 3:00 p.m., Henry J. Kaiser Memorial Park, 19th Street at Telegraph. Join in the formal dedication of Remember Them: Champions for Humanity Monument by sculptor Mario Chiodo. With four sections, this is the largest bronze monument on the west coast, and the only monument in the country dedicated to civil rights. For more information, please visit www.oaklandchamber.com or call (510) 874-4800.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, May 31, 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.

Girls’ Sports Days – Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., San Antonio Recreation Center, 1701 East 19th 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.

Jack’s Night Market – Friday, June 7, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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