



## *MEMORANDUM*

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

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

**DATE:** September 20, 2013

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### **INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***OPD Receives Federal Funding for 10 Officers*** – On Tuesday, September 17, Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Mayor Jean Quan announced the award of a \$4.5 million grant from the federal government to fund 10 police officers for three years. The U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (USDOJ COPS) advances the practice of community policing in America's state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies. Community policing promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder and fear of crime. Rather than responding to crime only after it occurs, community policing encourages agencies to proactively develop solutions to the immediate underlying conditions contributing to public safety problems. Including this grant, COPS funding will have funded 76 Oakland officers since 2009. The new COPS grant, Oakland's third, is the largest amount awarded in the nation and is the latest in a series of new investments to rebuild the Oakland Police Department (OPD). For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***18th Annual Creek to Bay Day*** – On Saturday, September 21, volunteers are needed to help clean and beautify Oakland's creeks, Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary. This event is part of the annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, sponsored by the California Coastal Commission. Volunteers will pick up litter, remove invasive plants, plant California native species and clean up creek beds. Groups of all ages are welcome to participate in this community event and are encouraged to gather friends, family and co-workers to have fun and help improve the health of our community and environment. With cleanup and beautification activities at 36 sites, there are plenty of locations for everyone to join this volunteer effort and make a difference in our community. All volunteers will receive a reusable tote to use wherever they shop to help minimize the use of single-use plastic bags, one of the most common types of marine debris. The tote bag is part of a greater outreach initiative to encourage the use of reusable bags and to educate residents about the recently passed Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance. As volunteers work hard to clean up our creeks and waterways on Creek to Bay Day, they will see first-hand

the detrimental impacts of single-use plastic bags on fragile riparian and marine ecosystems. Plastic bags and other plastic litter can be ingested by or entangle animals that live in creeks, the Bay and the ocean. As plastic debris degrades, toxins are leached into the water, negatively impacting water quality. Using a tote bag when making purchases is a way everyone can lessen potential impacts on our waterways. For complete event information, including volunteer locations, please visit [www.oaklandcreektobay.org](http://www.oaklandcreektobay.org). To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK042851>. For more information, please contact Pamela Boyle Rodriquez, Environmental Resources Analyst, at [pboylerodriquez@oaklandet.com](mailto:pboylerodriquez@oaklandet.com) or (510) 238-6191.

***OPD Graduates Second Academy Class of 2013*** – On Friday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m., the 167th Oakland Police Academy graduated at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. Interim Police Chief Sean Whent, joined by his command staff, welcomed the 36 recruits to the law enforcement family. No matter their unique characteristics, all recruits share the same quality – the desire to professionally serve the community of Oakland. The additional officers from this academy strengthen departmental resources, which will help the Oakland Police Department (OPD) better collaborate with the community to carry out its mission of making Oakland a safer place. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

**Preparedness Workshop Aims To Help Oakland Businesses Recover, Rebound After Natural Disasters** – On Wednesday, September 25, the Oakland Merchant Leadership Forum (OMLF) will host a Business Resiliency Workshop beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Hearing Room #4 at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. In earthquake prone areas, advance business continuity and disaster recovery planning is as important as a sound business plan. OMLF will host the California Resiliency Alliance (CRA) and CRA's local partners as they share easy steps that can be taken to minimize business disruption and speed recovery following a natural disaster. Representatives from the City of Oakland's Emergency Management Services Division and Department of Economic and Workforce Development will be on hand to share how the business community can become more involved in disaster preparations. Opening lines of communication and sharing information and planning between businesses and government agencies responsible for response and recovery planning sharing is helpful to the long-term recovery process. Advanced registration is not required. For more information, please contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at [agallo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:agallo@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7405 or Juno Thomas, Business Development Coordinator, at [jthomas@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jthomas@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-4727.

***OPD Captures Two Suspects Responsible for a Burglary*** – On Wednesday, September 18, at 9:30 a.m., a citizen flagged down an Oakland Police lieutenant in the 8400 block of Edgewater Drive and advised him that the occupants of a vehicle were involved in an auto burglary. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle and a short pursuit ensued. The vehicle pursuit ended at 98th Avenue and Edes Avenue. The suspects fled on foot from the vehicle after colliding with a fixed object. Later, both suspects were taken in to custody for the burglary. Investigators are looking into the suspects' connection to numerous auto and commercial burglaries in the area surrounding the Oakland airport. The Oakland Police Department would like to thank our

community members who have provided suspect description, partial license plate and description of the vehicle in this incident. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Police Arrest Suspects for Multiple Street Robberies*** – On Friday, September 6 at 2:30 p.m., Oakland Police patrol officers observed a stolen vehicle in the parking lot of a commercial establishment in the 1600 block of MacArthur Boulevard. One of the suspects ran into a local business and remained as a barricaded suspect inside the establishment. SWAT and the Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) were called to the scene where they attempted to establish communication with the suspect in a request for him to surrender. After several hours, the suspect surrendered to the police. Upon further investigation, officers learned that the suspects had previously used the stolen vehicle in multiple street robberies. Officers were able to recover a gun and some of the victims' items taken during the robberies. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***PWA Honored With ASCE Environmental Engineering Project Award*** – On Thursday, September 19, staff from the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency (PWA) will be presented with the 2013 Environmental Engineering Project Award during an awards ceremony hosted by the San Francisco section of the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE). The award recognizes the Lake Merritt 12th Street Project that was managed by PWA's Jose Martinez. This \$49 million project transformed the south end of Lake Merritt with the removal of the 12th Street dam, culverts and twelve-lane roadway and the creation of a new six-lane, tree-lined boulevard and free-span bridge that better accommodates park users, pedestrians, bicyclists and wildlife. This work allowed for the re-opening of a 750-foot section of the Lake Merritt Channel which had been restricted by man-made structures since 1869. Restoration of the 100-foot-wide tidal channel included improvements for water quality and wildlife habitat, creation of a new two-thirds-of-an-acre tidal marsh and construction of a new recreational trail that will eventually connect to the San Francisco Bay Trail. The tidal flow was increased by 50 percent to help mix and oxygenate the lake's water and provide more tidal flushing. Tidal flushing improves the water habitat for fish and birds. In addition, vegetated swales and water quality basins further improve water quality by filtering stormwater before it reaches the lake. For more information, please contact Lesley Estes, Watershed and Stormwater Supervisor, at [lestes@oaklandnet.com](mailto:lestes@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7431.

***BVDSP Draft EIR Public Review Begins*** – On Friday, September 20, the Draft Broadway Valdez District Specific Plan (Draft Specific Plan), and the related Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and General Plan Amendments will be available for review. The Draft Specific Plan document and project information will be available at the project website at [www.oaklandnet.com/bvdsp](http://www.oaklandnet.com/bvdsp). Copies of the Draft EIR will be available for review or distribution to interested parties at no charge at the Planning and Building Department, Strategic Planning Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional copies will be available for review at the Oakland Public Library, Social Science and Documents, 125 14th Street. Members of the public are invited to comment on the Draft EIR, the Draft Specific Plan and General Plan Amendments. All comments received will be considered by

the City prior to finalizing the EIR and making a decision on the project. Comments may be made at the public hearings described below or in writing. Comments may be submitted:

- In writing to Laura Kaminski, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, CA 94612
- Via fax to (510) 238-6538
- Via email to [lkaminski@oaklandnet.com](mailto:lkaminski@oaklandnet.com)

Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4. Please refer to case number ER12-0005 in all correspondence. As part of the review process, a community workshop will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3 at Temple Sinai's Albers Chapel, 2808 Summit Street. In addition, items related to the project will be heard at upcoming hearings at the Oakland Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (Review of cultural resource aspects of the Draft EIR and Draft Specific Plan) on Monday, October 14 and the Oakland City Planning Commission (Review of Draft EIR and the Draft Specific Plan and related General Plan and Planning Code Amendments) on Wednesday, October 16. Both hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and be held in City Hall. For more information, please contact Laura Kaminski, Project Planner, at [lkaminski@oaklandnet.com](mailto:lkaminski@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6809.

***Oakland Innovates with Green Bikeway*** – On Tuesday, September 17, the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency shared details on its experimental design on 40th Street: green color in the travel lane to help bicyclists and motorists share the road. The project seeks to improve access for bicyclists between the MacArthur BART Station, Piedmont Avenue commercial district, Emeryville and new bicycle/pedestrian path on the Oakland span of the Bay Bridge. The experiment features shared roadway bicycle markings (sharrows) highlighted by green color located in the travel lane. The goal of the experiment is to enhance safety by addressing common problems where bicyclists and motorists share lanes. Bicyclists often ride in the "door zone" – the area immediately adjacent to curbside parking into which car doors open. Motorists often squeeze by bicyclists, passing too closely. The California Vehicle Code allows bicyclists to use the full travel lane where the lane is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side. The "green" treatment will assist bicyclists and motorists in sharing the road. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK042938>. For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at [kshaff@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kshaff@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2966.

***Fall Book Sale*** – From Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13, the Friends of the Oakland Public Library's (FOPL) Bookmark Bookstore will hold its semi-annual sale event from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 721 Washington Street. Shoppers receive 30 percent off all purchases on Friday, and the discount increases by 10 percent each day, up to 50 percent off on Sunday. The discount applies to the already low prices of \$3 to \$6 for most of the 17,000 books in the store. FOPL members are eligible for the "members' first choice" discount of 50 percent on Thursday, October 10. Anyone may join FOPL in person at the store to receive the member discount. In addition to that good feeling that comes from supporting the Oakland Public Library, FOPL members receive 20 percent off their Bookmark Bookstore purchases for the rest of the year. To

become a member, visit [www.fopl.org](http://www.fopl.org) or pick up an application at the store. For information, please contact Winifred Walters at [wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6932.

***OPD Seeks Citizen Input with Community Satisfaction Survey*** – On Tuesday, September 10, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) posted a community survey on its website at [www.oaklandpolice.com](http://www.oaklandpolice.com) and the City's home page at [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com). OPD is committed to building relationships of trust within our community. Increased communication enhances public safety. The brief survey will provide useful feedback regarding the success of OPD's current efforts and will inform policies moving forward. The survey is also available directly at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/7YLJ9RT](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7YLJ9RT). The survey will be available in Chinese and Spanish shortly. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***City Seeks Citizen Input on Council Redistricting*** – On Thursday, October 3, the Rules and Legislation Committee of the Oakland City Council will review the staff report on the Council Redistricting process which began in June. The Oakland City Charter mandates the review of City Council District boundaries every 10 years to equalize each district's population according to U.S. Census data. To view the reports, resolution and video of the Oakland City Council meeting on June 4 where the Council established the criteria to be used, please visit <http://bit.ly/103avDM>. In July and September, a series of seven Redistricting Town Hall Meetings were held throughout Oakland. The three meetings in July educated the public about Redistricting while the four meetings in September presented 13 proposed maps, including 10 submitted by the public. Public input is encouraged and can be provided by:

- Using the interactive mapping software at <http://www.onlineredistricting.com/Oakland2/redist/>
- Emailing suggestions and comments to [strategicplanning@oaklandnet.com](mailto:strategicplanning@oaklandnet.com)
- Leaving a voice message on the redistricting hotline at (510) 238-3079
- Visiting the City's newly launched open data platform, <http://data.oaklandnet.com>, to explore and visualize population data
- Engaging in the discussion online at <http://www.EngageOakland.com>

Later in October, the City Council will begin holding public hearings to deliberate on the proposed redistricting maps. The Council is expected to make a final selection of the Council District boundaries in November. For more information on Oakland's redistricting process including a map of current Council Districts, relevant legislation, upcoming Council meeting dates and more, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/redistricting](http://www.oaklandnet.com/redistricting). For more information, please contact Devan Reiff, AICP, Planner II, at [dreiff@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dreiff@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3550.

***North Oakland Senior Center Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary*** – On Wednesday, September 25, the North Oakland Senior Center (NOSC) will celebrate its 15th anniversary. Join the NOSC's seniors as they celebrate with the theme "Active Seniors Since 1998." The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. in front of the center at 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, and at 10:30 a.m. participants will go for a brief walk through the neighborhood to share their spirit and let neighbors know about the NOSC. There will be music, prizes, demonstrations and healthy

snacks. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please contact Mary Norton, Senior Center Director, at (510) 597-5085 or [mnorton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mnorton@oaklandnet.com).

***DavieFest Fundraiser*** – On Saturday, September 28, the Oakland Davie Tennis Stadium will host DavieFest fundraiser with special headliner, Oakland native and former pro tennis player Brad Gilbert. Funds raised at DavieFest will be used for much needed renovations at Davie Stadium and Oakland public tennis courts in advance of hosting the 2014 National Public Parks Tennis Championships. Funds will also be used to fund free tennis programs for underserved Oakland youth. In addition to general admission, VIP tickets are available. The VIP event at 2:00 p.m., includes wine and hors d'oeuvres with Brad Gilbert, a signed copy of his best-selling book *Winning Ugly*, along with a gift bag with assorted other goodies. In addition to the exhibition and other tennis-related activities, there will be live jazz throughout the day. The fundraiser runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Davie Tennis Stadium, 198 Oak Road in Piedmont. For additional event details, please visit and visit [www.daviefest.org](http://www.daviefest.org). For more information, please contact Marc Weinstein, Office of Parks & Recreation Director of Tennis, at [mweinstein2@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mweinstein2@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 444-5663.

***A PEACE of Nature*** – On Saturday, October 19, Studio One Art Center will host a trip to Burleigh Murray State Park. This program, in partnership with the State Parks, will feature a docent-led tour plus a full day of exiting educational programs planned by State Park staffers. The program is designed for adults and children, ages 6 and up. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. The activity fee includes transportation, a t-shirt and park entrance fee. The bus will depart from the center located at 365 45th Street. Register today as spaces are limited. For more information, please contact Alethia Walker, Program Director, at [walethia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:walethia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 597-5027.

***Splash Pad 10th Anniversary Celebration*** – On Sunday, October 20, Oakland will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Splash Pad Park. Running from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., this free Oak-centric concert and community festival will feature five Oakland-based bands, a beer and wine garden offering Linden Street beer and Periscope wine, kids' activities and information tables by Grand Lake area community groups including NCPC's and the Lakeshore and Grand Avenues business associations. The event is sponsored by the Office of Parks and Recreation, the Agricultural Institute of Marin and realtor Rick Richetta. For additional event details, please visit [www.splashpad.org/10thAnniversary.html](http://www.splashpad.org/10thAnniversary.html). For more information, please contact Ken Katz at [ken@katzpjs.com](mailto:ken@katzpjs.com) or (510) 451-6537.

***Autumn Lights Festival*** – On Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19, The Gardens at Lake Merritt will be transformed with several acres of garden illuminated with enchanting art installations created by local Bay Area artists. A fundraiser for The Gardens, Oakland's hidden jewel which was recently named one of California's Top 5 Gardens by VIA Magazine. The Gardens at Lake Merritt are located at 666 Bellevue Avenue. The event will run from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. both nights. Proceeds will be used for garden improvements for the enjoyment of the entire community. Save \$10 by purchasing your general admission tickets in advance at <http://autumnlightsfestival.eventbrite.com>. VIP Tickets for adults 21 and over include free wine

and beer tastings and illumination toys in the VIP lounge. For more information, please contact Victoria 'Tora' Rocha, Park Supervisor I, at [vrocha@oaklandnet.com](mailto:vrocha@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3208.

### **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).

***Guided Walking Tours*** – Every Wednesday and Saturday through October 30, 10:00 a.m., Various Starting Points. The semiweekly 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](mailto:aallen@oaklandnet.com).

***Board Game Days*** – Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m., Hall 2, Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. Join others in rousing board games including Monopoly, Scrabble, Boggle and many more. For more information, please contact Jennifer King, Senior Center Director, at [jkjng@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jkjng@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3284.

***Affordable Health Care Act: Your Questions Answered*** – Every Wednesday through 2013, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Main Library, 125 14th Street. Come and learn about the Affordable Health Care Act. A certified enrollment counselor will be available to answer your questions and assist with the application process in the Main Library computer lab. For information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at [mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6611.

***Mural Workshop*** – Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., 81st Avenue 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.

***First Thursday Art Walk*** – Every First Thursday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Grand Avenue from LakePark to Piedmont border. The Grand Avenue Business District hosts a monthly art event with special discounts from merchants and galleries. For more information, please visit <http://piedmont.patch.com/groups/events/p/ev--first-thursday-art-walk-down-grand-avenue>.

***Embrace the Dimond District*** – Every Third Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Dimond Avenue & MacArthur Boulevard. Join friends, family and neighbors to experience the Dimond District. This monthly event, organized by the Dimond Business and Professional Association, has a different theme each month. Enjoy local artists, a fun Kids' Zone and merchant specials. For more information, please visit [www.shopdimond.com](http://www.shopdimond.com).

***Friday Nights @ OMCA*** – Every Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Join the Oakland Museum of California and Off the Grid every Friday for a family-friendly take on a festive night market. Enjoy blues, jazz and bluegrass with DJs and live bands, free dance lessons and extended museum hours. For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org) or call (510) 318-8400.

***Bites Off Broadway*** – Fridays through October 11, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., in front of Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. Mobile food and family fun 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 Mammias 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>.

***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>.

***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.

***Second Fridays*** – 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.

***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.

***Mindful Drumming for "Mishe" Happiness*** – Last Friday of the Month, 7:30 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, 3278 West Street. Experience an once-in-a-lifetime drumming gathering for happiness for the entire family. Cultivate "mishe" happiness through mindfulness, synchronistic rhythms and community building. Mindful drumming offers an authentic path to happiness and unleashes the human potential. For more information, please visit [www.ahc-oakland.org](http://www.ahc-oakland.org) or call (510) 652-5530.

***Saturday Morning Bike Ride*** – Every Saturday, 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).

***Outdoor Movie Night in Montclair*** – Every Third Saturday through September 21, doors open at 6:30 p.m., movies begin at 7:00 p.m., Red Oak Realty, 6450 Moraga Avenue. All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets to the parking lot for a free outdoor movie complete with popcorn and previews. For more information, please visit [www.montclairvillage.com](http://www.montclairvillage.com).

***SFMOMA Acoustic Sound Art Installation Hosted in Ogawa Plaza*** – Through Sunday, November 17, Various Hours, Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. "Occasional Music," a sound installation by Oakland-based Zarouhie Abdalian, features brass bells programmed to ring simultaneously at a specified time each day from rooftops in and around Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. For several minutes, each bell will play a randomized rhythmic structure that will sound different each time. The installation is part of SFMOMA On The Go program. The time of the once-a-day peeling of the bells will vary. For more information including the bell-ringing schedule, please visit [www.sfmoma.org/secaaward](http://www.sfmoma.org/secaaward).

***"What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland's Griots"*** – Through Saturday, February 22, 2014, Wednesdays 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.

***Fifth Annual Mission Creek Oakland Music and Arts Festival*** – Through September, Various Hours, Various Oakland Venues. Enjoy an entire month packed with shows, art openings, film screenings and more. For more information, please visit [www.mcofest.org](http://www.mcofest.org).

***Free Classes to Help You Get the Job You Want*** – Through September, Various Times, Main Library, 125 14th Street and Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. The Oakland Public Library is offering Job On!, its popular series of job search courses at two locations in September. Four courses are offered at each location, covering topics such as clarifying your goals, researching companies, creating effective resumes and preparing for job interviews. For more information, please call the Main Library Information Desk at (510) 238-3134 or visit <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/sites/default/files/events/flyers/Job%20ON%20flyer%20-%20Sept%202013.pdf>.

***12 Angry Jurors*** – Through Sunday, September 22, Various Times, BlackBox Theatre, Oakland School for the Arts, 530 18th Street. OSA's first production of the 2013-2014 season follows the story of eleven jurors who are convinced the defendant is guilty of murder. The twelfth has no doubt of his innocence. Set in a 1956 and 2013 courtroom, the play examines themes of justice, prejudice, doubt, class and anonymity. For more information, please visit [www.oakarts.org](http://www.oakarts.org).

***Friday Nite Live at the East Oakland Senior Center*** – Friday, September 20, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., East Oakland Senior Center, 9255 Edes Avenue. A quarterly event, the theme for this night's event is "All Fall Brown." Entertainment will include guest vocalist Cal Louis. For more information, please contact Antonia Rivera, Administrative Assistant, at [arivera@oaklandnet.com](mailto:arivera@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5731.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, September 20, 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).

***Creek To Bay Day*** – Saturday, September 21, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Various Oakland Locations. Participate in Oakland's annual volunteer creek cleanup and beautification event at 36 sites. In 2012, more than 1,400 volunteers came out to City of Oakland, East Bay Regional Parks District and Port of Oakland sites to improve the condition of Oakland's waterways and their surroundings. Over 17,000 pounds of trash were collected from Oakland's creeks, the estuary and Lake Merritt; 221 pounds of recyclables picked up; and 216 cubic yards of green waste removed to make way for native plants to flourish. For more information, please contact Pamela Boyle Rodriquez, Environmental Resources Analyst, at [pboylorodriquez@oaklandet.com](mailto:pboylorodriquez@oaklandet.com) or (510) 238-6191 or visit [www.oaklandcreektobay.org](http://www.oaklandcreektobay.org).

***Take Charge of Your Health: Forum for Business Owners and Individuals*** – Saturday, September 21, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Oakland Technical High School, 4351 Broadway. Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson will host this free healthcare forum for individuals and business owners. With Obamacare, small business owners now have expanded options and support in offering health insurance to their employees. The Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) is a new way to buy high-quality health insurance for your employees and opens for business October 1 for employers with 50 or fewer employees. For employers with 50 or more employees, you will be required to cover your employees starting on January 1, 2015. Attend the event's panel discussion and workshops to learn more about what these changes mean for you and your employees. To view a flyer on the event, please visit <http://bit.ly/1g5TvAQ>. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please call (510) 272-6695.

***Fire Station Open House*** – Saturday, September 21, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Fire Station No. 28, 4615 Grass Valley Road. This event, which is a collaborative effort between the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District and other city partners, will focus on fire safety, education and resources for residents of Oakland Hills and is a great opportunity to open the fire station to citizens. The Open House will include support and resources from various departments within the City of Oakland and agencies from throughout the county. For more information, please call (510) 238-7255.

***Oakland Music Festival*** – Saturday, September 21, Noon - 8:00 p.m., Uptown District, 18th Street and San Pablo Avenue. The monumental kick-off of the Oakland Music Festival will showcase the future flavors of the city through musicians, chefs and artisans. This will be a family friendly block party with plenty of Oakland love and sunshine. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandmusicfestival.com](http://www.oaklandmusicfestival.com).

***Latin American Heritage Month Celebration*** – Saturday, September 21, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Cesar Chavez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street, Suite 271. Celebrate Latin American Heritage Month by creating and decorating Dia de los Muertes themed masks or other colorful masks. For information, please contact Pete Villasenor, Branch Manager, at [pvillasenor@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:pvillasenor@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 535-5620.

***The Starlight Gala*** – Saturday, September 21, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m., Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Join Bay Area business, community and philanthropic leaders to support Chabot's work in promoting a science-literate citizenry and workforce prepared for a 21st century society. The evening's theme illuminates and celebrates the role science and technology education plays in the ability of individuals to imagine and invent and create the future. For more information, please visit [www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org).

***Ninth Annual Volkswagen of Oakland Grand Prix*** – Sunday, September 22, Staggered Start Times, Snow Park, 20th Street & Harrison. Bicycle racing begins at 8:00 a.m. with a free kid's race at Noon. This NCNCA race will feature a cycle course through downtown with an uphill finish on Harrison Street near 19th Street. Spectators are welcome to cheer on the racers. For more information, please visit [www.ncnca.org/ncncaevent/oakland-grand-prix-1](http://www.ncnca.org/ncncaevent/oakland-grand-prix-1).

***Sundays in the Redwoods Outdoor Concert Series*** – Sunday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road. "Magic in the Music" is the theme for this concert featuring performances by Vivian Green, Hiroshima and Dos Four. Series continues weekly through October 13. For more information, visit [www.sundaysintheredwoods.com](http://www.sundaysintheredwoods.com).

***Duct Tape Wallet Making for Teens*** – Monday, September 23, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., Piedmont Avenue Branch Library, 80 Echo Avenue. Teens are invited to a special event to learn how to make duct tape wallets and can make one to take home. Exclusively for teens. All supplies provided. For information, please contact Jenera Burton, Branch Manager, at [jburton@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:jburton@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5011.

***Sustainability in Arts, Industry and the Trades*** – Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., American Steel Studios, 1960 Mandela Parkway. A program of Sustainable Business Alliance/Oakland Grown and co-hosted by One PacificCoast Bank and the *East Bay Express*, this event will feature demonstrations, presentations and exhibits. For more information, please visit <http://sbamix2013.eventbrite.com/>.

***Reduce your Child's (and Teen's) Test Stress*** – Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m., Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. Is your child or teen struggling with stress that is

hampering performance or creating misery in the household? Dr. Ben Bernstein, after decades of research and private practice, can help with a presentation that could turn it all around for both parents and teens. Bernstein is a nationally recognized expert on coaching young people for superior performance. His new book, *A Teen's Guide to Success: how to be calm, confident and focused* has recently arrived in local bookstores. For information, please contact Steve Lavoie, Branch Manager, at [slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5049.

***Celebrating Senior Center Month*** – Friday, September 27, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. The senior center will host a day full of free classes and activities for seniors. Classes range from Tai Chi Chuan, Yoga and *Feldenkrais* to writing, Bridge and current event discussions. For more information, please contact Jennifer King, Senior Center Director, at [jking@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jking@oaklandnet.com) or call (510) 238-3284.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, September 27, 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).

***Movies in the Park*** – Friday, September 27, Dusk, Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The Movies in the Park series features a free screening of "Paranorman." For more information, please contact Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, at [bclark@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bclark@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 482-7827.

***Eat Real Festival*** – Friday, September 27 - Sunday, September 29, Various Hours, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Eat Real combines a state fair, a street food festival and a block party to celebrate good times and fresh, local food. Free entry and no food item costs more than \$5, with all food featuring local, organic and sustainable ingredients. For more information, please visit [www.eatrealfest.com](http://www.eatrealfest.com) or call (510) 250-7811.

***Fire Station Open House*** – Saturday, September 28, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Fire Station No. 21, 13150 Skyline Boulevard. This event, which is a collaborative effort between the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District and other city partners, will focus on fire safety, education and resources for residents of Oakland Hills and is a great opportunity to open the fire station to citizens. The Open House will include support and resources from various departments within the City of Oakland and agencies from throughout the county. For more information, please call (510) 238-7255.

***Laurel Outdoor Movie Series*** – Saturday, September 28, 8:00 p.m., Ace Hardware Parking Lot, 4024 MacArthur Boulevard. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and warm clothes and enjoy a free screening of "Wall-E." For more information, please visit [www.laureldistrictassociation.org](http://www.laureldistrictassociation.org).

***“Hella Hack” Oakland*** – Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29, 9:00 a.m., Pandora, 2101 Webster Street. Gracenote and Pandora are teaming up to host the first ever music hackathon in Oakland. “Hella Hack Oakland” will bring together up to 150 coders, developers and designers to design and build apps that helps people discover, enjoy, make and share music. On Sunday, teams will present their hacks to a panel of judges and event partners will award prizes for best hacks using their APIs. For more information and to register, please visit <http://oakland.hellahack.com>.

***Sundays in the Redwoods Outdoor Concert Series*** – Sunday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road. “Soul is the Key” is the theme for this concert featuring performances by Bobby Caldwell, Rick Alexander and the Skyline Jazz. Series continues weekly through October 13. For more information, visit [www.sundaysintheredwoods.com](http://www.sundaysintheredwoods.com).

***Reentry and Reintegration Forum*** – Thursday, October 3, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Elihu Harris State Building Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street. Senator Loni Hancock and Assemblymember Bill Quirk host this forum where speakers will discuss best practices for ending the cycle of incarceration and policy perspectives for developing evidence-based strategies for successful transition, reentry and reintegration. Morning and afternoon sessions. For more information, please call (510) 286-1333 or (510) 583-8818.

***Sing-along Cinema*** – Friday, October 4, Sundown, Ferry Lawn, Jack London Square, foot of Clay Street. Come out and join in the fun with an outdoor sing-along movie. Enjoy the movie “Little Shop of Horrors.” Come dressed as the theme of the movie and be prepared to sing with your favorite songs. Costume contest, games, prizes and more. For more information, please visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com).

***Movies in the Park*** – Friday, October 4, Dusk, Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The Movies in the Park series features a free screening of “Goonies.” For more information, please contact Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, at [bclark@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bclark@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 482-7827.

***8th Annual Love Your Parks Day Survey*** – Saturday, October 5, 8:30 a.m. - Noon, Starts at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. The Oakland Parks Coalition (OPC) is seeking volunteers for its annual survey. Results from the survey of park conditions are used in the OPC annual report to City Council to assess budgeting for park needs. Each team will survey between three and six parks. High school students are especially welcome and will receive community service credit. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandparkscoalition.org](http://www.oaklandparkscoalition.org).

***39th Annual Black Cowboy Parade and Heritage Festival*** – Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., deFremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street. Highlighting the contributions made by African American cowboys in the West, the parade and festival provides a day of fun and a taste of the Old West with cowboys, trick riders, food, entertainment, line dancing, pony rides and fun activities for the entire family. For more information, please visit [www.blackcowboyassociation.org](http://www.blackcowboyassociation.org).

***Plant-Powered Health & Fitness Expo*** – Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Kaiser Center Rooftop Garden, 300 Lakeside Drive. Come to Oakland's first and only plant-powered health and fitness expo. Learn from leading experts in rapid weight loss, Cross-Fit, yoga and posture and enjoy delicious healthy food that doesn't taste healthy. This event is ideal for those who are curious about becoming healthier and those who already live active healthy lifestyles. For more information, please visit <http://vegfoodevents.com/health/>.

***Oaktoberfest in the Dimond*** – Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., MacArthur Boulevard at Fruitvale Avenue. A family friendly street festival with live entertainment, local food and crafts plus tastings of microbrews, wines and root beer. For more information, please visit [www.oaktoberfest.org](http://www.oaktoberfest.org).

***19th Annual Sidewalk Fine Art & Crafts Fall Fest*** – Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday & 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Montclair Village, Mountain Boulevard at LaSalle. This fine art festival will feature paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, graphics, and jewelry. For more information, please visit [www.montclairvillage.com](http://www.montclairvillage.com).

***Sundays in the Redwoods Outdoor Concert Series*** – Sunday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road. "The Rhythm Section" is the theme for this concert featuring performances by Eric Benet and the Oakland School for the Arts. This concert is sold out. Series concludes on October 13. For more information, visit [www.sundaysintheredwoods.com](http://www.sundaysintheredwoods.com).

***Free First Sunday*** – Sunday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Enjoy free admission to the museum's three permanent galleries as well as special exhibitions. For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org).

***Rockridge Out & About*** – Sunday, October 6, Noon - 6:00 p.m., College Avenue between Alcatraz and Kales. Highlights include a chef stage, food courts, the 57th Street Gallery Stage, Musically Minded Academy Stage, Cosmo Jazz Stage, Wellness Area, two Kids' Courts and Artisan Alley featuring handmade arts & crafts from Rockridge and beyond. For more information, please visit [www.rockridgeoutandabout.com](http://www.rockridgeoutandabout.com).

***The Tree of Life and Death: Dias de Los Muertos 2013*** – Wednesday, October 9 through Sunday, December 8, Various Hours, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. The museum's 19th annual Days of the Dead exhibition features installations by guest artists fusing the themes of life, death and remembrance with ecology. Topics explored include empathy, knowledge and habitat and species loss, conservation and restoration. For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org).

***Movies at Studio One*** – Friday, October 11, 8:15 p.m., Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. Enjoy a free screening of "Kiki's Delivery Service." For more information, please call (510) 597-5027.

***Congolese Dance & Drum Festival 2013*** – Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13, Various Performance Times, Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Enjoy Central African dance and music from the Congo plus drum and dance workshops at this three-day event. For more information, please call (510) 368-2475.

***Fall Book Sale*** – Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Bookmark Bookstore, 721 Washington Street. The Friends of the Oakland Public Library's semi-annual sale event. Most of the store's 17,000 quality used books, donated by individuals and estates, are regularly priced at \$3 to \$6. Sale discounts are 30 percent off on Friday, 40 percent off on Saturday and 50 percent off on Sunday. For more information, please visit [www.fopl.org](http://www.fopl.org) or [www.thebookmarkbookstore.org](http://www.thebookmarkbookstore.org).

***Annual Picnic & Chili Cook-off*** – Saturday, October 12, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 3881 Martin Luther King, Jr. (at 39th Street). The Longfellow Community Association (LCA) holds a community picnic as a way to thank volunteers, welcome new residents and LCA members and strengthen connections with neighbors. This year features the first ever chili cook-off with prizes to the top three winners in three categories: hot, mild and vegetarian. The LCA will provide grills, dogs, veggie dogs, buns, condiments, drinks, picnic ware and grilling accouterments. Attendees are encouraged to bring an item for the grill or a dish to share. For more information, please visit [www.longfellowcommunityassociation.org](http://www.longfellowcommunityassociation.org).

***Sundays in the Redwoods Outdoor Concert Series*** – Sunday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road. "Talking All That Jazz" is the theme for this concert featuring performances by Lalah Hathaway and Kindred & The Family Soul. This concert is sold out. For more information, visit [www.sundaysintheredwoods.com](http://www.sundaysintheredwoods.com).

***47th Annual Otsukimi Moon Viewing Party*** – Sunday, October 13, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. The Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association marks October's harvest moon with an event featuring traditional Japanese entertainment, authentic Obento dinners and astronomers with powerful telescopes. The harvest moon is a symbol of blessing and abundance for many cultures, including Japan. The moon viewing parties are occasions for sharing food and stories, while enjoying what is considered the most beautiful moon of the year. For more information, please visit <http://www.oakland-fukuoka.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,

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