



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: November 1, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Independent Monitor Finds OPD at Highest Level of Compliance Yet – On Friday, October 25, the *Fifteenth Quarterly Report of the Independent Monitor for the Oakland Police Department* was released. This latest assessment of the Oakland Police Department's (OPD's) progress towards compliance with the Negotiated Settlement Agreement shows that OPD is in full compliance with 15 of the remaining 22 active tasks and in partial compliance with the other 7 tasks. Overall compliance is now at the highest level since the current Monitor was appointed in 2010. The report notes progress toward compliance and also recognizes the need for increased effort in key areas. Interim Chief Whent and the Police Department are dedicated to maintaining the positive progress and are focused on achieving full compliance with the remaining tasks. To view the report, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak043715>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPR Director Audree V. Jones-Taylor To Be Honored – On Thursday, November 14, Audree Jones-Taylor, the director of the Office of Parks and Recreation, will be honored by the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA). NFBPA is a premier government membership organization known for nurturing leadership in the African American community of government professionals. Audree is among a group of five esteemed leaders to be honored at NFBPA's Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area Chapter's annual Bay Area Achievers Banquet at the Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway. To know Audree is to know her passion and to see the value of Oakland's children through her eyes. She lives her beliefs and stands as a leader in the field of urban recreation. She believes that youth are our future and truly deserve our very best efforts, starting with love and play. She is dedicated to the belief that "playing with a purpose" is one of many critical ingredients in the efforts to strengthen and support our youth. Audree is beloved by many and considered a consummate professional with absolute passion for our youth and for those who serve youth directly. Her passion is evidenced by her first book, *All About Me*, an enlightening, empowering and electrifying ABC book for pre-K children designed to jumpstart their energy of play, creativity and imagination. The City of Oakland family is very proud of Audree and wish to congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

Oakland Public Library to Collect Two CPLA Awards – On Monday, November 4, during the 2013 California Library Association's annual conference in Long Beach, two Oakland Public Library officials will receive awards for outstanding service from the California Public Library Advocates (CPLA). Kathryn Sterbenc, Oakland Public Library's Advisory Commission Chair, will receive the Award for Outstanding Service to a Local Library. CPLA will also recognize the Oakland Public Library's Interim Library Director Gerry Garzón with the award for Librarian for Outstanding Work with a Board of Trustees or Commission or Friends or Foundation. Together, the two awards recognize the 14-member volunteer Commission's accomplishments over the past year to raise the awareness among local elected officials and the general public about the role libraries play in building stronger community. The CPLA's mission is to strengthen California libraries through advocacy and education. For information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Coordinator, at smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3513.

Police Chief Recruitment – This week, presentations soliciting input on Oakland's next permanent Police Chief occurred at two Citywide Community Meetings, one at Castlemont High and the other at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. Trends and themes of this input received will be available in the future on the Police Chief Recruitment Website (link below). Next week, on Thursday, November 7, another Citywide Community Meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza at 6:00 p.m. As background, on Monday, October 7, the City of Oakland launched a several month process to conduct a national search for a permanent Chief of the Oakland Police Department (OPD). The process is designed to ensure that the best and brightest candidates emerge from a nationwide recruitment process that reflects the values of the community we serve and the Police Department workforce. The City will engage the community and stakeholders in multiple ways: community meetings; an online survey in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese; and an online conversation. Input will be considered throughout the entire candidate evaluation process, right up to the appointment of the permanent Police Chief. Below are the links to the Police Chief Recruitment Website, Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in English/Spanish/Chinese/Vietnamese and the Police Chief Recruitment Input email address:

- **Police Chief Recruitment Website:**
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityAdministration/OAK043196>
- **Police Chief Recruitment Input Email Address:**
OPDChiefRecruitment@oaklandnet.com
- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in English:**
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BZK5DR2>
- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in Spanish:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G6X88BG>
- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in Chinese:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BKL55BH>

- **Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in Vietnamese:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BVVCWJY>
- **Community Engagement Website:**
<http://www.engageoakland.com>

In addition to online surveys and engagement, the City will host citywide community meetings and will make presentations at the following pre-existing meetings and/or forums with specific target audiences. Please find below a list of upcoming meetings:

- Monday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.
Youth Commission Meeting
150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 4th Floor, Conference Room 1
- Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Community Policing Advisory Board Meeting
City Hall, Hearing Room 3, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 1st floor
- Thursday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.
Citywide Community Meeting
City Hall, Council Chambers, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 3rd floor
- Thursday, October 3 to Thursday, November 7, Various Times
Various Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Meetings
For the roster of NCPC meetings, please visit
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043309>.

OPD employees will have an opportunity to provide their input through a confidential online survey and a series of focus group meetings and will receive information at line-ups. Input provided from both the community and workforce meetings and surveys will be used to develop a position profile for the professional recruiter to identify qualified candidates. It is anticipated that an appointment will be made by February or March 2014. To read an Information Memorandum on the recruitment process, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043311>. To view a flyer of the upcoming Citywide community meetings, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043607>. For a copy of this flyer in Spanish, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043608>. For a copy of this flyer in Chinese, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043609>. For a copy of this flyer in Vietnamese, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043711>. For more information, please contact Alexandra Orologas, Chief of Staff to the City Administrator, at aorologas@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6587.

OPD Arrests Five in Robbery – On Tuesday, October 29, at 6:05 p.m., Oakland Police patrol officers were dispatched to the 2600 block of Foothill Boulevard on a report of a robbery in progress. The victim was followed off an AC Transit bus, assaulted by a group of males and robbed of his phone. Officers responded to the scene and quickly located the suspects, who were

taken into custody in connection with the robbery. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPD Community Satisfaction Survey – On Friday, November 8, the Oakland Police Department's (OPD's) community survey will close. The survey is available in four languages. The English version is accessible at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7YLJ9RT>. The Chinese version of the survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LX3CH9V>. The Spanish version can be accessed directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KC5H3WV>. The Vietnamese version is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KC5H3WV>. Paper versions of the survey are available from Neighborhood Services Coordinators and at the Police Administration Building, 455 7th Street and the Eastmont Substation, 2651 73rd Avenue. Since it was released in September, more than 2,600 people have taken the survey. After the survey closes, results will be analyzed and shared with the community. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

2nd Annual CityCamp – On Saturday, November, 9, OpenOakland, the City of Oakland and other key local organizations will host the 2nd Annual CityCamp from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Organizers expect 200 people to gather at the event and work collectively to strengthen our city through better use of technology and engagement. CityCamp is an unstructured conference where municipal employees, department heads, techies, software developers, journalists and engaged citizens meet and discuss the intersections of technology and local government. CityCamp Oakland is striving to combine innovative technology and data uses to improve civic engagement, increase efficiency and transparency, connect residents and incubate the technology community in our city. This is a prime opportunity to connect with skilled volunteers as well as with people who do not typically play a part in Oakland's political system. For more information on CityCamp, please visit <http://citycampoak.org/>. To register for the event, please visit <https://citycampoak2013.eventbrite.com/>.

City Seeks Citizen Input on Council Redistricting – On Tuesday, October 29, the Oakland City Council voted 6-1 to select Map #26 as the preferred 2013 City Council and Oakland Unified School District boundaries. An ordinance to adopt this map will come back to City Council for a public hearing on Tuesday, November 19. To view the map, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/redistricting. 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. 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
- Leaving a voice message on the redistricting hotline at (510) 238-3079
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- 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>

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. For more information, please contact Devan Reiff, AICP, Planner II, at dreiff@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3550.

River Otter Visits Lake Merritt for First Time in Decades – On Thursday, October 17, a river otter was spotted on a dock along the shoreline of Lake Merritt. River otters have been making a comeback in the San Francisco Bay, but there have only been a handful of sightings south of the Bay Bridge. River otters eat fish, oysters, crabs and even small water birds. They are more commonly seen in freshwater areas like streams, rivers and lakes, and are also a fairly common sight in the California Delta. For many years, river otter sightings in the Bay have been limited to the North Bay – especially Marin County. However, more and more the otters have been spotted in other parts of the Bay – including as far south as the sloughs near the Coyote Hills in Fremont. This is the first time an otter has been spotted along the lake's shoreline in living memory. It is too early to say whether more river otters will come after this one. If you do see one, please remember to not feed or bother it – keep your distance and keep your dogs away too. Report any sightings to the River Otter Ecology Project by visiting <http://www.riverotterecology.org/otter-spotters--submit-your-sightings-online-here.html>. For more information, please contact Stephanie Benavidez, Rotary Nature Supervisor, at (510) 238-6644.

Oakland Police Department SWAT Team Participates in Urban Shield 2013 – On Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, eight members of the Oakland Police Department's (OPD's) SWAT Team competed in Urban Shield 2013, a planned training exercise involving local, national and international first responder agencies. The 48-hour Urban Shield exercise was designed to ensure a multi-layered training exercise to enhance the skills and abilities of regional first responders, as well as those responsible for coordinating and managing large-scale events. Urban Shield presents first responders with scenarios that incorporate key elements of real-world emergencies and major critical incidents for prevention, protection, response and recovery in our high-threat, high-density urban area. OPD's SWAT Team is called upon when specialized tactics and/or equipment are required to handle critical incidents within the city or region. This competition is one way for OPD to assess how well it responds to critical incidents. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

2013 Movies In The Park At Redwood Heights – On Friday, October 18, Redwood Heights Recreation Center concluded its 2013 season of Movies in the Park at Redwood Heights. The recreation center hosted close to 3,000 children, teens, adults and seniors during its screenings of 13 movies during the 2013 season which began April 19. The average attendance was 223 people per movie. Redwood Heights Recreation Center looks forward to continuing the Movies in the Park at Redwood Heights screenings in the spring of 2014. For more information, please contact Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director at (510) 482-7827.

White Pelicans Flock to Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge – Since this summer, Lake Merritt has been home to a growing population of American white pelicans. Between 13 and 23 birds have been seen around the lake which is one of a handful of refuges that hosts two of the eight species of pelicans in the world: the California brown and the American white. The birds typically roost on the island at night and swim around the lake during the day. Within the last two months, four new telescopes have been installed around Lake Merritt that will help visitors watch these pelicans and other waterfowl. Although this area has many California brown pelicans year-round, the American white pelicans are somewhat rare in the history of the Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge. Although it is late in the migratory season, which usually runs between September and February, the birds will follow the fish migration. The California brown pelicans, the more independent and opportunistic pelican, will fly low to the water looking for schools of small fish, like smelt or anchovies, to be pushed to the surface by diving cormorants, and then they will dive deep in the water to scoop up as many fish as they can. The more delicate-looking American white pelicans will paddle into the fishing frenzy and dip their heads to scoop the fish. For more information, please contact Stephanie Benavidez, Rotary Nature Supervisor, at (510) 238-6644.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of November 4, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Account Clerk II

For updated information on City jobs, please visit the DHRM website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. This Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job online and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandum was released in the last week.

Redistricting 2013 – This memorandum provided an update to the Redistricting process following the Oakland City Council meeting on October 15.
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043738>

Fire Department Brown Outs – This memorandum addresses frequently asked questions regarding the Brown Out Strategy that was implemented on July 1, 2012, and will end on June 30, 2014. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043742>

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Mexica Dance – Mondays, 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.

Board Game Days – Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.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 jking@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3284.

Affordable Health Care Act: Your Questions Answered – Wednesdays 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 or (510) 238-6611.

Beginner's Zumba Gold for Seniors – Thursdays through December 19, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Seniors can enjoy Zumba Classes for only \$5 per class. Pre-register in the office or join at class time. Please note there will be no classes on October 31 or November 28. For more information, please contact Mary Norton, Senior Center Director, at mnorton@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 597-5085.

First Thursday Art Walk – First Thursdays, 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 – Third Thursdays, 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.

Friday Nights @ OMCA – Fridays, 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 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>.

Mindful Drumming for "Mishe" Happiness – Last Fridays, 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 or call (510) 652-5530.

Saturday Morning Bike Ride – Saturdays, 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.

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 pealing of the bells will vary. For more information including the bell-ringing schedule, please visit www.sfmoma.org/secaaward.

Basketball and Soccer Clinics – Saturdays through November 23, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue and East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue. Basketball and soccer clinics will be offered every Saturday until the Holidays. Youth ages 7-13 are encouraged to enroll in the clinics – fee of \$25 for one and \$35 to be enrolled in both clinics. Clinics will be held at Ira Jinkins Recreation Center. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

The Tree of Life and Death: Dias de Los Muertos 2013 – 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.

40th Anniversary of LASERIUM The Cosmic Laser Concert – Select days through Sunday, December 15, Various Show Times, Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Experience this classic laser light show set to the beats of such rock icons as Pink Floyd and The Beatles. Immersed in the darkness of the planetarium, this stunning light show is music for your eyes. Whether you are a fan from the past or new to the show, LASERIUM draws you into the light. For more information, please visit <http://www.chabotspace.org/laserium.htm>.

“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 or call (510) 532-9142.

Ready, Set, Connect! Free Computer Help Available at Six Library Locations – Through May 2014, Various Times, Main Library, Asian Branch, César E. Chávez Branch, Dimond Branch, Eastmont Branch and Rockridge Branch. Patrons will be able to get free computer help at scheduled times. Thanks to a partnership with Community Technology Network, the Oakland Public Library has trained young adults to provide free computer help at these six library locations. Ready, Set, Connect! is a professional development program designed to help Oakland youth between the ages of 16 and 24 discover the professional skills necessary for technology-focused careers. For a schedule and other details, please visit <http://bit.ly/GAczwU>. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Supervising Librarian, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, November 1, 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.

Malonga Casquelourd Fest – Friday, November 1 – Monday, November 4, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Malonga Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Fua Dia Congo presents A Celebration of Music, Dance, Art & Culture and the enduring Spirit of Malonga Casquelourd (1947-2003). For more information, please call (510) 629-9382.

18th Annual Día de Los Muertos Festival – Saturday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 12th Street between 33rd and 37th avenues. This annual Day of the Dead event brings the community together to celebrate life, love and death with a traditional cultural experience featuring talented artists, unique craft vendors, retailers and informational service providers plus colorful dance troupes and musicians performing in Fruitvale Village. Every year, the highlight of the event is the sacred altars and memorials. For more information, please visit <http://www.unitycouncil.org/dia-de-los-muertos/>.

Party Music: Soul Music and Black Power at the Main Library – Saturday, November 2, 2:00 p.m., Bradley Walters Community Room, Main Library, 125 14th Street. Revisit the rhythm and revolution of the 1960s. Rickey Vincent, author of *Party Music: The Inside Story of the Black Panthers’ Band and How Black Power Transformed Soul Music*, is making a special appearance

at the Main Library, in what promises to be a stirring event. Party Music explores the ways in which soul music became an indispensable part of the black cultural revolution during the 1960s. As the music surged in popularity it increasingly promoted radical social change and became an essential way for the Black Power Movement to connect with the larger African American community. The Black Panther Party had its own funk outfit, called The Lumpen, which reworked familiar soul hits to fit the party line. Mr. Vincent chronicles an exciting and tumultuous time that had direct impact on the Oakland community. For information, please contact Christine Saed, Senior Librarian, at csaed@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3138.

Ghost Investigation – Saturday, November 2, 6:45 p.m. - midnight, Cohen Bray House, 1440 29th Avenue. This is an opportunity to hunt ghosts in this historic house with Karen Zimmerman, an experienced ghost investigator and paranormal author. Karen will be providing a personal pendulum, which each person will be trained to use to interact with the spirits of the house. You will receive a brief tour of the house and then the opportunity to record and witness the ghosts and spirits who linger here. For more information, please visit http://www.cohenbrayhouse.info/ghost_event.html.

Noche de los Muertos 2013 – Sunday, November 3, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., La Borinquena Mexicanatessen, 582 7th Street. A celebration for Days of Dead with deep rooted Mexican traditions, Oakland style. This fundraiser for Women's Cancer Resource Center (WCRC) will see a percentage of sales from all vendors, including art, food and drink, donated to this organization. Celebrate your loved ones, purchase amazing locally made goods and support WCRC at the same time. This is a kid-friendly event so bring los niños. Enjoy live DJs and food by Tina Tamale, Fist of Flour Pizza, Big Serg BBQ and Oaktown Jerk. Vendors will include Forrealism Fine Art, Localite Tours and Facepainting by Alana Dill. Bring a photo of your departed loved one(s) to place in Day of the Dead Community Altar for the night. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NocheDeLosMuertos>.

Book Release Party for the New Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book – Tuesday, November 5, 5:30 p.m., Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Avenue. *Hard Luck*, the latest installment of Jeff Kinney's oh-so-popular *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, is coming out November 5 and fans can come celebrate at the Elmhurst Branch. We will have games, crafts, snacks and the chance to win a free copy of the book. For information, please contact Ana-Elba Pavon, Branch Manager, at apavon@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 615-5727.

DOSC Holiday Chorus - Wednesday, November 6, 3:00 p.m., Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday starting on November 6 and the Holiday Program Performance of the Chorus will be on December 13. Senior singers at every level are encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact Jennifer King, Center Director, at jking@oaklandnet.com or (510)238-3284.

Adult Bowling League – Wednesday, November 6 through Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., South Shore Lanes, 300 Park Street, Alameda. The Office of Parks and Recreation Adult Sports Department will host a Fall Bowling League. Grab your league and Come out and Play the OPR Way every Wednesday night through December 11. \$90 includes the registration

fees, shoes, balls and end of league party. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Adult Sports PPT, at rtucker@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2952.

Race Matters: Putting Race on the Table Speaker Series – Thursday, November 7, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Tilden Auditorium, 3752 Enos Street. Starting in November, the Oakland Unified School District is hosting a free speaker series. The purpose of the series is to engage in thoughtful dialogue about race and equity in service of improving teaching and learning. Featured speaker at this event is Enid Lee who will speak on the topic of Checking My Systems for Equity. For more information, please email Talibah-Awele.Makeba@ousd.k12.ca.us.

Fall Gala – Thursday, November 7, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290. Festive ethnic and/or business attire suggested. For more information, please visit <http://oaccfallgala.eventbrite.com/>.

Youth Speaks Under 21 Open Mic Night – Friday, November 8, 5.30 - 9:00 p.m., Pro Arts Gallery, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Youth Speaks and Pro Arts present a free, fun open-mic with poetry and DJ music for youth under 21. For more information, please visit <http://youthspeaks.org/performances/under-21-open-mics/>.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, November 8, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., First Mt. Sinai, 1970 86th Avenue. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays as a way community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. Volunteers are trained in advance and are accompanied by other volunteers for the duration of the walk. The purpose of the Night Walk is to reach out to communities affected by violence. For more information, please call (510) 639-1440 or email fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com.

25th Anniversary Season Opening Night – Friday, November 8, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2201 Broadway. The Oakland East Bay Symphony's 25th Season opens with one of the most inspiring works of the 20th century, and the first piece Michael Morgan conducted as Music Director of Oakland East Bay Symphony, Aaron Copland's American masterpiece, *Appalachian Spring*. For more information, please visit www.oebs.org.

Jack of All Trades Market – Saturday, November 9, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of the Broadway. The market will feature a curated mix of local makers, indie designers, antiquers, collectors, artists, start-ups and more brought together by the Treasure Island Flea. This eclectic market will feature one-of-a-kind items, live music and several free D-I-Y workshops for all ages. Visitors can bike, ferry or drive to Jack London Square for the market that will take place on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, please visit www.JackofAllTradesOakland.com.

Senior Travel Adventures – Tuesday, November 12, 10:30 a.m. - Noon, North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The senior center will host Premier World Discovery for a preview of their 2014 Group Travel Adventures. Join Premier's Kelly Ross for an exciting

slide show of select trips for North Oakland seniors that range from London, Paris and Amsterdam by rail to a Colorado Springs get-away to a tour of Venice and the Italian Lakes. These travel adventures are offered as combined trips with other senior groups from across the country. That way, sufficient sign-up is assured and the trips are a "go." Start dreaming and planning today. A limited number of spaces are reserved exclusively for NOSC seniors. Flyers with complete details are available. For more information, contact Mary Norton, Senior Center Director, at mnorton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 597-5085.

Race Matters: Putting Race on the Table Speaker Series – Thursday, November 14, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tilden Auditorium, 3752 Enos Street. Starting in November, the Oakland Unified School District is hosting a free speaker series. The purpose of the series is to engage in thoughtful dialogue about race and equity in service of improving teaching and learning. This event will feature a screening of the film *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity*. For more information, please email Talibah-Awele.Makeba@ousd.k12.ca.us.

Teach Tomorrow in Oakland Recruitment Series – Thursday, November 14, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., McClymonds High School, Room 107, 2607 Myrtle Street. In its continued effort to diversify Oakland's teaching workforce, Teach Tomorrow in Oakland (TTO) will host this teacher recruitment fair. TTO's model is dedicated to recruiting diverse high-quality, prospective teachers who are committed to three key principles: ensuring that all students achieve at high levels, professional development and long-term employment within OUSD. Additionally, TTO creates multiple, customized pathways for Oakland's youth and adults to become teachers in OUSD, while continuously evaluating teacher development and effectiveness. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please visit <http://www.teachtomorrowinoakland.net/#!/news>.

2013 Fall Season Opener – Thursday, November 14 - Saturday, November 16, 8:00 p.m., Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon Street. Select high school students from the Oakland School for the Arts' School of Dance will make their professional debut with the Savage Jazz Dance Company. Save \$5 by purchasing advance tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/441064>. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/Savage.Jazz.Dance>.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, November 15, 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.

Jazz at the Chimes – Sunday, November 17, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. Hailed for its spirited performances and fascinating fusion of Venezuelan folk music with adventurous jazz explorations, The VNote Ensemble gives voice to the hidden treasure of Venezuelan music. Their original compositions, keen arrangements and great musicianship blend

together to deliver a unique musical sound. For more information, please visit www.jazzatthechimes.com or call (510) 654-0123.

Rich Harwood of the Harwood Institute Coming to the Oakland Public Library – Wednesday, November 20, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. The Oakland Public Library is pleased to partner with the Harwood Institute, bringing Rich Harwood to facilitate an engaging community discussion titled, “Living on Main Street: How to Stay More Connected and Relevant.” Rich Harwood is a nationally known teacher and coach who, for over two decades, has helped communities and organizations solve pressing problems and change how people work together. In this talk, Harwood will discuss the framework and tools that are available to communities motivated to move forward, no matter how challenging the circumstances. The hope is that people from a broad cross-section of the community will join us for this event and begin the process of working together for the common good. For more information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Coordinator, at smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3513.

22nd Annual Oakland Civic Orchestra Concert – Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m., Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 1330 Lakeshore Avenue. The Oakland Civic Orchestra, in partnership with the Office of Parks and Recreation, will host this free concert. Musicians of all ages and backgrounds will come together to share the joy and magic of music-making. The Oakland Civic Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Martha Stoddard and Assistant Conductor Jason Oestenstad, presents “Enduring and Endearing – 19th Century Masterworks”, featuring Brahms’ Symphony No. 4, Dvorak’s Cello Concerto in B Minor (movement 1) with guest soloist Jasper Hussong, and Tchaikovsky’s Polonaise & Waltz from Eugene Onegin. The concert will be held at the The volunteer community orchestra provides free classical music to the community and relies on funding from the City of Oakland’s Office of Parks and Recreation, public donations and membership dues. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/oaklandcivicorchestra/home> or contact Margaret L. Wu at scoobywu2@aol.com or (510) 524-3094.

Holiday Caroling at Lake Merritt Boating Center - Beginning Thursday, December 12 and various dates throughout the month of December, the Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. Inviting Families to come out to enjoy some time in our Holiday room with hot cider and cookies before beginning your voyage around Lake Merritt. Experience a unique view of Oakland as your Water Sleigh glides past the 18th Street Fountain & Holiday Cove before returning to the Boating Center. For more information, please contact Megan Seccombe at (510) 238-2196, or visit www.sailoakland.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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