



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

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

**DATE:** November 8, 2013

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### **INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Oakland Global Project Breaks Ground*** – On Friday, November 1, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to mark the start of the transformation of the former Oakland Army Base. Under the \$1.2 billion Oakland Global master plan, the former Oakland Army Base will be replaced with the Oakland Global Trade and Logistics Center, a hub for transporting cargo in and out of Oakland more efficiently. The project is a public-private partnership, including the City of Oakland, Port of Oakland and developers California Capital & Investment Group and Prologis. This project will bolster the Port's ability to compete globally, allow higher volumes of cargo to be transported more quickly, and create thousands of jobs, with historic local-hire requirements mandating that many of those jobs go to Oakland residents. Community groups including Revive Oakland, Oakland Works and the West Oakland Community Advisory Group, worked to ensure that strong community benefits were included in the project. Oakland Global is the largest development project in Oakland in several years. In the \$500 million first phase, 140 acres owned by the City of Oakland will be rebuilt into a modern complex – including 1 million square feet of new warehouses where exports and imports will be offloaded and repackaged. Localizing this deconsolidation work will reduce truck traffic, emissions and wear on streets and highways. Ten acres of Port property is also being redeveloped into the first piece of a new railyard. Phase I will generate an estimated 1,500 on-site construction jobs, with 220 jobs already created by the construction of the railyard, which began in July. The project includes a landmark community jobs agreement that encourages construction employers to hire re-entry job applicants. It is estimated that 1,800 permanent operations jobs will be created once the Phase I facilities are completed. An additional 3,142 regional jobs are expected to be generated from the resulting economic output. This is the first groundbreaking in a series of three billion-dollar, game-changing projects that will bring historic growth to Oakland's economy. Oakland Global, Brooklyn Basin and Coliseum City will employ many thousands of Oakland residents with good, sustainable jobs and transform our city. For more information on the Oakland Global project, please visit <http://www.oaklandglobal.com/>.

***Oakland Ranked 9th Most Walkable City in the Nation*** – In a blog post on Wednesday, November 6, *San Francisco Business Times* reporter Blanca Torres noted that Oakland had been

ranked the 9th Most Walkable City in Walk Score's 2014 ranking of Most Walkable U.S. Cities and Neighborhoods. Walk Score noted, "Oakland isn't the Bay Area's second city anymore. With its stunning location on the shores of Lake Merritt and proximity to Silicon Valley employers, it's come into its own. The ethnically diverse population makes it a cultural playground for food, art, music, and more." Walk Score's ranking is the only national, quantitative walkability rating. Cities and neighborhoods are rated on a scale of 0-100. Oakland's Walk Score ranking was 69. To view the blog post, please visit <http://bit.ly/HCPUjS>. To view Walk Score's notes on Oakland, please visit <http://www.walkscore.com/CA/Oakland>.

***Oakland Unite Violence Prevention Network Coordinator Kevin Grant Honored*** – On Wednesday, November 6, Kevin Grant, the Violence Prevention Network Coordinator for Oakland Unite, was honored by the Alameda County Probation Department. The award was given at the Probation Department Employee Awards luncheon, at Juvenile Hall's Gymnasium. Kevin Grant received the Alameda County Probation Department's 2013 "Partner/Affiliate Award" in recognition of the dedication and support that he has provided for the Probation Department and the youth and families of Alameda County. Oakland Unite and the City of Oakland recognize Kevin for his hard work and congratulate him on this award. For more information, please contact Josie Halpern-Finnerty, Health & Human Services Program Planner, at [jhalpern-finnerty@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jhalpern-finnerty@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2350.

***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/>.

***Margaret O'Brien Joins the Department of Administrative Services, Revenue Division*** – In August, the Department of Administrative Services welcomed Margaret O'Brien as the newest addition to the department. Margaret will serve as the Principal Revenue Analyst in the Revenue Division, with a focus on special projects, budget, contract negotiations and employee relations. The addition of Margaret will be able to build capacity within the division. Previously, Margaret worked for the City of Emeryville, first as the Revenue Division Supervisor, then as the Management Analyst in charge of Budget and Facilities in Public Works. She has worked on several high profile projects for Emeryville, including the analysis of Measure C, "Work Justice Standards at Large Hotels" and, most recently, was an integral part of that City's negotiating team for the Emeryville Center of Community Life. She holds a Master of Business

Administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and anticipates completion of a Certification in Mediation from the University of California, Berkeley in late November.

***Irene de Jong Joins Controller's Office*** – On Friday, October 25, the Administrative Services Department welcomed Irene de Jong as the newest addition to the Controller's Office. Irene was hired as an Assistant Controller and will focus on accounts payable, account receivables, internal audits and operational oversight. The addition of Irene will build capacity within the Controller's Office. Irene has worked for a variety of governmental institutions, including the City of Fremont, San Jose Redevelopment Agency and University of California, Davis. She holds a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of California, Davis and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

***OPD Requests Community Suggestions Regarding Police Training*** – On Friday, November 1, the Oakland Police Department's (OPD) Training Division posted a request for community input regarding training for officers and civilian employees on the OPD website at [www.oaklandpolice.com](http://www.oaklandpolice.com). OPD recognizes that training is integral to making the department responsive to community priorities and values. Taking community feedback into consideration as the training schedule is planned for 2014 is another way of improving OPD's service to the community. Send your suggestions to [opdtrainingneeds@gmail.com](mailto:opdtrainingneeds@gmail.com). This feedback is extremely valuable to 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.

***Partners Sought for City of Oakland's 2014 Our Town Grant Application*** – Thursday, November 21, at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for Oakland arts organizations, community and neighborhood organizations and individual artists to submit brief proposals to partner in the City's application to the National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) 2014 *Our Town* creative place-making grant. Only one application per city will be accepted, and the application must have the approval of local government. In response to the outpouring of interest, the City of Oakland's Cultural Arts & Marketing Department has instituted a competitive process to select one application to go forward in 2014. Staff will review all proposals and will consult with the Public Art Advisory Committee to determine and to recommend to the Mayor's Office the proposed project that is most competitive and most aligned with the City's goals. The NEA *Our Town* application deadline is January 13, 2014. The NEA's intentions for the *Our Town* grants align with the City of Oakland's goals for projects funded through the program. We seek competitive proposals for creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with arts and/or design organizations and artists, will:

- Improve quality of life;
- Encourage greater creative activity;
- Foster stronger community identity and sense of place; and
- Promote economic revitalization

Please note that *Our Town* is a matching grant program, meaning that the applicant must provide a match of at least 1:1 for NEA grant funds if awarded. These matching funds may be all cash or a combination of cash and in-kind contributions. To be considered, please submit a brief project

proposal (not longer than 2 pages) via email to Steven Huss, the City of Oakland's Cultural Arts Manager, at [shuss@oaklandnet.com](mailto:shuss@oaklandnet.com). Submissions should address how your proposal would be competitive according to the NEA guidelines. Key considerations for the City of Oakland will be the proposal's viability in terms of the proposing organization's ability to raise/provide a funding match for the NEA grant; the quality of the proposed project; and its eligibility and competitiveness per the NEA guidelines. Preference will be given to proposals for locations that are situated in Oakland's underserved communities. Note that it will be the selected partnering organization's responsibility to prepare all grant application materials, which will be reviewed and approved by City staff before submittal to the NEA. To view the Our Town grant guidelines and application materials, please visit <http://nea.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>. To watch a video of the FY 2014 Our Town Grant Guidelines Workshop, please visit <http://arts.gov/video/fy-2014-our-town-grant-guidelines-workshop-0>. For more information, please contact Steven Huss, Cultural Arts Manager, at (510) 238-4949 or [shuss@oaklandnet.com](mailto:shuss@oaklandnet.com).

***Best Practices Review of the Oakland Police Department*** – On Friday, November 1, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) released the *Best Practices Review*, a report written by expert consultants that identifies current law enforcement best practices and implementation recommendations for OPD. The report, accessible on the OPD website at [www.oaklandpolice.com](http://www.oaklandpolice.com), identifies areas where OPD could improve service delivery, increase efficiency and effectiveness, and increase transparency and community building. Interim Chief Sean Whent urged the public to review the document and confirmed that the department has already begun implementing key aspects of the plan, including geographic policing, district investigations, strengthening of the Compstat process, creation of a community advisory group for each district captain and additional focus on the Ceasefire Strategy. Pointing to recent reductions in homicides and shootings, Chief Whent stated that OPD is dedicated to continuing to lower the crime rate and increase safety across the city. He acknowledged the work still to be done, and said that he was confident that with continued and diligent efforts, lasting results can be achieved. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Stewardship*** – At the State of the Estuary Conference on October 29, the Outstanding Environmental Projects Award was presented to Mike Perlmutter, and a team of colleagues. The group was honored for their work that led to San Francisco Bay being designated a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance. The award recognized work in which Mike was involved for the National Audubon Society, prior to his employment with the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency. To read the media release by the San Francisco Joint Venture, please visit <http://sfbayjv.org/press%20release%20on%20JV%20letterhead%20for%20website.pdf>. For more information, please contact Michael Perlmutter, Environmental Stewardship Supervisor, at [mperlmutter@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mperlmutter@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238- 7294.

***Police Chief Recruitment*** – This week, presentations soliciting input on Oakland's next permanent Police Chief occurred at the Youth Commission meeting on Monday, the Citizens Police Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday and the third Citywide Community Meeting at City Hall on Thursday. Trends and themes of this input received will be available in the future on

the Police Chief Recruitment Website (link below). 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](mailto: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>

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>. For more information, please contact Alexandra Orologas, Chief of Staff to the City Administrator, at [aorologas@oaklandnet.com](mailto:aorologas@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6587.

***Teen Arrested in Connection with Setting Man on Fire on Bus*** – On Tuesday, November 5, the Oakland Police Department (OPD), assisted by the Oakland School Police, arrested a 16-year-

old male believed to have intentionally set an AC Transit passenger on fire. On November 4, at 5:20 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to a report of a person who was intentionally set on fire while riding an AC Transit bus at Ardley Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard. When officers arrived on scene, they located a male victim suffering from burns to his lower body. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival. The victim was transported to a local hospital and listed in stable condition. Witness descriptions and the AC Transit surveillance video enabled OPD to make an arrest within 24 hours of the crime. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***OPD Finds Social Media a Valuable Tool*** – On Wednesday, November 6, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) posted a video clip showing Lt. Christopher Bolton and OPD Public Information Officer Johnna Watson speaking about the value of social media to law enforcement. To view the video, please visit [www.oaklandpolice.com](http://www.oaklandpolice.com). The presentation was made at a conference, hosted by Nixle in Fremont, that was attended by representatives from over 80 Northern California first responder agencies. OPD uses Nixle to directly message crime trends to specific communities and to receive tips from the community, empowering them to be part of the solution along with the Police Department. In the 21st century, accurate and timely messaging to the communities we serve is a necessity. Social media is the future of information sharing; Nixle is a tool that allows OPD to share messages via social media. To sign up for public safety alerts from OPD via Nixle, please visit <http://local.nixle.com/oakland-police-department-ca/>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***ReCreate Art Contest and Travelling Exhibition*** – On Tuesday, October 29, the Public Works Agency began distribution of 5,000 ReCreate Art Contest and Travelling Exhibition brochures and posters to Oakland public and independent schools, to teachers (K-12) and afterschool programs. The materials invite students in Oakland schools to participate in the 2014 Re-Create Art Contest, Oakland's annual recycled art competition. Participants will use discarded or reused materials in a creative application of the 4Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot. All students in grades K-12 are eligible to participate in the contest. Art supply sets, and theatre and museum passes will be awarded to students who enter this year's contest and exhibition. Free workshops on the program will be held at Oakland Public Library branches. To view the workshop schedule, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/s/GAR/OAK024607>. The entry deadline is February 22, 2014. A public reception to recognize participants and contest winners will be held on February 28. The Oakland Re-Create 2014 Art Contest and Travelling Exhibition is sponsored by the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency and produced by Pro Arts. For more information on the program, please view the brochure and contest entry form at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043695> or contact Will Crowder, Program Analyst II, at [wcrowder@oaklandnet.com](mailto:wcrowder@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7073.

***Fall Holiday Camps at Oakland Recreation Centers*** – From Monday November 25 to Wednesday, November 27, the Office of Parks and Recreation will host day camps for youth and families at various recreation centers. Activities will include holiday crafts, dancing, swimming, gymnastics and more. Please contact your local recreation center for registration and fee details:

- East Oakland Sports Complex, 9161 Edes Avenue, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at [dwatson@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dwatson@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5959.
- Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue, please contact Marcelina Sanchez, Recreation Center Director, at [msanchez@oaklandnet.com](mailto:msanchez@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5625.
- Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Avenue, please contact Mark Zinns, Recreation Center Director, at [mzinns@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mzinns@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 482-7812.
- Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street, please contact Mark Zinns, Recreation Center Director, at [mzinns@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mzinns@oaklandnet.com)
- Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter Street, please contact George Henderson, Recreation Center Director, at (510)535-5635

**California Library Association Conference Coming to Oakland** – In November 2014, the Oakland Convention Center, at 550 10th Street, will be the site of the California Library Association's (CLA) annual conference. The annual CLA Conference is California's premier event for library professionals. Attendees have the opportunity to network and learn via workshops, presentations and special events; meet vendors and check out their latest products and services; and world-renowned speakers inform, motivate and entertain. The theme for the 2014 conference will be "Be the Change." For more information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Librarian, at [smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3513.

**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](http://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](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>

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.

**Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last week.

***Update on analysis of EBRCs and Oakland P25 Radio System by RCC*** – The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide an update about the status of the RCC side-by-side analysis of Oakland and EBRCs P25 radio systems.

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043857>

***City of Oakland Parking Policies Update*** – This information memorandum addresses recent policy decisions in parking related to (1) Street Sweeping Ticketing; (2) Changes in Parking Enforcement; and (3) the 2013 Holiday Parking Program.

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043856>

***Contract for Operation and Management of Parking Facilities*** – The purpose of this information memorandum is to explain the “code of communication” and current status of a competitive request for proposals (RFP) for the operation and management of eight City-owned parking facilities. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043836>

**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](http://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 [jkjng@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jkjng@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](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>.

***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](http://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](mailto:scrivanir@aol.com) or visit [www.warehouse416.com](http://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 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).

***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](http://www.museumca.org).

***Adult Bowling League*** – Wednesdays 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](mailto:rtucker@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2952.

***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](http://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](mailto:ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-7613.

***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](mailto: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.oeps.org](http://www.oeps.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 DIY 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](http://www.JackofAllTradesOakland.com).

***Oakland Youth Chorus Workshops at the Library*** – Saturday, November 9, 1:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271. The Oakland Youth Chorus (OYC) is holding music workshops for kindergarteners through 5th graders and their families at two library locations this month. Led by Senior Instructor Michelle Jacques and Executive Director Keri Butkevich, these workshops will include fun, multicultural music games and a delightful family sing-along. The workshops will also include a special preview performance of OYC's annual winter concert by the K-5th grade Miracle Chorus. For information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Librarian II, at [lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3848.

***NovemberFest*** – Sunday, November 10, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Temescal Alley 470 49th Street. Novemberfest will feature great beer by local craft brewers like Linden Street Brewery, Calicraft, Ale Industries, Drakes Brewing and more. Enjoy grilled sausages by Pizzaiolo if you get hungry. All proceeds will benefit Walk Oakland Bike Oakland. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/504540936320566/>.

***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](mailto:mnorton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 597-5085.

***Cecile Pineda Reading from Her Novel Face*** – Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. *Face*, Cecile Pineda's debut novel, was met with glowing reviews when it was first published in 1985. That year, the novel was nominated for the American Book Award, and it is still considered a major literary achievement. Based on a true story, *Face* is a tale of catastrophe and redemption. The novel's hero is a Brazilian man who recovers and ultimately triumphs after suffering an accident in which his face is horribly disfigured. Ms. Pineda was recently nominated for the Neustadt International Prize for Literature. For information, please contact Christine Saed, Senior Librarian, at [csaed@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:csaed@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 28-3841.

***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](mailto: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>.

***America Recycles Day*** – Friday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Waster Management Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex, 2615 Davis Street, San Leandro. In celebration of America Recycles Day, Waste Management will be offering free drop off of electronic goods,

hangars, used clothing and other goods through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They will also offer free tours and family activities. Visitors may pick up a free bag of EarthCare compost and up to five gallons of recycled latex paint. For more information, please call (510) 613-8710.

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

***Native American Culture Day: Honoring Our Native Children*** – Saturday, November 16, noon - 4:00 p.m., Main Library, 125 14th Street. The Oakland Public Library's Native American Services Committee presents the 2013 Native American Culture Day. This year's theme is "Adoption and Foster Care for Native Children around America." We will have a discussion with Social Worker Vida Castaneda and Attorney Ella Callow, in addition to some personal stories from our patrons. The afternoon's events will also include Native performers, films, a raffle and food. Everyone of all ages is welcome. For more information, please contact the OPL information desk at (510) 238-3134.

***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](http://www.jazzatthechimes.com) or call (510) 654-0123.

***Oakland Youth Chorus Workshops at the Library*** – Monday, November 18, 5:30 p.m., Golden Gate Branch, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. The Oakland Youth Chorus (OYC) is holding this music workshop for kindergarteners through 5th graders and their families. Led by Senior Instructor Michelle Jacques and Executive Director Keri Butkevich, these workshops will include fun, multicultural music games and a delightful family sing-along. The workshops will also include a special preview performance of OYC's annual winter concert by the K-5th grade Miracle Chorus. For information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Librarian II, at [lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3848.

***Oaktown Tech*** – Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Nile Hall, Preservation Park, 1233 Preservation Park Way. Join the Kapor Center for Social Impact and Oakland Local as they launch the Oakland Tech Ecosystem (OTE) Map & Database. The OTE is a comprehensive listing of nearly 300 Oakland-based tech groups, spaces, companies, bloggers and affiliates. The event will celebrate Oakland's diverse and burgeoning tech community with the unveiling of this interactive map and opportunity to network. The event is co-hosted by 2.Oakland and Impact HubOakland. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please visit <http://oaktech.eventbrite.com>.

***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](mailto:smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3513.

***5th Annual Pickin' on the Potomac Bluegrass Series*** – Thursday, November 21, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Presidential Yacht Potomac, 540 Water Street. On this special evening, enjoy the foot-stomping good sounds of The Kathy Kallick Band, one of the Bay Area's best bluegrass bands. For more information, please call (510) 627-1215.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, November 22, 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).

***Patchwork Indie Art & Craft Festival*** – Sunday, November 24, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. This modern, handmade festival features local emerging artists, crafters and designers showcasing a variety of handmade goods including art, knits, clothing, paper goods, accessories, housewares and more. Attendees can get in on crafting at the free DIY crafting station. For more information, please visit [www.patchworkshow.com](http://www.patchworkshow.com).

***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](mailto: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. Thursday Tours: December 12 and 19 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.\*, Friday Tours: December 6, 13 and 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.\*, Saturday Tours: December 7, 14 and 21 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.\*, Sunday Tours: December 8, 15 and 22 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.\*. \*6:00 p.m. tours are available for individual participants, all other tour times are whole-boat charter only. Water Sleigh rides are \$6 per person, \$100 Private Charter (capacity 19). Cash and Visa & MasterCard are accepted. For more information, please contact Megan Seccombe at (510) 238-2196, or visit [www.sailoakland.com](http://www.sailoakland.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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