



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: November 22, 2013

INFORMATION

Please note that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next City Administrator's Weekly Report will be issued on Friday, December 6.

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Oakland Among The 10 Most Liked Cities In The Nation – In a recent post by Money Journal, Oakland was ranked among the 10 most liked cities in the U.S. To view the post, please visit <http://www.moneyjournal.com/10-most-liked-us-cities/>. Other recent accolades include being ranked the 9th most walkable city in the U.S. and America's most exciting city. To view other accolades bestowed on Oakland, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/News/OAK033058>.

City Announces Free 2013 Holiday Parking – On Thursday, November 21, Mayor Jean Quan announced the City of Oakland's Free 2013 Holiday Parking program. In the spirit of the holidays and to stimulate shopping in Oakland's commercial districts in support of local merchants, the City of Oakland will offer free parking every Saturday between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, plus Plaid Friday which is November 29. Free parking will be offered at meters throughout Oakland and in four participating City-owned lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours or 5 hours). The City will also provide up to two hours of free parking at four City-owned garages. The free parking dates are as follows: Friday, November 29 (Plaid Friday); Saturday, November 30; Saturday, December 7; Saturday, December 14; Saturday, December 21; and Saturday, December 28. The free parking "holidays" apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space. The free holiday parking applies to the following City-owned lots equipped with meters on the designated Saturdays and Plaid Friday:

- Grand Avenue Lot in the 3200 block of Grand Avenue
- LakePark Lot under I-580 between Grand Avenue and Lakeshore Avenue
- Piedmont Avenue Lot on Howe & 40th Street
- Parkway Lot on Wayne Avenue near Park Boulevard and E. 18th Street

The free holiday parking program will also offer two hours of free parking on the designated Saturdays and Plaid Friday at the following City-owned garages:

- Frank Mar Garage – 12th Street & Harrison
- Franklin Street Garage – 19th Street & Franklin
- Montclair Garage – 6235 La Salle Avenue
- Clay Street Garage – 14th Street & Clay

The free holiday parking program encourages shoppers to explore the plethora of shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland's 40 neighborhood shopping districts. For more information on the City's free holiday parking program, please visit www.oaklandnet.com. For information on holiday shopping in Oakland, please visit www.oaklandgrown.org. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044266>. For more information, please contact Samee Roberts, Marketing Manager, at sroberts@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2136.

City of Oakland Opens Winter Shelter – On Wednesday, November 20, the City of Oakland opened its temporary winter shelter for the season at the Henry Robinson Multi-Services Center, 559 16th Street. Vouchers are available to both single men and women (This shelter can only accommodate single adults without children) for up to 50 beds in the temporary shelter. The shelter hours are from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The City of Oakland had operated a temporary inclement weather shelter at the former Oakland Army Base since 1999. The Oakland Army Base Temporary Winter Shelter closed after the 2012 winter season due to the development of the former Army Base. The Mayor and the Department of Human Services have worked diligently along with the County of Alameda to identify and implement a new winter shelter location. The Henry Robinson Center was identified as the most suitable site for this transition. Persons who are homeless and seeking assistance and access to the winter shelter can gain access through one of the following referring agencies:

- St. Vincent de Paul, 2272 San Pablo Avenue, (510) 832-3600
- Henry Robinson MSC, 559 16th Street, (510) 419-1010
- Operation Dignity, 1504 Franklin Street, (510) 287-8465
- Health Care for the Homeless, 1900 Fruitvale Avenue, (510) 532-1930
- TRUST Clinic, Oakland (internal referrals only)

To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK044222>. For more information, please contact Susan Shelton, Community Housing Services Manager, at sshelton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 986-2721.

Robbery Suspect Arrested and Charged – On Saturday, November 16, the suspect wanted in connection with an armed robbery of an 11-year-old boy that occurred on Friday, November 1, at 7:20 a.m., surrendered himself to the Oakland Police Department. The victim was walking to school when he was approached by the suspect, who demanded his cell phone but instead took money from him. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has charged the juvenile suspect, who is 14 years old, with armed robbery. It was determined the weapon used during the

robbery was a pellet gun. The name of the suspect will not be released due to his age. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

City of Oakland's Filipino American Employees Society's Typhoon Relief – On Tuesday, November 19, the City of Oakland's Filipino American Employees Society (FAMES) began directing its fundraising efforts to three reputable organizations. Please join the City of Oakland staff to support relief efforts for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda in The Philippines and earthquake in Bohol by donating to one of the following established fundraising sources. In order to claim a tax deduction for a charitable donation, you are required to make donations through an organization which has an IRS section 501(c)3 certification.

- **The American Red Cross** exists to provide compassionate care to those in need. Its network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world. The American Red Cross is working closely with the Philippine Red Cross to provide staff support and assistance. <http://www.crowdrise.com/oaklandfameshaiyanrelief>
- **National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAFCON)** is a national multi-issue alliance of Filipino organizations and individuals in the *United States* serving to protect the rights and welfare of Filipinos. <http://nafconusa.org/>
- **ABS-CBN Foundation** is a committed advocate for public service in strategic sector of Philippine society. AFI aims to awaken hope in the Filipino through implementing projects via multi-sectoral partnerships in the spirit of bayanihan. These are in child care and protection, education, environment, disaster management and community development. It is the public service arm of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, one of Asia's biggest media conglomerates. <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/tulongph>

The City's Public Works Agency collected \$1,525 among its employees to donate to the American Red Cross to help the victims for Typhoon Hayian. For more information, please contact May Hill, Administrative Assistant, at mhill@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2214.

OPD Makes U-Visa Information Available – On Tuesday, November 19, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) added a new page to its website on the U-Visa program. A form of witness protection, the U-Visa is a non-immigrant, temporary visa, which allows a victim who has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse from certain crimes (specified in federal law), and who provides information that has, is or will assist law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the crimes, to remain in the United States for up to four years. The City of Oakland and OPD have been staunch supporters of the U-Visa program since it started back in 2007. The U-Visa program furthers the City's humanitarian policies of providing refuge to victims of human rights violations and crimes abroad. OPD encourages community members, especially those who are non-documented and in fear of deportation, to report crime and seek assistance with the U-Visa program. To view OPD's U-Visa web page, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/s/UVisa/index.htm>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPD Supports East Bay/Oakland Transgender Day of Remembrance – On Wednesday, November 20, Interim Chief Sean Whent and OPD staff participated in the Oakland celebration of the 15th Annual International Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR). Held around the world every November 20, TDOR is a day of sharing, silence, support, community and calling attention to the ongoing epidemic of violence against transgender individuals. Each November, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals killed due to anti-transgender violence around the world over in the previous year are remembered and their loss mourned. Transgender and gender non-conforming individuals routinely experience acts of violence against them simply for expressing their gender identity and expression. Many attacks never get reported. The recent horrific act of violence in Oakland against a young gender non-conforming individual while riding a public bus is an everyday reminder of the deadly and pervasive nature of anti-transgender bias. This case, in which Luke “Sasha” Fleischman, 18, was intentionally set on fire while sleeping on an AC Transit bus, has made us all aware of the issue of anti-transgender bias. OPD was able to arrest the suspect in this case, a juvenile male, within a day, and the District Attorney’s Office has charged him with a hate crime, aggravated mayhem and felony assault. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPD Supports December Gun Buyback – On Wednesday, November 20, Interim Chief Sean Whent joined with Youth UpRising, Councilmember Libby Schaaf, City Attorney Barbara Parker and Gun By Gun founder Ian Johnstone to announce a new crowdsourced campaign to fund gun buybacks in East Oakland. The upcoming Oakland Gun Buyback event, part of a statewide gun buyback initiative, is scheduled for December 14. Other cities participating in the official December day of action include Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose. Multiple donations, no matter how small, can add up to many guns taken out of circulation. To donate online, please visit the Gun by Gun crowdfunding webpage at <https://www.gunbygun.org/oakland-gun-buyback>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Police Chief Recruitment – 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. Since launching the search, the City has made presentations at several meetings throughout Oakland. Summaries of the public input from five of the eight community meetings have been posted on the website. In addition to these meetings, the City has engaged the community and stakeholders in multiple ways: more than 200 surveys in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese have been completed and seven ideas, 26 interactions and 160 views have occurred on the online conversation. Input will be considered throughout the entire candidate evaluation process, right up to the appointment of the permanent Police Chief. Based on input received, a position profile has been created. Below are the links to the Police Chief Recruitment website, Police Chief Recruitment Community Survey in English/Spanish/Chinese/Vietnamese, Police Chief Recruitment Input email address and Position Profile:

- **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>
- **Police Chief Position Profile:**
<http://www.bobmurrayassoc.com/upload/Oakland%20Police%20Chief.pdf>

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 or (510) 238-6587.

City Employees Support Charities – On Friday, November 8, the City of Oakland's Combined Charities Campaign concluded. City staff showed their support for the community by donating nearly \$113,000 to participating charities. The City department with the largest dollar amount of donations was the Public Works Agency at \$36,680.

City's Civicorps Intern Selected for National Honor – On Sunday, February 9, Candace Washington, a Civicorps Schools Corpsmember with the Public Works Agency's Environmental Services Division, will be honored as one of six Corpsmembers-of-the-Year. The recognition will be bestowed at the 2014 Corps Network National Conference in Washington, D.C. Candace assists in staffing the City's Recycling Hotline. The Environmental Services Division has hosted a Civicorps intern since 1992. The internship provides at-risk-youth job skills and mentoring for

a future in environmental careers while they continue their education. Congratulations to Candace. For more information, please contact Becky Dowdakin, Acting Environmental Services Manager, at (510) 238-6981.

Holiday Fit Camp – On Monday, December 2, Golden Gate Recreation Center, located at 1075 62nd Street, kicks off Holiday Fit Camp every Monday and Wednesday until January 2. Ages 16 and above are invited to come out between the hours of 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. for the fitness class consisting of light cardio, toning muscles, circuit workouts, stretching and the infamous squat challenge. Registration is \$30 for all 10 classes or \$5 per class. Please note that there will be no classes on Wednesday, December 25 or January 1; the makeup dates for these classes will be Thursday, December 26 and Thursday, January 2. For more information, please contact Alaina Fugelsted, Recreation Director, at (510) 597-5032.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Social – On Saturday, November 23 from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the Willie Keyes Recreation Center, located at 3131 Union Street, will host a Thanksgiving Luncheon Social. The event will include free food, entertainment, singing, spoken word and/or praise dance. For more information, please contact Vinzuela Bolden, Recreation Director, at (510) 597-5042.

City Seeks Citizen Input on Council Redistricting – On Tuesday, November 19, the Oakland City Council held the first reading/public hearing of an ordinance to adopt new City Council and Oakland Unified School District boundaries. The Council voted 7-0 to advance Map #26 as the preferred boundaries. The second reading and final passage of the ordinance is slated for Tuesday, December 10. To view map #26, 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
- 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 date 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.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of November 25, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Operator Heavy Equipment Services Worker (Re-Open)
- Veterinary Technician

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 Memorandums were released in the last week.

Department of Finance Approval of Bond Expenditure Agreement – This information memo notifies the Mayor and City Council of the recent notification received by the City from the California Department of Finance that the Bond Expenditure Agreement has been approved. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044214>

Human Resources Director Appointment – This information memo announces the appointment of Mr. Anil Comelo as Human Resources Director for the City of Oakland, effective December 9. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044247>

Update Regarding LED Lighting Conversion Project – The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide an update regarding the Oakland LED Lighting Conversion Project. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044279>

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.

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.

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 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>.

SFMOMA Acoustic Sound Art Installation in Ogawa Plaza Extended Through the Holidays – Through Monday, January 20, 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. Originally slated to end in mid-November, the installation has been extended. For more information about the project, including the bell-ringing schedule, please visit <http://bit.ly/1eJayLv>.

"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 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.

Global Sustainability Jam – Friday, November 22, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m., Comrade, 484 9th Street. A diverse group of creative, passionate people will meet, form teams and get to work in an energetic, global, face-to-face design event. The group will ideate, research and prototype brand new products, services and programs around the theme of sustainability. Everyone is welcome; You do not need to be a designer or have experience with service design to jam. Participants will be supported throughout the weekend by designers, mentors in sustainability and group facilitators. To register for the jam, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/2013-oakland-sustainability-jam-registration-8378730007. For more information, please visit www.oaklandsustainabilityjam.org.

Symbolism in the Cemetery – Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m., Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue. Enjoy a free tour led by docent Sandy Rauch. For more information, please visit www.mountainviewcemetery.org/calendar.html.

Community Gardening Days – Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm, Montclair Branch Library, 1687 Mountain Boulevard. Join in the transformation of the Montclair Library's wild back yard into a garden paradise. Help plant drought tolerant plants (lots of natives) that attract birds and butterflies. In addition to volunteering and donating your time, please consider lending tools or contributing plants, birdhouses, benches or terracing. To R.S.V.P. or for more

information, please contact Lynne Cutler, Branch Manager, at lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 482-7810.

African American Quilters – Saturday, November 23, Noon - 3:00 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. All are welcome to join the quilters for help and inspiration completing your quilting projects. For more information, please contact Gay Ducey, Branch Manager, at gducey@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7352.

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.

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 Ice Public Skating – Sunday, November 24 to Saturday, January 4, Various Hours, Oakland Ice Center, 519 18th Street. Enjoy the holidays by gliding across the rink. Skate one session and get 50% off the second session on the same day. Warm clothing and gloves recommended. For more information, please visit www.oaklandice.org.

It's Turkey Day at Melrose – Tuesday, November 26, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Melrose Branch Library, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. Kids, come celebrate Thanksgiving by creating a decorative turkey. We'll be using styrofoam balls, yarn and googly eyes to create festive turkeys. For more information, please contact Anne Lennon, Children's Librarian, alennon@oaklandlibrary.org or at (510) 535-5623.

Meet Author Joyce Maynard at Montclair Branch Library – Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 p.m., Montclair Branch Library, 1687 Mountain Boulevard. Bestselling author Joyce Maynard is making a public appearance to share passages from her new novel, *After Her*, as well as to discuss the art of storytelling. Ms. Maynard has had a long and varied writing career. She is the author of thirteen books, including *To Die For* and *Labor Day*. (Ms. Maynard's appearance is a timely warm-up to the release of the film adaptation of *Labor Day*, which opens December 25

and stars Kate Winslet and Josh Brolin.) Ms. Maynard describes *After Her* as “part love story, part thriller, part family drama.” It is loosely based on the Trailside Killings that took place in Marin County in the late 1970s and early '80s. The *New York Times* called *After Her* “a masterpiece.” For more information, please contact Lynne Cutler, Branch Manager, at lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 482-7810.

Plaid Friday – Friday, November 29, Various Times, Various Oakland Locations. Avoid the stampedes at the malls; shop locally and joyfully instead. The traditional Black Friday has been renamed and reinvented by Oakland entrepreneurs. Activities will include Santa Village at Latham Square from noon to 7:00 p.m. complete with free photos with Santa, over 45 retail shops will be open downtown throughout the day, pop-up artisans and vendors at various downtown bars from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and much more. Shoppers can pick up a free Oakland Grown card to earn rewards and chances for hourly and grand prizes for shopping local that day. Shop for your holiday gifts in Oakland and help support local business while keeping your tax dollars in our city to support vital services. For more information, please visit www.oaklandgrown.org/plaid-friday.

ZooLights – Friday, November 29 to Sunday, January 5, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. Hundreds of thousands of LED lights brighten Oakland's night sky. Highlights include a candy cane lane themed rides area, a nighttime adventure on the Outback Express train, rocking around the Christmas trees in the Children's Zoo, and a light show that's sure to blow out any bah-hum-bugs. No Zoolights on December 24 or 25. For more information, please visit www.oaklandzoo.org or call (510) 632-9525, ext. 100.

Pottery and Craft Sale at Studio One – Saturday, November 30, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. The annual Pottery and Craft Sale will feature beautiful pottery pieces, jewelry, glass pieces and more. All of the reasonably priced items are created by professional, novice and children artists at Studio One. Enjoy refreshments while you browse. Children will find this a great opportunity to shop for their families. Shoppers are encouraged to come early for the best selection. Vendors are still being accepted for this event. For more information, please contact Alethia Walker, Recreation Leader II, at (510) 597-5096.

Rockridge in the Snow – Saturday, November 30, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Rockridge BART Station Plaza, College Avenue at Keith. Join the merchants of Rockridge in celebrating the season with memorable meals, unique gift shopping opportunities and special holiday offers. Kids can frolic in the play area with snow, enjoy pony rides and visit with Santa and his helpers. Enjoy live holiday entertainment and more. For more information, please visit www.rockridgedistrict.com.

11th Annual Holiday Stroll – Thursday, December 5, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., Montclair Village, Mountain Boulevard at LaSalle. Special discounts and promotions are offered as over 40 merchants stay open to greet guests with music, food and drink. Holiday carols will fill the streets with performances by local choirs at this family friendly event. Enjoy the Tap Dancing Trees and a visit with Santa. For more information, please visit www.montclairvillage.com or call (510) 339-1000.

2013 Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, December 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Oakland City Center, Broadway at 13th Street. Join in the joy and merriment of the season with live entertainment, cookie decorating and much more. Visit with Santa and his elves. For more information, please visit www.oaklandcitycenter.com or call (510) 628-9170.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, December 6, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Visitors of all ages are invited to enjoy this special evening of holiday magic on the waterfront including festive music, live reindeer, a visit from Santa, cookie decorating, costumed characters and more than 90 local artisans and more. Catch a sneak preview of festive entertainment and meet costumed characters from the America's Children Holiday Parade. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com or call (510) 645-9292.

Holiday Pop Up! Indie Shopping Fair – Friday, December 6, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Jack London Square Pavilion, foot of Broadway. Shop for your holiday gifts locally from Oakland and Bay Area small businesses. Tons of fun vendors, music, performers, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, wine, holiday treats and more. Proceeds support Youth Uprising; Young, Gifted and Black and Oakland Grown. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/events/1381654998721799/.

Winter Art Hop – Friday, December 6, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Temescal District, Telegraph Avenue at 51st Street. Temescal's neighborhood galleries, cafes, bars and retailers have teamed up to bring you a night of walking about and art browsing. Enjoy live music in Temescal Alley and on Telegraph Avenue. For more information, please visit www.temescalfirstfriday.com or call (510) 860-7327.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, December 6, 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.

14th Annual America's Children's Holiday Parade – Saturday, December 7, 2:00 p.m., Downtown Oakland, Broadway between 14 and 20 streets. Some 20 marching bands and nearly 40 children's characters march up Broadway along with giant parade balloons. For more information, please visit www.americas-holiday-parade.com or call (510) 874-4800.

37th Annual Lighted Yacht Parade – Saturday, December 7, 5:30 p.m., Oakland Estuary. Scores of decorated yachts and boats ply up and down the estuary for this holiday tradition. For more information, please visit www.lightyachtparade.com or call (510) 522-3272.

5th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Stroll – Saturday, December 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Key Route Plaza, Piedmont Avenue at 41st Street. Enjoy festive performances,

caroling and a visit with Santa Claus as participating retailers stay open for late night shopping. For more information, please visit www.piedmontavenue.org.

28th Annual Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir Holiday Concert – Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The award-winning Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir is a multiracial, interfaith group led by Artistic Director Terrance Kelly. Enjoy traditional and contemporary black gospel music and spirituals with special guests: Tuck & Patti, Imani Ya Watume, Liturgical Dance Company from the Imani Community Church Oakland, Oakland Interfaith Youth Choir and Oakland Interfaith Community Choir. For more information, please visit www.paramounttheatre.com or call (510) 465-6400.

8th Annual Jingletown Winter Art Walk – Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Jingletown Arts District, between Park Street and Fruitvale Street bridges along the Oakland estuary. This open studio event highlights the work of more than 50 artists who call Jingletown home. Food trucks will feature delicious local products. Enjoy the annual T-Sisters Parade. For more information, please visit www.jingletown.org.

A Holiday Tradition – Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The Office of Parks and Recreation invites you to step back in time and experience a turn-of-the-20th-century Holiday Tradition at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate. Visitors tour the magnificent 37-room mansion transformed into a breathtaking masterpiece of an Edwardian holiday. Each room is decorated with elegant holiday trees, garlands, antique furnishings and festive decorations. Rejuvenate at the Carriage House Café and shop for gifts at the Mansion Gift Shop and Carriage House Crafters. Kids and families can have brunch with Santa and then enjoy holiday crafts, games and face painting in the Kid's Zone. For more information, please visit www.dunsmuir-hellman.com or call (510) 615-5555

Splash of Color Holiday Concert – Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, December 8, 5:00 p.m., Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. Join Jeremiah Selvey as he conducts the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus. The concert includes classics that everyone knows and loves as well as African, spiritual, gospel and gospel-style music. For more information, please visit www.oebgmc.org or call (800) 706-2389.

Holiday Caroling at Lake Merritt Boating Center - Beginning Thursday, December 12 and various dates throughout the month of December, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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