



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: December 13, 2013

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Acting Human Resources Director – Through January 6, 2014, Katano Kasaine, City Treasurer, will serve as Acting Human Resources Director while Human Resources Director Anil Comelo is out on pre-arranged international travel. Ms. Kasaine can be reached at (510) 238-2989 or at kkasaine@oaklandnet.com

Celebrating Outstanding Service: OPD's Year-End Awards Ceremony – On Thursday, December 5, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) held a year-end awards ceremony to acknowledge the outstanding work of its officers and staff. In addition to honoring police officers and civilian employees, Interim Chief Sean Whent presented Oakland citizen Dan Gale with a Chief's Certificate of Commendation in recognition of his distinguished service. Mr. Gale was the AC Transit passenger who went to the aid of Luke "Sasha" Fleischman when he was intentionally set on fire while sleeping on the bus. Joining Interim Chief Whent and his executive team at the event were Mayor Jean Quan, City Administrator Deanna Santana, OPD General Counsel Rocio Fierro, clergy members and friends and family of the honorees. The program honored individuals and teams for their hard work, dedication, courage and distinguished service to the City and the citizens of Oakland. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

City Council Adopts Redistricting Map – On Tuesday, December 10, the Oakland City Council adopted new 2013-2023 electoral district boundaries with the second reading and final unanimous passage of Ordinance No. 13206 C.M.S. To view the adopted map, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/redistricting. To inform those residents affected by changes to district boundaries, the City of Oakland will undertake an outreach campaign beginning in January. In addition to the use of Web and Social Media outlets, the campaign will include a direct mail piece to affected households, presentations to Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils in areas where the boundaries shifted and informational slides on the City's television station, KTOP TV-10. Printed information will be available in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese. 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. The Oakland City Council Districts also serve as the electoral districts for the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified

School District (OUSD), commonly called the Board of Education. Many Oakland residents participated in the Redistricting process by attending one of the meetings, submitting a map online, sending a letter or email, joining the online conversation at EngageOakland.com or leaving a voice message on the Redistricting hotline. The public submitted more than 50 maps with suggested boundary changes. To view the reports, relevant legislation, submitted maps 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.

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints Planned – On Friday, December 13 and Friday, December 20, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m., the Oakland Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting DUI/drivers license checkpoints at an undisclosed location within the city limits. Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, delaying motorists only momentarily as they check that drivers have proper licensing. DUI checkpoints are placed in locations affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can total more than \$10,000. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Gun Buyback – On Saturday, December 14, an Oakland Gun Buyback event will be held at Youth UpRising, located at 8711 MacArthur Boulevard, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Part of a statewide gun buyback initiative, the event is co-hosted by Youth UpRising in partnership with Gun by Gun. Gun by Gun was founded in 2013 to prevent gun violence by reducing the number of unwanted and illegal guns in the community while creating an outlet for community action on the issue of gun violence prevention. Interim Chief Sean Whent will be there to kick off the event at 9:00 a.m. Other cities participating in the official December day of action include Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose. Cash incentives are:

- up to \$100 cash for handguns, shotguns, and rifles
- up to \$200 cash for assault weapons as classified by the State of California

The Oakland Gun Buyback event is limited to Oakland residents, proof of residency will be checked by Youth UpRising. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Holiday Safety Tips from the Oakland Police Department – On Tuesday, December 10, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) posted this holiday safety reminder. The holidays are wonderful, but they are also a time to be extra cautious while shopping and traveling. OPD has patrols in key areas of Oakland and will continue to partner with other law enforcement agencies and members of the community to reduce crime during the holiday season. You can do a lot to protect yourself. A few important safety reminders are listed below:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices.
- Stay in well-lit, populated areas.

- Stay alert and don't leave shopping bags and packages unattended.
- Do not leave packages, shopping bags or other items of value visible in your vehicle (place valuable items in your trunk *prior* to arriving at your destination).
- Don't carry large amounts of cash or show large amounts of cash when making purchases.
- Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle.
- Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle.
- Let people know when you intend to arrive at your destination, so they can keep an eye out for you.
- If someone or something looks suspicious, call the police on OPD's non-emergency number (510) 777-3333
- If you are in Oakland, the CELL PHONE emergency number is (510) 777-3211. Program it into your cell phone.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

West Oakland Station Earthquake Safety Work – As part of BART's 34.5KV (Electrical) Cable System Upgrade Project, construction is currently underway to install conduit and cables along the elevated structures in West Oakland. The contractor is moving into its next phase of the project, which includes working inside the West Oakland Station. The work started in the second week of December and will last for approximately two months. In order to minimize disruption to morning commuters, crews will begin work after 9:00 a.m. The work involves attaching conduit to existing steel along our elevated structures using bolts mounted by hand wrenches. Other equipment used on site includes a gas powered generator, scissor lift, forklift and large trucks to hold the equipment. The work will require temporary closures of some parking stalls close to the station. The contractor will post "No Parking" signs 72 hours in advance in the areas to be closed. Vehicles that are not moved from areas that have been marked with "No Parking" signs on the dates posted may be ticketed and/or towed. The public can also expect some construction-related noise. Please watch for signs at the West Oakland BART station with safety information and other notices. For more information, please visit <http://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2013/news20131209>.

U-Visa Information Available in Multiple Languages – On Friday, December 6, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) added links to its main U-Visa webpage directing Spanish, Mandarin and Cantonese speakers to U-Visa webpages in their own languages. The City of Oakland and OPD have been staunch supporters of the U-Visa program since it started back in 2007. OPD would like to encourage community members, especially those who are non-documented and in fear of deportation, to come forward to report crime and seek assistance with the U-Visa program. OPD's U-Visa webpage at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/s/UVisa/index.htm> has links to the Spanish and Chinese translations at the top of the page. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Fire Safety Tips For The Holidays – On Friday, December 6, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) reminded Oakland residents that while the winter holidays are a great time for families and friends to get together in celebration, this time of year also brings a greater risk for fire. OFD shared proactive prevention tips to help ensure a happy and fire safe holiday season. When choosing and placing holiday decorations:

- Choose flame resistant or flame retardant materials;
- Refrain from lighting wax candles, and opt for the use of battery operated candle lights;
- Use indoor/outdoor lights where they belong and appropriately;
- Check string lights for frayed wires, broken bulbs, or loose connections and repair as needed prior to installation;
- Read the manufacturer's instructions for use on all lights as they may differ;
- Use clips instead of nails to hang lights to prevent any damage to the cord; and
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors to ensure unobstructed ingress and egress.

While entertaining family and friends, remember to:

- Test your smoke alarms and share your fire escape plan with guests;
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet;
- Remain in the kitchen while cooking over the stovetop; and
- Avoid the use of area heaters.

By following these simple safety tips, you can help make your holiday season memorable for the right reason. For more information, please contact Karen Cox, Fire Safety Education Coordinator, at kcox@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7255.

Holiday Caroling on Lake Merritt – On Friday, December 6, through Sunday, December 8, the Lake Merritt Boating Center hosted the opening weekend of the Holiday Caroling event. More than 220 revelers came out to enjoy the festive Holiday caroling charters on the lake. The Boating Center invites everyone to come and enjoy hot cider and cookies before beginning a voyage around Lake Merritt. Experience a unique view of Oakland as the Water Sleigh glides past the 18th Street Fountain and Holiday Cove. The Holiday Caroling begins and ends at the Lake Merritt Boating Center at 568 Bellevue Drive. All boat rides depart promptly at the top of the hour. The remaining dates are:

- Thursday Tour – December 19 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.*
- Friday Tours – December 13 & December 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.*
- Saturday Tours – December 14 & 21 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.*
- Sunday Tours – December 15 & 22 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

*The 6:00 p.m. tours are available for individual participants; all other tours are whole boat charter only (capacity 19 people). For more information and prices, visit www.sailoakland.com or contact Sarah Herbelin, Center Director, at (510) 238-2196.

Winter Registration at Montclair Recreation Center – On Friday, December 13 through Monday, January 13, registration for winter classes at Montclair Recreation Center will be open. The center, located at 6300 Moraga Avenue, offers a wide variety of classes including karate for youth and adults, youth gymnastics, youth cooking, youth basketball, ballet & dance, pottery & ceramics for youth, soccer and youth track & field. For more information, please contact Mark Zinns, Center Director, mzinns@oaklandnet.com or (510) 482-7812.

Winter Day Camps – From Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3, various recreation centers will host Winter Day Camps. The camps will have games, arts & crafts, movie screenings, hot chocolate & cookies, and lots of fun. While a snack will be provided each day, participants must bring their own lunch daily. Please note there will be no camps on Wednesday, December 25 or Wednesday, January 1. Please contact your local recreation center for registration and fee details.

- Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 13. Please contact Angelica Lopez, Center Director, at (510) 535-5637.
- Dimond Recreation Center, 3860 Hanly Road. 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 13. Please contact Michelle Doppelt, Center Director, at (510) 482-7831.
- Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 E. 15th Street. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 13. Hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Rebecca Chhom, Center Director, at (510) 238-7741.
- Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street. 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 13. Extended camp will be offered January 6 to 10. Please contact Alaina Fugelsted, Center Director, at (510) 597-5032.
- Inclusion Center at Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center, 7701 Krause Avenue. 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth ages 11 to 18. Hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact Erin Burton or Joy Sledge at (510) 615-5980 or email oaklandinclusioncenter@gmail.com.
- Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 13. Please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.
- Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 12. Please contact Marcy Sanchez, Center Director, at (510) 535-5625.
- Sheffield Village Recreation Center, 247 Marlow Drive. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth ages 3 to 11. Please contact Christina Bagwell, Center Director, at (510) 638-7190.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of December 16, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

➤ Assistant Director, Public Works Agency

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.

Five-Year Financial Forecast Update and Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities – The purpose of this information memo is to transmit two key documents that provide an update of the City's fiscal condition and outlook. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044539>

Rotunda Garage – This memorandum responds to a request by the City Council to describe the business terms included in the disposition and development agreement (Property DDA) between the Redevelopment Agency and Rotunda Garage LP. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044511>

Update Regarding Oakland Animal Services Staffing – The purpose of this informational memo is to provide an update regarding the staffing at the Oakland Animal Services. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044508>

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.

A Holiday Tradition – Saturdays & Sundays through December 23, 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

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>.

Holiday Caroling at Lake Merritt Boating Center – Various dates through Sunday, December 22, 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. All boat rides depart promptly at the top of the hour. For more information, please contact Megan Seccombe at (510) 238-2196, or visit www.sailoakland.com.

Free Holiday Parking – Saturdays through December 28. The City of Oakland will offer free parking 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 "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. For a roster of participating City-owned lots and garages, please visit www.oaklandnet.com.

7th Annual Holiday Circle of Lights – Through Wednesday, January 1, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue. Enjoy a month-long holiday light exhibition featuring scenes from Santa's workshop and other holiday-inspired themes. Hundreds of tiny bright lights outlining buildings and trees provide the perfect backdrop for this enchanting exhibition. For more information, please visit www.mountainviewcemetery.org.

Holiday Fit Camp – Mondays through January 2, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m., Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street. Ages 16 and above are invited to come out for a 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.

Occupations: Art Takes Up Space – Fridays and Saturdays through January 4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Old Oakland, Ninth Street between Broadway and Washington. This site-specific art exhibition, curated by Anuradha Vikram, illuminates 12 windows in Old Oakland. The exhibition includes new media works by Freddy Chandra, Allan de Souza, Desirée Holman, Ranu Mukherjee, Jerome Reyes and José Carlos Teixeira. For more information, please visit <http://www.block-gallery.com/public-space/occupations-art-takes-up-space>.

Holiday Ice Public Skating – Through 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.

ZooLights – Through 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.

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/1eIayLv>.

2nd Annual Holiday Art Salon Exhibit – Through Friday, January 31, Various Hours, Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street. Browse a wide selection of unique art and gifts from over 20 local and national artists. For more information, please visit www.joycegordongallery.com.

"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.

Holiday Season Celebration – Friday, December 13, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Lakeshore Avenue from MacArthur Boulevard to Trestle Glen. Celebrate the holiday season with free carriage rides, visits with Santa, face painting and more. For more information, please visit www.lakeshoreoakland.com or call (510) 593-3721.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, December 13, 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.

A Chanticleer Christmas – Friday, December 13, 8:00 p.m., Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street. Amazing vocals provide a joyous recounting of the Christmas story. For more information, please visit www.chanticleer.org.

Holiday Lights by the Bay – Friday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m., Oakland Ice Center, 519 18th Street. Enjoy a 90-minute figure skating exhibition presented by youth and adults from the center's skating schools and teams. Special guests will include current elite and national level competitors. For more information, please visit www.oaklandice.com or call (510) 268-9000.

28th Annual Christmas Revels: Spirits of Haddon Hall – Friday, December 13 to Sunday, December 15 & Friday, December 20 to Sunday, December 22, various times, Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. The Lord and Lady of Haddon Hall, a stately medieval manor, can no longer afford the cost of upkeep and the staff necessary to run it. Can the ghosts of past generations convince the current owners to find a way to remain in the Hall, or will this be their

final Yuletide at Haddon? For more information, please visit www.californiarevels.org or call (510) 452-9334.

Jack of All Trades Market – Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. A curated mix of local makers, indie designers, antiquers, collectors, artists, start-ups and more participate in this eclectic market featuring one-of-a-kind items, live music and several free DIY workshops for all ages. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com or call (510) 645-9292.

28th Anniversary Winter Dance Showcase – Saturday, December 14, 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Dance-A-Vision hosts its 28th Anniversary Winter Dance Showcase with a theme of The Gift of Dance “Move It.” The showcase is a dance recital dedicated to the fun ways you can move your body to stay fit and features students from the Dance-A-Vision School of Dance. Special guest performances by The Art of Ballet & Bodi Rock Kidz, Lyric Performing Arts, Dance Hall In The Groove, The Art of Ballet, Studio 1924 and The Beat. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Center Director, at (510) 238-7221.

Holiday Concert: One World, One Voice, Our Song! – Saturday, December 14, 6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Oakland, 2619 Broadway. Celebrate the Bay Area's multiculturalism with a rousing concert unlike any other holiday show this season. The evening includes stunning performances by the Oakland Youth Chorus' incredibly talented middle and high school Concert Chorus. For more information, please visit www.oaklandyouthchorus.org or call (510) 287-9700.

Gifts Holiday Shopping Open House – Saturday, December 14 - Sunday, December 15, Noon - 5:00 p.m., The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. Get last minute shopping done at the Bay Area's most unique holiday bazaar, and support local arts and community arts education for youth and adults. For more information, please visit www.thecrucible.org/gifts or call (510) 444-0919.

Holiday Tours – Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m., Camron Stanford House, 1547 Lakeside Drive. Tour the last remaining Victorian home on the shores of Lake Merritt and enjoy the holiday décor. For more information, please visit www.cshouse.org or call (510) 874-7802.

Fairy Winterland – Saturday, December 14 - Monday, December 23, Noon - 7:00 p.m., Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue. Celebrate the winter holidays of many cultures including Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Diwali and Chinese New Year. Enjoy stories, crafts, a festival of lights and a visit from Santa. For more information, please visit www.fairyland.org or call (510) 452-2259.

Let Us Break Bread Together Holiday Celebration – Sunday, December 15, 4:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland East Bay Symphony is joined by several different choruses in a program that celebrates and festively fuses multiple holiday traditions. For more information, please visit www.paramounttheatre.com or call (510) 465-6400.

Homebuyer Education Workshop – Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. This is a two-evening class that covers the home buying process with an emphasis on properties, assistance programs and area benefits available to low- and moderate-income families and to first-time homebuyers. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please call (510) 238-7486.

Third Thursday Piedmont Ave. Stroll – Thursday, December 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Piedmont Avenue from MacArthur to Pleasant Valley. During the Stroll, participants will enjoy discounts at participating merchants, live music, art receptions and trunk shows featuring local artists and designers, giveaways, tastings and loads of holidays fun. For more information, please visit www.piedmontavestroll.org or www.facebook.com/piedmontavestroll.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, December 20, 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.

Nutcracker International – Friday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 21, 2:00 p.m., Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. This show is a new take on a well-known holiday tradition and will highlight the many communities found in Oakland, including the Aztec, African American, Haitian, Cambodian, Vietnamese and LGBTQ communities. The narrator will deliver an educational storyline that weaves the magical scenes together and, along with surprise video and special effects, provides an engaging and historical overview of Oakland. For more information, please visit www.laney.edu/wp/music/choir/.

Christmas Night Market – Friday, December 20 - Sunday, December 22, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Fruitvale District, International Boulevard between 33rd and 38th avenues. Shop the Fruitvale for your holiday gift needs while enjoying live music, a visit with Santa Claus, popcorn, cotton candies and great bargains from merchants. For more information, please call (510) 535-6919.

Holiday Open House – Saturday, December 21, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. Drop by for free hot cocoa, spiced apple juice, hot tamales and other sweet treats. Special holiday decorations reflect the cultures from the neighborhood. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org.

Traditional Christmas Posada – Saturday, December 21, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m., Fruitvale District, International Boulevard. Enjoy the traditional procession and caroling from two starting points: Hispanic Services, 3204 International Boulevard and Majestic Home Furniture, 4030 International Boulevard. Both groups will stroll to International Produce at 3851 International Boulevard for the final celebration where kids will break piñatas and sip traditional tea. For more information, please call (510) 535-6919.

Go Tell It! – Saturday, December 21, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, December 22, 3:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Take a musical journey with Harriet Tubman & family along the Underground Railroad in this original musical drama written and directed by Taiwo Kujichagulia-Seitu. Told through Spirituals, the Blues, and lyrical and traditional West African Dance and drumming, the musical follows the people who had the courage and faith to trust Harriet Tubman as guide to safety. To purchase tickets, please visit www.gotellit.info. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Center Director, at (510) 238-7221.

The Nutcracker – Saturday, December 21 - Sunday, December 22, 2:00 p.m. & Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 a.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland Ballet presents Graham Lustig's "The Nutcracker." Enjoy the Holiday magic for all ages with artists of the Oakland Ballet Company and members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony conducted by Michael Morgan. Sweet Dreams Parties immediately follow the two matinee performances. For more information, please visit www.paramounttheatre.com or call (510) 465-6400.

14th Annual New Year's Eve Balloon Drop – Tuesday, December 31, Various Times, Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Kids can ring in the New Year without staying up past their bedtime. Celebrate the strokes of midnight around the world at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Kids count down to 2014 as thousands of balloons rain down on them. Each child receives a special prize. For more information, please visit www.chabotspace.org.

Healthy Living For Seniors – Tuesdays from January 7 to June 3, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The UC Cooperative Extension will provide information about nutrition, exercise and health at these events held the first Tuesday of each month. There will be healthy cooking demonstrations, low cost recipes and gifts including measuring spoons and reusable grocery bags. For more information, please contact Mary Norton, Center Director, at mnorton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 597-5085.

Respectfully submitted,

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