



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: January 10, 2014

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

169th Academy Welcomed – On Monday, December 30, Interim Chief Sean Whent and his Executive Team welcomed the 169th Basic Academy Class to the Oakland Police Department. The Executive Team thanked the new police trainees for their interest in serving the City of Oakland and reviewed the department's priorities. The Chiefs encouraged the class to focus on learning their role as community servants and explained the importance of organizational excellence. The 169th Academy Class is made up of a diverse group of individuals with a vast array of life experience including a former paramedic, emergency medical technician, lifeguard, helicopter medic, military police officer, social worker and photo-journalist. Many of the class members have college degrees from various universities including UC Davis, California State University East Bay, Boston University, Brigham Young University and the University of Arizona. The class will complete six months of academy training in topics such as community relations, law, report writing and tactics. They are scheduled to graduate on July 3. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

2013 Oakland Marathon Named "Best Marathon" – In December, *Competitor Magazine* named the 2013 Oakland Marathon as the "Best Marathon" in the Pacific West Region. That same month, *The Huffington Post* named Oakland the 6th Best Rising Star Destination. For these and other accolades bestowed on Oakland, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/News/OAK033058>.

Oakland Featured In US Airways Inflight Magazine – The January 2014 issue of US Airways inflight magazine features a 20-page editorial profile on Oakland. The City of Oakland is among the sponsors of this exciting editorial coverage on our city coordinated by Visit Oakland. This unprecedented coverage is visible to more than 6 million passengers who board US Airways planes this month. Visit Oakland worked directly with the editors and art directors from US Airways magazine to tell its audience of affluent, travel-aficionados why Oakland is not to be missed. The City's Cultural Arts & Marketing staff helped sponsor the four-page arts & culture section and worked with the magazine's editors to provide content and images. Other generous sponsors of this major national co-op opportunity included the Port of Oakland, Jack London

Square, Art Murrum, Oakland Marriott City Center and the East Bay Regional Park District, in addition to restaurants Mua, Tribune Tavern, Bocanova and others. To view the editorial profile, please visit http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/pace/usairways_january2014/#/54. For more information, please contact Samee Roberts, Marketing Manager, at sroberts@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2136.

Oakland Crime Reduction In The News – In the first week of 2014, the positive news about Oakland's lowered crime rate was in the media. On Friday, January 3, *USA Today* published "In 2013, Homicides Plummet in Some Cities, Soar in Others," which reviewed homicide rates nationwide. The accompanying chart showed Oakland with a 31% drop in homicides from 2012 to 2013. To read the article, please visit <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/01/02/murder-homicides-murders-crime-cities/4288349/>. The online version does not include the chart. To view a scan of the chart, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044823>. On Tuesday, January 7, in an article entitled "Oakland Sees Fewer Murders, Hopes for Better 2014," *BeyondChron* examined Oakland's reduced homicide numbers for 2013 and pointed to a combination of community efforts and work being done by the Oakland Police Department and its law enforcement partners as responsible for the "dramatic reduction in overall use of guns." To read the full story, please visit <http://www.beyondchron.org/news/index.php?itemid=12202#more>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

PG&E Warns Of Scam Emails & Calls – On Wednesday, January 8, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) sent out a media release about an email scam targeting residents across the United States. The utility has received calls from individuals, both within its service area and outside of it, reporting that they have received suspicious emails that appeared to be bills sent by PG&E. This is similar to email and phone scams that have been occurring recently throughout the country involving several utilities. If a customer receives one of these emails requesting information about their account, they should delete and take the following precautions:

- DO NOT respond to the request
- DO NOT click on any links in the email
- DO NOT open any attachments
- DO NOT provide any personal information
- Report these contacts to CorporateSecurity@pge.com

PG&E is investigating the situation along with the appropriate authorities. There has been no security breach and the information referenced in the email message is not legitimate. PG&E offers the following tips to help protect customers from potential scams:

- PG&E's Credit Department will not ask for personal information or a credit card number over the phone. Anyone who has received such a phone call and provided credit card or checking account information should report it immediately to the credit card company or bank and law enforcement.

- Customers with concerns about the legitimacy of a call about a past due bill, service request or request for personal information are encouraged to call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.
- Customers should always ask to see identification before allowing anyone claiming to be a PG&E representative inside their home. PG&E employees always carry their identification and are willing to show it to you.
- If a person claiming to be a PG&E employee has identification and you still feel uncomfortable, call PG&E's customer service line at 1-800-743-5000 to verify an appointment and/or PG&E's presence in the community. If you feel threatened in any way, notify local law enforcement immediately.
- Customers who have an appointment with PG&E will receive an automated call back within 48 hours prior to a scheduled visit, or a personal call from a PG&E gas service representative prior to a scheduled visit.

For more information, please visit <http://www.pge.com/about/newsroom/> and www.pgecurrents.com.

RecordTrac Logs 1,700 Public Records Requests In First Three Months – Officially launched on October 1, RecordTrac – the City's new web application to manage and track incoming public record requests – has logged more than 1,700 requests. Of that total, about 1,200 requests have been directed to the Oakland Police Department. RecordTrac, <http://records.oaklandnet.com>, improves transparency, allows users to track progress of their requests and saves staff resources through more efficient request handling. The tool provides a searchable public archive of the requests and the responses received from City staff so users can locate information that has already been retrieved. This saves users time and saves City staff from having to process a duplicate request. The Public Records Request system was built by the City of Oakland's 2013 Code for America Fellows Sheila Dugan, Cris Cristina and Richa Agarwal. Thanks to the staff from the Public Ethics Commission for assisting during the transition between the conclusion of the Code for America Fellowship and the start date for the City's new Online Engagement Manager Mai-Ling Garcia. For more information, please contact Mai-Ling Garcia, Online Engagement Manager, at mgarcia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2105.

Bradley Johnson Joins the City Administrator's Office – On Monday, January 6, the City Administrator's Office welcomed Bradley Johnson. Bradley will serve as an Assistant to the City Administrator, with a focus on budget policy issues. Bradley previously worked for the Revenue Division where he developed revenue forecasts, along with a number of other duties, and also served as a Management Intern where he assisted in the development of the Five-Year Financial Forecast. He holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Claremont McKenna College. For more information, please contact Bradley at bjohnson@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6119.

End Of The Year Message From Interim Chief Whent – In a message published Thursday, January 2, Interim Police Chief Sean Whent expressed his gratitude to the Oakland community for their willingness to engage in problem solving, dedication to fellow Oaklanders and desire to move Oakland forward. In 2013, the department increased its focus on community partnerships

and trust building, worked diligently toward organizational excellence and made violent crime reduction its top priority. Chief Whent highlighted City leaders' commitment to growing the department and supporting its logistical needs including new vehicles and technology improvements. Though much hard work remains and crime is still a serious challenge, strategies implemented in 2013 have shown promise. The Chief pledged to continue to work diligently to make 2014 a year full of even greater progress. To read the entire message from the Chief, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044796>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

4th Annual Oakland Restaurant Week – From Friday, January 17 to Sunday, January 26, more than 50 of Oakland's top restaurants will celebrate the 4th annual Oakland Restaurant Week. With a growing list of restaurants receiving acclaim from national media, Oakland has become one of the hottest culinary destinations in the U.S. This year's program provides visitors and locals an opportunity to experience the diversity of Oakland's booming food scene through a variety of special deals and fixed-priced lunch and dinner options priced at \$20, \$30 or \$40. Some of the participating restaurants are also donating portions of their sales to Oakland non-profits and schools. It is a great opportunity to try a new restaurant or visit an Oakland neighborhood. Reservations are not required but encouraged since a recent Visit Oakland survey found that 67% of past Oakland Restaurant Week participating restaurants saw an increase in attendance in 2013 over previous years. Last year, Oakland Restaurant Week generated more than \$300,000 in revenue for Oakland restaurants. Restaurants and hotels generated \$6.4 million in sales tax revenue to Oakland in 2012, an increase of 11% over 2011. Visit Oakland, in association with Visit California and Oakland Restaurant Association, is proud to present the 10-day event. For more information on participating restaurants go to <http://visitoakland.org/restaurantweek>. For more information about Oakland's Retail sector, please contact Keira Williams, Retail Specialist, kwilliams@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3853.

Oakland Is Home To Many Specialty Food & Beverage Production Companies – In 2012, Oakland had nearly 250 food production and distribution companies alone and, when combined with other food-related companies, the city is home to approximately 1,540 such establishments, employing over 2, 200 workers. Oakland is enjoying a nationally recognized epicurean renaissance. The city's central location, plentiful industrial facilities, proximity to Oakland's user-friendly air and maritime ports as well as the Oakland Foreign Trade Zone make Oakland an excellent choice for food producers. Indeed, Oakland forms the backbone of the East Bay food production economy with a strong presence ranging from specialty and artisan food producers, beverage producers (beer, tea, wine and juices), food manufacturing plants and catering firms. In addition, Oakland hosts many small- and medium-sized distributors. For more information about Oakland's Specialty Food & Beverage sector, please contact Margot Prado, Economic Development Specialist, mprado@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6766.

Chinese Corner Launches at the Cesar E. Chavez Branch – On Friday December 20, the Oakland Public Library launched Chinese Corner, a new collection with a variety of Chinese language learning tools, materials about China and materials in Chinese or bilingual (English/Chinese) of all formats (books, CDs, DVDs). The Chinese Corner is located in the César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271. The new collection, sponsored by

China Hanban, a publisher of Chinese language teaching materials, offers Chinese language learning tools for all ages. Thinking of learning a new language? Or ready to polish your Chinese conversations? The Oakland Public Library has the right tools for you. For more information, contact Jiao Han, Acting Administrative Librarian, at jhan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-2217.

90-Second Newbery Film Festival Coming to Rockridge Branch – On Saturday, February 8, the Rockridge Branch Library, located at 5366 College Avenue, will host a film festival from Noon to 1:15 p.m. Local kids are encouraged to enter their films in the contest. The deadline for 2014 festival entries is Monday, January 20. The 90-Second Newbery Film Festival is a video contest in which filmmakers of any age make movies that tell the entire story of a Newbery award-winning book in 90 seconds or less. The results are compelling efforts by young directors, actors, screenwriters and even animators. All ages are welcome, best for ages 7 and up. The Rockridge Branch screening will feature a special co-host: author Jennifer Holm, creator of *Babymouse*, *Squish*, and of three Newbery Honor-winning novels: *Turtle in Paradise*, *Penny from Heaven*, and *Our Only May Amelia*. For more details and instructions for entering your film, please visit www.90secondnewbery.com. For information about the screening at the library, contact Nina Lindsay, Children's Services Supervisor, at nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6706.

Library Announces Teen Design Competition – Friday, February 14 is the deadline for entries in the Oakland Public Library's Teen Design Competition. The Oakland Public Library is starting off 2014 with a fun contest for teens that allows them to make their mark on the Main Library...permanently. With a grant through Keep Oakland Beautiful, the Library will transform the drab cement trash cans outside of the Main Library on Madison Street into beautiful mosaic murals. The winning designs will be used to turn the trash bins into works of art. The competition is open to anyone between the ages of 13 and 18, as long as they live or attend school in Oakland. Youth from across Oakland are welcome to enter the competition and are also invited to help create the mosaics. To view information, including templates and design submission forms, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/teendesign. All submissions (only paper copies are accepted) must be received in the Main TeenZone by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 14. To read the media release on the design competition, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044862>. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Supervising Librarian, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

City Staff and Commissioner Present Webinar – On Wednesday, January 8, representatives of the City of Oakland's ADA Programs Division, Emergency Management Services Division and Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities presented a webinar about Oakland's extensive efforts to create model emergency preparedness and response programs for disability populations. The presentation, entitled "Oakland's Journey from Emergency Management Defendant to Model City for Inclusionary Practices," is part of the "Emergency Management and Preparedness - Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities" webinar series hosted by the Federal Region IX ADA Center. To view the archived webinar, please visit <http://www.adaconferences.org/Emergency/Archives/>. Disability Rights Advocates, the same law firm that brought an Emergency Preparedness lawsuit against Oakland in 2009, prevailed its

New York City class action last November. That federal court decision further validated Oakland's choice to settle the California Foundation for Independent Living Center lawsuit in 2010 and to devote significant resources over the past four years towards fully implementing the resulting Mass Care and Shelter Access and Functional Needs Program. For more information, please contact Christine Calabrese, ADA Programs Manager, at ccalabrese@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-4754.

Dimond Winterfest & Pancake Breakfast - On Saturday, December 7, the Dimond Recreation Center, located at 3860 Hanly Road, hosted the Dimond Winterfest & Pancake Breakfast. The event attracted more than 200 participants of all ages and was sponsored by the Dimond Merchants Association. Entertainment included the Tap Dancing Christmas Trees; Poochinella pup and her trained human, Robin Goodfellow; The Colle Voce Singers from Head Royce High School; Robin Goodfellow's Crunch & Toodle Band and so much more. With the help of a pancake breakfast sponsored by Frank and Francis Bienati and the Italian Club, the event raised \$700 for the Dimond Park Community Rental Garden project. For more information, please contact Michelle Doppelt, Recreation Center Supervisor, at (510) 482-7831.

Dimond Recreation Advisory Council Meeting – On Saturday, January 11, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., the Dimond Recreation Center will host the Dimond Recreation Advisory Council Meeting on tennis court renovations and Dimond rental garden plot installation. Hosted in the Center's Main Social Hall at 3860 Hanly Road, the meeting will allow community members, business partners, City officials and staff from the Office of Parks and Recreation to discuss the interest in and support for both projects. Having partnered with Merritt College Horticulture Department on Garden Design, the Dimond Park Community has also connected with other community partners who have expressed interest in becoming long term co-producers of a whole earth program, and are still seeking to find tennis sponsors to do the same. For more information, please contact Michelle Doppelt, Recreation Center Supervisor, at (510) 482-7831 or (510) 681-5129.

Winter Adult Bowling League – On Wednesdays from January 15 to February 19, the Office of Parks and Recreation's Adult Sports Unit hosts the Winter Bowling League at AMF Southshore Lanes, 300 Park Street, Alameda. The weekly coed league for adults 18+ will run from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Registration for the league runs until January 15. The \$90 registration fee includes shoes, a wide selection of bowling balls, an end-of-the-league celebration and awards in the form of t-shirts. Come Out and Play the OPR Way at Southshore Lanes. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Recreation Leader, PPT, at rtucker@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2952.

MLK Day of Service at the Gardens at Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park – On Monday, January 20, more than 500 volunteers – many associated with nonprofit organizations, universities and community groups – are expected to participate in the MLK Day of Service at the Gardens at Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Public Works Agency (PWA) hopes to introduce these volunteers to its ongoing volunteer opportunities. The PWA Stewardship Team also sees this event as a team-building opportunity for staff to work together in the field. Take part in planting, weeding, mulching and more – children are welcome. Please bring your own gloves and water bottle. Refreshments will be provided. R.S.V.P. at <http://bit.ly/1gEOVMl>.

For more information, please contact Markus von Euw at sfpbayarea@gmail.com or (510) 427-1605.

“In the Name of Love,” a Tribute to MLK – On Sunday, January 19, Oakland Mayor Jean Quan will present the City of Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award to Carol Johnson for her outstanding work on behalf of the Oakland community at “In the Name of Love,” the 12th Annual Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will be held at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. “In the Name of Love,” produced by Living Jazz, is an extensive civic and cultural event that pays homage through music, to one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. The 2014 musical entertainment includes singer/songwriter/actor Martin Luther McCoy, the Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra featuring the Dynamic Ms. Faye Carol, the powerful 65-voice Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir and the 275-voice Oakland Children’s Community Choir backed up by the Oaktown Jazz Workshops. Nikki Thomas from KBLX will serve as emcee. Presented annually, the Citizen Humanitarian Award recipient is chosen with the help of the City’s Department of Human Services, and in the spirit of Dr. King’s tireless efforts, is honored at “In the Name of Love.” Living Jazz, an Oakland based non-profit and producers of the MLK Tribute, originally created this award to acknowledge those who give of themselves beyond the call of duty and to inspire others to work for the betterment of the community. For more information, please contact Dana Perez, Assistant to the Director, at dperez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-4479.

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last week.

Update Regarding LED Lighting Conversion Project – The purpose of this information memo is to provide an update regarding the Oakland LED Lighting Conversion Project. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044993>

Citywide Public Safety Report – This information memorandum accompanied the final report from Strategic Policy Partnership which builds on the larger strategy and implementation approach outlined in the two earlier reports. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044822>

Zero Waste Services Contract Negotiations – The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide information on the Zero Waste Services Request For Proposals (RFP) process. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044820>

Chief Information Officer Appointment – The purpose of this information memorandum is to announce the appointment of Mr. Bryan Sastokas as Chief Information Officer for the City of Oakland, effective January 20, 2014. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044755>

Appointment of Oakland Animal Services Director – The purpose of this information memorandum is to announce Mr. Gary Hendel as the new Oakland Animal Services Director, effective January 6, 2014. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK044721>

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.

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.

Winter Registration – Through Monday, January 13, various hours, Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Avenue. Registration for 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 – runs through January 13. For more information, please contact Mark Zinns, Center Director, mzinns@oaklandnet.com or (510) 482-7812.

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.

Winter Dance Classes – Through Saturday, February 8, Various Hours, East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue. EOSC hosts a variety of dance classes that meet once a week for five weeks. The classes, which are open to participants of all ages, include Latin Dance, Creative Movement, Modern Dance, Pre-Ballet, Tot Gymnastics, Beginning Gymnastics, Intermediate Gymnastics, Jazz, Beginning Jazz, Ballet, Martial Arts Youth, Tot Martial Arts, Tumbling, Contemporary, Self-Defense Adults and more. Registration fees vary. For more information, please contact Martha L. Zepeda, Recreation Program Director of Cultural Arts, at mzepeda@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5838.

“What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland’s Griots” – Through Saturday, February 22, 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.

Oakland City Hall Centennial Exhibition – Through Friday, February 28, Various Hours, Oakland History Room, Main Library, 125 14th Street. Learn the history of our current, and Oakland’s fifth, City Hall at the “Oakland City Hall Centennial, 1914-2014” Exhibit. The exhibit relates the story of how City Hall was built and the major events that have occurred in and

around our chief administrative building. The display includes photographs of the four previous city hall as well as photos and floor plans of the current building plus news articles, building statistics and vintage postcards. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org.

Ready, Set, Connect! Free Computer Help Available at Six Library Locations – Through May, 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.

Healthy Living For Seniors – First Tuesdays through 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.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, January 10, 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.

Hot Couture 2014: Fusion of Fashion & Fire – Friday, January 10 & Saturday, January 11, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30 p.m. shows, The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. The Crucible's fiery fusion of fashion design and industrial art returns with two nights of wearable art, flame effects, performances, music, dance and more. Bay Area fashion designers and industrial artists have been collaborating for months to bring one-of-a-kind pieces of wearable art melding haute couture concepts with fine and industrial arts. This multidisciplinary performance will feature first-ever public viewings of stunning, cutting edge looks, new staging, fire effects and runways. For more information, please visit www.thecrucible.org.

Piedmont Piano Company Concert Series – Friday, January 10 through Sunday, January 12, Various Performance Times, Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Avenue. Local and international musicians perform in this series including the Art Lande-Erik Jekabson Quartet on January 10, Patrice Haan on January 11 and the Michael O'Neill Quintet featuring Kenny Washington on January 12. For more information, please visit www.piedmontpiano.com.

Jack of All Trades Market – Saturday, January 11, 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.

OMCA Family Drop-in Workshop: HistoryMakers/ScienceMakers Series – Sunday, January 12, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Explore the science in you with hands-on activities. Play jeopardy and learn about the connections between history and science with representatives from the Museum of African American Technology Science Village. For more information, please visit <http://museumca.org/event/historymakers-sciencemakers-january-12> or call (510) 318-8400.

Unleash Your Voice at the Laureate Lab Workshops for Aspiring Poets – Sunday, January 12, 1:30 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. You have your own experiences, culture and personality that make your voice unique. Unleash your voice, take risks and let the world hear you. The Laureate Lab pairs award-winning local authors with young poets for a very special workshop series. January's program will be the first in a series of free monthly writing workshops for youth, ages 13 to 18, leading up to the 2014 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate contest in April. Contest entry is not required to attend workshops. Join us, write the best poems of your life, meet fellow writers and get ready to become Oakland's next Youth Poet Laureate. Facilitator Peggy Simmons is a published writer and poet with more than 15 years of experience facilitating creative workshops with diverse communities. For more information, please contact Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7233.

Race Matters: Putting Race on the Table – Tuesday, January 14, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Tilden Auditorium, 3752 Enos Street. The Oakland Unified School District's free speakers series includes a lecture on Identify Safe Classrooms: Places to Belong and Learn by Dorothy Steele and Becki Cohn-Vargas. The purpose of the series is to engage in thoughtful dialogue about race and equity in service of improving teaching and learning. For more information, please email Talibah-Awele.Makeba@ousd.k12.ca.us.

Portrait Self Portrait - A Portrait in Diversity Exhibition Reception – Friday, January 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Studio One Arts Center, 365 45th Street. Artwork in the "Portrait Self Portrait" exhibition is meant to show the diversity of Oakland and how far we have come since the civil rights movement of the 1960's, as well as to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his enormous commitment and struggle to the betterment of all people. For more information, please visit www.studiooneartcenter.net or call (510) 597-5027.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, January 17, 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.

Speeches Of A Dream: MLK Celebration Open Mic – Friday, January 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Join the Open Mic celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Share poetry, art, music or song. When developing materials for the Open Mic, participants are encouraged to consider how they would respond to one of Dr. King's most persistent and urgent questions, "What are you doing for others?" R.S.V.P. at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/speeches-of-a-dream-mlk-celebration-open-mic-tickets-9171001713?aff=es2&rank=1&sid=a71a621978b411e382b4123139057c14>.

Piedmont Piano Company Concert Series – Saturday, January 18, 8:00 p.m., Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Avenue. The Dick Whittington Trio performs as part of the series that features local and international musicians. For more information, please visit www.piedmontpiano.com.

2014 Oakland Chinatown Lunar New Year Bazaar – Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Oakland Chinatown, 9th and Franklin streets & Pacific Renaissance Plaza. The Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce celebrates the Year of the Horse. The event features vendors selling traditional new year decorations, flowers, gifts, candles and other items. There will also be continuous live entertainment featuring dragon and lion dancing, martial arts, Chinese cultural music and a "Little Prince & Princess Contest" presented by the Oakland Chinatown Lions Club. For more information, please visit www.oaklandchinatownchamber.org/lunarbazaar or call (510) 893-8979.

OMCA Family Drop-in Workshop: HistoryMakers/ScienceMakers Series – Sunday, January 19, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and explore the dream through hands-on science activities. Meet Dr. Hattie Carwell for a presentation in the Lecture Hall at 1:30 p.m. and learn about positive African American role models. Workshop presented in collaboration with Museum of African American Technology Science Village. For more information, please visit <http://museumca.org/event/historymakers-sciencemakers-january-19> or call (510) 318-8400.

Jazz at the Chimes – Sunday, January 19, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes; 4499 Piedmont Avenue. The 2014 season kicks off with vocalist Jamie Davis and his full deep baritone voice. Joining Davis will be Roger Glenn on sax and vibes, John Groves on piano, Andrew Emer on acoustic bass and Larry Vann on drums. For more information, please visit www.jazzatthechimes.com or call (510) 654-0123.

"In the Name of Love," the 12th Annual Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Sunday, January 19, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Oakland Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. A civic and cultural event that pays homage through music to one of the greatest humanitarians of our time, "In the Name of Love" will feature live performances by Martin Luther McCoy, the

Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir under the direction of Terrance Kelly, Oakland Children's Community Choir and others. In addition to the musical tribute, the event also includes a presentation of the Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award. KBLX's Nikki Thomas emcees. For more information, please visit www.mlktribute.com or call (510) 287-8880.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Camp – Monday, January 20, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Downtown Oakland YMCA, 2350 Broadway. Campers have the opportunity to explore nature, find new talents, try new activities, gain independence and make lasting friendships through a unique mix of activities that focus on developmental assets, the building blocks that teach children how to make positive and intelligent decisions throughout life. During this special holiday camp, campers will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through a community garden service project and visit "Remember Them" Champions for Humanity monument. Participants will learn more about Dr. King's dream and his work with the hopes of inspiring campers to develop and accomplish their very own dreams. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are provided. To register, visit www.oaklandymca.org. For more information, please call (510) 451-9622.

MLK Day of Service at the Gardens at Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park – Monday, January 20, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Come out to the Gardens at Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park to participate in the MLK Day of Service 2014. Take part in planting, weeding, mulching and more – children are welcome. Please bring your own gloves and water bottle. Refreshments will be provided. Register at <http://bit.ly/1gEOVMI>. For more information, please contact Markus von Euw at (510) 427-1605.

Day of Service – Monday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline, 6775 Oakport Street. Day of Service volunteers will perform a shoreline cleanup along the east side of the shoreline and plant native plants at the Martin Luther King Grove. For more information, please visit www.ebparks.org or call (510) 544-3115.

Day of Service at Peralta Hacienda – Monday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities. Lend a hand at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park by picking up trash, pulling weeds, removing non-native plants and making our park a more beautiful place. Be sure to wear clothes appropriate for gardening – long pants, sturdy closed-toe shoes, sun hat, sunscreen and gardening gloves. Tools will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own to ensure that there are enough for all participants. Bring water and snacks. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

16th Annual "Make The Dream Real" – Monday, January 20, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, McClymonds High School, 2607 Myrtle Street. Shakti Butler, PhD, filmmaker and Founder & Creative Director of World Trust, will be the keynote for this event. She is a dynamic educator in the field of racial equity. Following the free event, a luncheon will be served. The focus of this event is on equity in education and making the dream of racial equality real for all children. In addition to the keynote address, awards will be presented to community and youth leaders living

the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and there will be live musical performances. For more information, please visit www.ahc-oakland.org or call (510) 652-5530.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Rally – Monday, January 20, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., ILWU Warehouse Union Hall Local #6, 99 Hegenberger Road. This celebration of the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will include guest speakers and youth performances. The organizers are keeping the dream alive through education and non-violence. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call (510) 798-5535.

AAMLO's Martin Luther King Jr. Film Festival – Monday, January 20, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., African American Museum & Library, 659 14th Street. AAMLO is honored to continue its traditional Martin Luther King, Jr. film festival by presenting a selection of critically acclaimed documentaries that put into historical perspective the nation defining-movement of the 1950s and 1960s for African American civil rights. The following films will be shown: *In Remembrance of Martin*; *Freedom On My Mind*; *Eyes On the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement Vol. 7*; *The Second American Revolution*; *Mississippi, America*; and *Legacy of a Dream*. For more information, please contact Veda Silva, Museum Project Coordinator, at vsilva@oaklandlibrary.org. or (510) 637-0200.

The Gathering Place, In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Friday, January 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. Enjoy poetry, music and art created by all ages to inspire and encourage reflection at this family friendly event. A drumming circle will begin at 5:30 p.m. Poetry must be submitted before the day of event. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/s/facility/OAK029392> or call (510) 597-5038.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, January 24, 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.

Rotary Nature Center's Oakland DIY Club – Saturday, January 25, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Rotary Nature Center, 600 Bellevue Avenue. During this new monthly program, club members complete mini Do-It-Yourself challenges (activities, crafts, etc.) while achieving skills and knowledge related to nature, exploration and the great outdoors. During each club meeting, youth may be able to complete the required number of challenges for earning a skill patch from DIY.org - an online "Do-It-Yourself" mecca for youth. The program is designed for youth, ages 4 to 13. A new outdoor or nature-related skill each month and club members will take leadership and help decide, plan and complete the activities and challenges. January's skill is Zoologist, the study of the animal kingdom. With a keen sense for animal biology, behavior and habitat, youth will puzzle over the mysteries of evolution. The activity registration number is 92300.302. For

more information, contact Alexa Fulper, Recreation Leader II, at afulper@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3739.

Latham Memorial Fountain Unveiled: A Conversation about Art and History – Saturday, January 25, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. Pedestrians in downtown Oakland may have noticed that Latham Square, at the diagonal corner of Broadway and Telegraph Avenue, has undergone some subtle and appealing changes of late. The makeover of the square includes a text installation, Latham Memorial Fountain Unveiled by artist Kari Marboe, which conveys the story behind the square's historic Latham Fountain. The installation is Ms. Marboe's most recent collaboration with BLOCK Gallery. In the artist's own words, it tells the story of how the fountain came to be in Latham Square using history pulled from the Oakland History Room. Art of this kind inspires conversation, so please join the Friends of the Oakland History Room and learn about Oakland's art and history. Ms. Marboe will be joined by BLOCK Gallery owner Lacey Haslam, UC Berkeley professor Andy Shanken and local historian (and *Oakland Tribune* columnist) Annalee Allen as they discuss Oakland's historic sites, public art and memorials. For information, please contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6571.

City Hall Centennial Exhibition Reception at the Main Library – Sunday, January 26, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. Oakland's beautiful City Hall opened for business one hundred years ago this month. Join us as we celebrate City Hall's big birthday. See the Oakland History Room's newly digitized collection of City Hall photographs. Learn about City Hall's fascinating history, from "Mayor Mott's Wedding Cake" to post-Loma Prieta reconstruction. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Oakland History Room. While you're here, take a look at the History Room's current exhibit "Oakland City Hall Centennial, 1914-2014" which runs through Friday, February 28. For information, please contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6571.

Petty Troubles Album Release – Sunday, January 26, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. The album release event will feature Matt Montgomery with Brian McCune and special guest Van Dyke Parks with Orchestra. *Petty Troubles* is a live orchestral pop album featuring the songs of Matt Montgomery, orchestrated by Brian Adam McCune and produced by Brendan West. *Petty Troubles* is also the title of the companion documentary, directed by Isaac Pingree, that chronicles the process, perks and pitfalls of recording an independent album live in one day with 30 Bay Area musicians. To purchase tickets, please visit the Malonga Box Office at 1428 Alice Street or visit www.pettytroubles.com. For more information, contact Mercedes Ervin, Recreation Leader PPT, at mdervin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7526.

Latham Square Community Meeting – Thursday, January 30, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., American Institute of Architects (AIA) – East Bay, 1405 Clay Street. The City of Oakland wants your input on the design features for Latham Square. For more information, please contact Iris Starr, Division Manager of Transportation Planning and Funding, at istarr@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6229.

Respectfully submitted,

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