



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: January 17, 2014

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Upcoming Holiday Closure – On Monday, January 20, the City of Oakland administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day national holiday. While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. **Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holidays or business closures.** For details on specific service impacts, please visit www.oaklandnet.com.

Public Works Agency Supports MLK Day Service Projects – On Sunday, January 19 and Monday, January 20, the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency will support service projects in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 19:

- Montclair Village Moraga Avenue and Montclair Park
6300 Moraga Avenue, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 20:

- The Gardens at Lake Merritt
Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Fremont High School with Councilmember Noel Gallo
4610 Foothill Boulevard, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.
- G Street cleanup with Block by Block Organizing Network
86th to 92nd avenues, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.
- Madison Academy/Sobrante Park
400 Capistrano Drive, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- American Steel Studios
1960 Mandela Parkway, Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Many sites have registered their MLK Day service projects at http://www.allforgood.org/volunteer/opportunities?distance=50&vol_loc=oakland%2C%20ca&category=MLK%20Day&submit=go&op=go&page=1. For more information, please contact Michael Perlmutter, Environmental Stewardship Team Supervisor, at mperlmutter@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7294.

Making a Difference in Young People's Lives – On Thursday, January 9, 57 Hoover Elementary School students proudly participated in a Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program graduation ceremony. Their instructor, Oakland Police Officer JuMaal Hill, handed out diplomas and congratulated the young people for their hard work. The GREAT curriculum, taught by uniformed officers, is designed to prevent middle and elementary school children from getting involved in drugs, gangs, violence and other destructive behaviors. For information about future classes or to enroll, please contact the Oakland Police Activities League (PAL) at (510) 615-5758 or visit <http://www.oaklandpal.org/home>. To view photos from the ceremony, please visit OPD's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-Police-Department-Oakland-CA/391011254354978>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Local Teen Named 2014 "Great American Museum Advocate" by American Alliance of Museums – On Tuesday, January 14, the American Alliance of Museums selected the first Great American Museum Advocates from nominations submitted by museums across the country. Simone Batiste, a teen volunteer at the Chabot Space & Science Center, is one of only two chosen this year to travel to Washington D.C., where she will present remarks at a gathering of several hundred museum professionals and members of Congress on Museum Advocacy Day, February 25. A resident of Oakland and sophomore at the Athenian School, Simone is passionate about science, a pursuit sparked and nurtured at the Center. Her affinity for the Center began at age 5, when she attended science camp at the museum. It was an awakening for the budding scientist. To read the media release on the announcement, please visit http://www.chabotspace.org/press-releases_61.htm.

Oakland Recognized as National 2013 Community Pacesetter – On Wednesday, January 15, the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading selected Oakland Reads 2020 (OR2020) as a 2013 Community Pacesetter. This is an honor bestowed upon select communities nationwide that have set the pace in improving reading proficiency among its youngest students and is an honor that reflects the energy, mobilization and creativity the Oakland community has incorporated in its collaborative efforts. To learn more, please visit www.oaklandliteracycoalition.org/blog/posts/oakland-recognized-as-national-2013-community-pacesetter.

Oakland Museum of California Awarded Competitive 'New California Arts Fund' Grant – On Wednesday, January 15, the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) announced that it is one of ten recipients of the James Irvine Foundation's New California Arts Fund grant. The grant will enhance the Museum's current efforts to connect with the Oakland community, support community revitalization and establish the Museum as a thriving community center for Oakland. As a centerpiece of its Arts strategy, the James Irvine Foundation launched the New California

Arts Fund to strengthen the capacity of arts organizations to adapt to change and expand engagement. The Fund seeks both to increase participating organizations' capacity to serve a "New California" as well as to enable organizations to pioneer approaches that demonstrate what a "New California Arts" field will look like. For OMCA, the New California Arts Fund grant will build upon the Museum's long-standing commitment to community engagement practices; incorporate community engagement into OMCA Board responsibilities; and create new revenue streams to support community engagement efforts. To read the media release on the grant announcement, please visit <http://museumca.org/press/oakland-museum-california-awarded-competitive-%E2%80%98new-california-arts-fund%E2%80%99-grant>.

Oakland Police Department Promotional Ceremony – On Friday, January 17, Interim Chief Sean Whent led one of the Department's largest promotion ceremonies, honoring 39 sworn members and civilian employees. Promotions were made to the rank of sergeant, lieutenant, captain and several civilian manager positions. Congratulations to these men and women. They will assist the Police Department as we continue making positive strides in crime reduction, community relationship building and compliance with the Negotiated Settlement Agreement. The ceremony was held in Council Chambers at Oakland City Hall. For additional details regarding the ceremony, please visit OPD's website at www.oaklandpolice.com or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-Police-Department-Oakland-CA/391011254354978>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Carjacking and Robbery Suspects Arrested Thanks to Community Help – On Monday, January 13, at 3:05 p.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to the area of Boston Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard on a report of a robbery. Prior to arrival, they were flagged down by a concerned citizen who reported that he believed a suspicious vehicle was casing the area. The officers conducted a security check of the area and located the vehicle, which had been reported stolen in a carjacking earlier that day. Three male juveniles were detained at the scene in connection with the stolen vehicle. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the vehicle and the juveniles were involved in the robbery that the officers had been originally dispatched to investigate. The three were arrested in connection with the carjacking and robbery. Items belonging to one of the juvenile suspects were located inside the stolen vehicle. The victim's loss was not recovered. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Oakland Public Library Featured On Upcoming KALW Radio Programs – On Tuesday, January 21 and Wednesday, January 22, KALW will broadcast select stories from a Mills College series of reports on the Oakland Public Library (OPL). KALW's "Crosscurrents" will dedicate its 5:00 p.m. shows both days to telling stories from Oakland libraries. Mills students spent the fall semester talking to people inside of Oakland's libraries. The series was sparked by a comment from OPL Interim Deputy Director who told Mills Lecturer Holly Kernan that Oakland libraries were responding to the particular needs of each neighborhood: creating lunch programs for children, exercise programs for patrons and job clubs for neighbors. The stories range from a new seed library, to children reading to dogs, to food stamp outreach, to a cafe opening in one neighborhood library. You can hear the broadcasts live on KALW 91.7 FM or at

www.kalw.org. The stories are also posted on the Mills College website at http://www.mills.edu/academics/grants_and_special_programs/public_radio/fall_13/intro_fall_13.php. For information, please contact Jamie Turbak, Interim Deputy Director, at jturbak@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6610.

Home Buyer Workshop – On Saturday, January 18, a workshop to educate the community on low cost methods to home ownership and the process of home buying will be held at the Friendship Christian Center at 1904 Adeline Street. The event, which begins at 11:00 a.m., will also highlight a brand new mortgage product from Wells Fargo that allows for 2% down payment for home buyers and the CityLIFT Down Payment Assistance program which gives \$20,000 in down payment assistance to East Bay home buyers. For more information, please visit www.heritagefundrealty.com/calendar/workshops.

Get Fit Clinic with the Golden State Warriors – On Monday, January 13, the Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente and the Golden State Warriors, hosted approximately 230 Brookfield Elementary School students for a Get Fit Clinic from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. The afternoon of fitness and fun saw the Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry lead some of the activities. The Get Fit Clinic educates Bay Area youth on the importance of healthy eating and active living. The clinic's message was you don't have to be a professional athlete to know that no matter what your age or size, you've got to be active every day and eat healthy food. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

Enterprise Zone Program Still Alive and Helping Oakland Businesses – In June 2013, the California State Assembly passed AB 93, which winds down the current Enterprise Zone (EZ) program applicable to 42 regions throughout the state over the next five years, but replaces it with a new set of incentives, which will have statewide application. The program wind-down provides a significant window of opportunity and encourages businesses located in one of the current EZ regions to hire local residents to maximize their future tax savings. It is important for Oakland businesses to know the following:

- Companies are still able to claim hiring credits under the current program for eligible new employees hired before December 31, 2013. Companies can earn EZ hiring credits during the 60 months following the pre-2014 hire date. The unused hiring credits from the EZ Program can be carried forward for up to 10 years.
- Companies will also be able to claim sales and use tax credits under the old program for qualified asset purchases made prior to January 1, 2014. This even potentially includes assets purchased by the January 1, 2014 deadline, but not placed in service until the end of calendar year 2014. The sales and use tax credits will also be eligible for carry over for up to 10 years.
- Refunds for up to four prior years, as well as 2013, are still available.

If a company has been participating in the Oakland EZ program and/or hired employees in 2013, now is the time for these businesses to make sure that every person is properly screened in order to get those vouchers in place and start earning valuable tax credits.

Economic Development staff needs your help to alert eligible businesses to use these valuable tax credits. Business should contact Susana Villarreal, Oakland Enterprise Zone Coordinator, at svillarreal@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7794.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of January 21, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Agency Administrative Manager
- Police Records Specialist

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.

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.

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.

Winter Adult Bowling League –Wednesdays through February 19, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., AMF Southshore Lanes, 300 Park Street, Alameda. Office of Parks and Recreation's Adult Sports Unit hosts this weekly coed league for adults 18+. 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.

"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.

Olympian Thinking Training For Ace Kids Golf Camp Sweeney Program – Mondays and Tuesdays through Tuesday, March 25, 1:45 - 2:30 p.m., Lake Chabot Golf Course, 11450 Golf Links Road. This eight-week program is designed to mentally recondition Camp Sweeney incarcerated young men ages 16 to 18. The Olympian Thinking Training will be presented by Olympic Pentathlete Marilyn King. Participants are trained to think positive about themselves, family and their community. At the end of the session, participants will understand the process of using passion, vision and action to accomplish their goals. For more information, please contact Preston Pinkey, Ace Kids Golf Director, at (510) 351-5812.

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.

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>.

4th Annual Oakland Restaurant Week –Friday, January 17 to Sunday, January 26, Lunch and Dinner, Participating Oakland restaurants. More than 50 of Oakland’s top restaurants will offer 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 experience Oakland’s dining scene that has propelled our city to become one of the hottest culinary destinations in the U.S. Reservations are encouraged. Last year, Oakland Restaurant Week generated more than \$300,000 in revenue for Oakland restaurants. For more information on participating restaurants go to <http://visitoakland.org/restaurantweek>.

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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. - 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.

Chabot Space & Science Center is Bringing the Stars to the Library – Thursday, January 23, 4:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch, 5366 College Avenue. The Chabot Space & Science Center's StarLab – a traveling planetarium – will visit the Oakland Public Library in January and February. This educational and entertaining program will feature representations of the Milky Way as it was observed by the Greeks and Chinese in ancient times. Participants will be treated to stories that were historically told to explain the movements of the heavens and will also learn how astronomers are discovering answers to some of the age-old mysteries. The StarLab will make additional stops at four other library locations: Golden Gate Branch (Wednesday, January 29, 3:00 p.m.); César E. Chávez Branch (Tuesday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.); 81st Avenue Branch (Saturday, February 8, 1:00 p.m.); and Melrose Branch (Thursday, February 27, 10:00 a.m.). For information, please contact Laurie Wilhalm, Librarian II, at lwilhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

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.

East Bay SPCA Open House – Saturday, January 25, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Education and Training Center, 8323 Baldwin Street. The Open House celebrates the launch of several new children's programs offered at East Bay SPCA's new Education and Training Center and will include animal meet and greets, an animal career talk, make and take crafts for kids, shelter tours and refreshments. For more information, please call (510) 563-4611.

Girls Sports Double-Dutch Freestyle Extravaganza – Saturday, January 25, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. This Double-Dutch Freestyle Extravaganza is for girls, ages 5 to 18, with participants broken up into different age groups. Girls ages 5 to 7 will participate in single rope jumping, while older participants will participate in Figure 8, Pop-ups, Turn Abouts, Walk It Downs, Compulsory and Free-Style Jumping. A certificate of participation will be giving to all participants. Space is limited to the first 10 participants in each age group. This is a free activity, but you must register to participate; register number- #21671.301. For more information, please contact Lovella Sein-Colon, Girls Sports Coordinator, at lsein-colon@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5608.

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.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m., African American Museum & Library, 659 14th Street. This free, guided walking tour highlights African-American leaders who helped shape present-day Oakland. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours or call (510) 238-3234.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Wednesday, February 5, 10:00 a.m., African American Museum & Library, 659 14th Street. This free, guided walking tour highlights African-American leaders who helped shape present-day Oakland. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours or call (510) 238-3234.

2014 FanFest – Saturday, February 8, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., O.co Coliseum and the Oracle Arena, 7000 Coliseum Way. The Oakland A's host their annual FanFest with current and former players on hand plus autograph sessions. For more information, please visit http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/oak/fan_forum/fanfest.jsp.

Lunar New Year – Saturday, February 8, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290. Enjoy live cultural performances to bring in the Year of the Horse. For more information, please visit www.oacc.cc.

Jack of All Trades Market – Saturday, February 8, 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.

90-Second Newbery Film Festival – Saturday, February 8, Noon to 1:15 p.m., Rockridge Branch, 5366 College Avenue. The 90-Second Newbery Film Festival is making a stop in Oakland and local kids are encouraged to enter their films in the contest. The deadline for 2014

festival entries is 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 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.

Lunar New Year Celebration – Sunday, February 9, Noon - 4:30 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Celebrate the Year of the Horse with a day of Asian New Year traditions for the whole family. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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