



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: January 24, 2014

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

OPD Website Now Links To Northern California Most Wanted – On Wednesday, January 22, the Oakland Police Department's Most Wanted Web page, <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/s/MostWanted/index.htm>, began linking to a rotating series of photographs of wanted persons. The photos are provided by the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) and the Northern California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NCHIDTA) in partnership with local agencies like OPD. This collaboration is an important partnership with the U.S. Marshals Services and participating Northern California local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies to bring wanted criminals to justice. As a team, we can make our community safer for all of us. The community has assisted us in solving several recent important cases. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Information Provided Helped to Make Quick Robbery Arrest – On Tuesday, January 21, at 2:41 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the area of Baldwin Street and Hegenberger Road on a report of a strong arm robbery. When officers arrived on scene, the victim told the officers that he had been robbed and provided them with a description of the suspect. An officer who heard the suspect description broadcasted over the radio spotted the suspect, who was still in the general area. The officer detained the suspect, who was subsequently arrested in connection with the strong arm robbery. The loss from the victim was recovered. As we continue to work with the community in reducing crime, often information obtained from victims or witnesses can quickly solve crimes. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Citizen's Police Review Board (CPRB) Executive Director Recruitment – Executive Recruitment firm Avery and Associates will be conducting the Executive Recruitment for the Executive Director of the CPRB. The CPRB Director will have the overall responsibility for staff and operations of the CPRB, which includes policy development, program planning, community relations and administration. The role of the Citizen's Police Review Board is to ensure that Oakland has a professional police department whose members uphold high standards of integrity and justice. The Civil Service Board approved the classification of CPRB Executive Director at

its meeting on January 16, 2014. It is expected the position will open in the next couple of weeks, and will be posted on the City's Human Resources website at: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. For more information, please contact Anil Comelo, Human Resources Director at acomelo@oaklandnet.com.

City of Oakland's Kiva Zip Loan Program in Full Swing – In May 2013, the Oakland City Council approved entering into a Trustee Agreement with Kiva Zip, making Oakland the first Kiva Zip City Trustee in the nation. Kiva Zip is an Internet platform that enables individual lenders around the world to “crowd fund” interest-free loans directly to small business owners and micro-enterprise borrowers. These are entrepreneurs with strong business plans, who are not eligible for conventional lending. If selected, businesses can initially raise up to \$5,000 and eventually be eligible for a \$50,000 loan. As a Kiva Zip Trustee, the City of Oakland's role is to review and endorse Oakland small businesses that we believe meet the Kiva Zip criteria. In addition, the City is interested in endorsing micro enterprises that demonstrate growth opportunities, unique business enterprises that offer opportunities for the entrepreneur or other Oakland residents and, especially, micro-enterprises that are interested in locating in Oakland's underserved commercial areas. To date, the City has endorsed three local small businesses: Pollinate Farm & Garden, Loakal Art Gallery & Boutique and OwlNWood. All three businesses are locally owned and were chosen based upon their potential to succeed in Oakland. The Department of Economic Development is proud to announce that their first two endorsements (Pollinate Farm & Garden and Loakal Art Gallery) met their funding goal and have already received their funding. OwlNWood's fundraising campaign is underway. We strongly encourage everyone to support our local businesses by making a loan donation at <https://zip.kiva.org>. The amount of your loan can be as low as \$5. For more information, please contact Juno Thomas, Business Assistance Center Coordinator, at jthomas@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-4727.

Oakland Unite Collaboration and Data Sharing in the News – On Friday, January 17, *Oakland Local* ran an article written by Jon Leckie entitled “Unprecedented data-sharing program aims to reduce recidivism.” The article was about the innovative data-sharing used by Oakland Unite and its partners in the Juvenile Justice Center and Oakland Unified School District Wraparound Services strategy. Through hard work and determination, Oakland Unite and its collaborative partners were able to create a database that includes the sharing of Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) data and Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) data. This data gives case managers, who work with high-risk youth leaving the JJC and reenrolling in OUSD, real-time data to inform individualized plans for their clients. This unprecedented data-sharing gives high-risk youth more support to succeed in life and avoid reoffending. In fact, the program has seen a 75% reduction in program youth arrested for violence and a 60% reduction in arrests overall. Dyanna Christie, Program Planner for Oakland Unite, has been instrumental in creating the data sharing system now in use. To read the article, please visit <http://oaklandlocal.com/2014/01/unprecedented-data-sharing-program-aims-to-reduce-recidivism/>. For more information, please contact Dyanna Christie at dchristie@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6875.

Oakland Unite Reentry Training – On Thursday, January 16, Oakland Unite hosted acclaimed reentry trainer Larry Robbin to present his training “You Can Be a Change! How to Increase

Employment Motivation in People in Reentry!" The day-long training was held at the California Endowment and participants included representatives from Oakland Unite-funded agencies and City staff as well as other community agencies and members. Dan Simmons, Oakland Unite's Program Analyst, was instrumental in bringing the training to Oakland. The event was a huge success and all the participants agreed that they learned valuable tools to assist them in their work around reentry. For more information, please contact Dan Simmons at dsimmons@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 238-4978.

New Staff Member Joins Nuisance Abatement/Special Activity Permits Division – On Tuesday, January 21, Greg Minor joined the Nuisance Abatement/Special Activity Permits Division as an Assistant to the City Administrator. Prior to this position, Mr. Minor worked in the Oakland City Attorney's Office as a Neighborhood Law Corps (NLC) Attorney. As an NLC Attorney, he assisted with the sale and restricted re-opening of two motels previously inundated with prostitution and initiated a new illegal dumping enforcement program. He also served as co-counsel in an immigration fraud action that resulted in permanent injunctions, nearly \$200,000 in settlements and a \$15 million Judgment. Mr. Minor graduated from U.C. Berkeley in May 2012 with a law degree and master's in city planning. Greg can be reached at gminor@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6370.

City of Oakland to Host Community Meeting on Design Elements for Latham Square – On Thursday, January 30, the City of Oakland will host a community meeting to gather input on design elements for Latham Square. The meeting will be held at the AIA East Bay offices at 1405 Clay Street from 6 to 8 p.m. Following the project go-ahead by Oakland City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, January 7, the City is seeking public input on design elements for Latham Square including: Lighting, Landscaping, Hardscaping/Surface Materials, Seating/Furniture, Programming, Signage and Historic Fountain Reuse. Public input from this meeting, along with input from previous community meetings and policy set by City Council, will guide the final design. A follow-up community meeting will be held after engineering analysis and detailed design to present the final design drawings prior to constructing the new Latham Square. For more information, including previous presentations and notes on public input gathered, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/LathamSquare.

City of Oakland Manzanita Head Start Job Fair – On Wednesday, January 29, the City of Oakland Manzanita Head Start program will host a job fair from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue. Participants are invited to bring their most recent resume and apply for employment opportunities. A sampling of the companies that will be at the Job Fair includes the City of Oakland; Home Depot and University of California, Berkeley. Participants will also be able to sign up for Head Start and Early Head Start programs, including Pregnant Women's Program, Infant/Toddler Development and Preschool Programs. For more information, please contact Ricky Hale, Head Start Family Advocate, at (510) 535-5624.

Earn Your Bike Program – On Thursday, January 30, the Manzanita Recreation Center, located at 2701 22nd Avenue, will hold a kickoff celebration for their Earn Your Bike Program at 4:30

p.m. During the event, a drawing will be held to select the 20 youth participants, ages 9 to 14, who will participate in the program beginning on February 4. While in the Earn Your Bike Program, participants must complete 36 hours of bicycle safety & repair and volunteer at weekly community service projects held in partnership with Councilmember Noel Gallo's Office. Established in 1994, the program has instructed thousands of Oakland youth on bicycle safety and repair and distributed thousands of safety helmets. The Office of Parks and Recreation's (OPR) efforts have helped reduce the number of bicycle accidents and fatalities within Oakland. The program is offered at local recreation centers, the Oakland Unified School District and community based organizations. OPR's goal for 2014 is to continue to promoting bicycle safety and community awareness. The program is made possible thanks to support from the City of Oakland, Oakland Police Department, Oakland Fire Department, State of California's Office of Traffic Safety, the Golden State Warriors, Cycles of Change Organization, Good Tidings Foundation, Attorney John Eisenberg and other bicycle safety programs in Oakland. For more information on the Earn Your Bike Program, please contact Marcelina Sanchez, Manzanita Recreation Center Director, at msanchez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 535-5625.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of January 27, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Equipment Parts Technician
- Equipment Services Superintendent
- Recreation Program Director

Part-Time Summer Jobs

- Lifeguard, Part-Time
- Pool Manager, Part-Time
- Recreation Leader I, Part-Time
- Recreation Leader II, Part-Time
- Recreation Specialist I, Part-Time
- Recreation Specialist II, Part-Time
- Sports Official, Part-Time
- Water Safety Instructor, Part-Time

For updated information on City jobs, please visit the DHRM website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. This Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job online and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Information Memorandums:

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Status Report – The purpose of this informational memorandum is to provide a status report on the Bus Rapid Transit project.

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045150>

Response to Concerns Regarding Oakland Fire Department Vegetation Inspection Audit – The purpose of this informational memorandum is to respond to concern regarding the Oakland Fire Department Vegetation Inspection Audit. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045157>

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.

4th Annual Oakland Restaurant Week – Through 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, please visit <http://visitoakland.org/restaurantweek>.

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 rucker@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.

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.

Celebrate Lunar New Year with Goofball the Magician – Saturday, January 25, 11:30 a.m., Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero and 3:00 p.m., Montclair Branch Library, 1687 Mountain Boulevard. A magician for Lunar New Year? Yes, and he calls himself Goofball. One look at his big smile and his costume and children will laugh – and then he'll amaze them with his sleight of hand. Goofball entertains and informs his audience with a show that incorporates magic from the Far East. For more information, please contact Laurie Wilhalm, Librarian II, at lwilhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

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 given 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 Kathleen DiGiovanni, Senior Librarian, kdigiovanni@oaklandlibrary.org at (510) 238-3850.

6th Annual Playdate for the Imagination – Saturday, January 25 & Sunday, January 26, 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Chabot and the Bay Area International Children's Film Festival have joined forces to present this event where education and imagination collide. The festival offers families a cinematic view of the world's varied cultures and traditions. The films inspire curiosity and conversation and allow children to experience a wide range of cultural perspectives. Come explore the festival which will showcase international short films, feature films and the "best of the fest" playing throughout the day. Listen to music, participate in an animation workshop and build zoetropes from recycled materials. For more information, please visit www.chabotspace.org.

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 Kathleen DiGiovanni, Senior Librarian, at kdigiovanni@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3850.

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.

Chabot Space & Science Center is Bringing the Stars to the Library – Wednesday, January 29, 3:00 p.m., Golden Gate Branch, 5606 San Pablo 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: 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.

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 elements 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.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, January 31, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., St. Louis Bertrand Parish, 1410 100th 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.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m., African American Museum & Library at Oakland, 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.

Youth Club – Saturday, February 1, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. For ages 5 to 15, this free youth club will meet on Saturdays through May 31. Activities will include organic cooking & gardening, hands-on history activities, arts & crafts and environmental education. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

Black History Month Walking Tour – Wednesday, February 5, 10:00 a.m., African American Museum & Library at Oakland, 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.

Oakland Reconstructed: Realizing Utopia – Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., African American Museum & Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. Enjoy a panel discussion with Glynn Washington and Sean Murphy. Last fall, Brooklyn presented the Brooklyn Reconstructed Film Series; a collection of documentaries centered in Brooklyn rooted in explaining the mechanics contributing towards the reshaping of communities. Following a similar format, “Oakland Reconstructed” brings the focus to Oakland. Through a series of town forums, a league of scholars, entrepreneurs, civic leaders and creative people will work to answer the question many of them are already asking themselves: “Where do I fit into Oakland?” For more information, please contact Veda Silva, Museum Project Coordinator, at vsilva@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0199.

Black Success Conference – Friday, February 7, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business 101, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. Mills College's first Black Success Conference is designed for graduate, undergraduate, junior college and high school students who identify as Black. The event's mission is to promote academic and professional development, growth and success. The conference will give students and future professionals the tools they need to thrive at college, in rewarding careers and in life through expert assistance, strategies and programs that address the issues pertinent to every level of career and professional development. For more information, please visit www.mills.edu/academics/undergraduate/eths/blackhistorymonth.php or call (510) 430-2080.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, February 7, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Boulevard. The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays as a way community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. Volunteers are trained in advance and are accompanied by other volunteers for the duration of the walk. The purpose of the Night Walk is to reach out to communities affected by violence. For more information, please call (510) 639-1440 or email fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com.

CORE Hands On Refresher – Saturday, February 8, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court. This class for CORE graduates who have completed CORE I, II and III allows participants to refresh, enhance and practice emergency response skills. Renew your CORE volunteer certification and ID card by participating in this training class. For more information, please visit www.oaklandcore.org.

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, antiques, 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. The 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, 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.

Elevate Oakland Benefit Concert – Saturday, February 8, 8:00 p.m., Fox Theater Oakland, 1807 Telegraph Avenue. Enjoy an amazing concert while supporting music and arts in Oakland schools. A red carpet entrance at 5:30 p.m. and VIP reception at 6:00 p.m., proceed the concert which includes performances by Michael Franti and Friends, Sheila E., Judith Hill, Orianthi, Ozomatli and Goapele. For additional information, please visit www.elevateoakland.org/events.

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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