



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: February 7, 2014

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Oakland Unite Grantee, BAWAR, Received Prestigious Award From FBI San Francisco – On Thursday, January 30, the Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) received the Director's Community Leadership Award from FBI San Francisco in recognition of its Sexually Exploited Minors (SEM) Program. BAWAR is one of the organizations funded by Oakland Unite's Family Violence Intervention strategy area that focuses on outreach to commercially sexually exploited children. BAWAR's SEM Program exemplifies the dedication to collaboration as well as the intensive services provided by Oakland Unite-funded partners. In his speech Pat Mims, SEM Program Director, thanked Oakland Unite for supporting this important work. BAWAR received the award at the Alameda County Family Justice Center. He will attend a formal award ceremony at the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in April. To learn more about BAWAR and the award, please visit <http://www.bawar.org/news/fbi-directors-community-leadership-award-dcla/>. For more information, please contact Sara Serin-Christ, Program Analyst II-Communications, at sserin-christ@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3718.

Children Stand with OPD Against Gun Violence – On Thursday, January 30, children from Oakland's Fruitvale District came to the Oakland Police Department on a special mission: to deliver toy and replica guns they had gathered to Interim Chief Sean Whent. The children wanted to take a stand against the violence and do something to better their community. Organized by Luis Ortega, a community organizer in Councilmember Noel Gallo's office, the visit was a part of the Three Wise Men Toy Giveaway, a program that provides educational toys for children in exchange for toys that promote violence. It is one of the many examples of members of our community working in partnership with OPD. After turning in the guns, the children were given a tour of the Chief's office and different sections of the Police Administration Building. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Oakland Makers Project Featured In American Planning Association Magazine – The February 2014 issue of *Planning* magazine, published by the American Planning Association, features an article about Oakland Makers written by Margot Lederer Prado of the City's Department of Economic & Workforce Development. Formed in May 2013, Oakland Makers

already has a membership of some 400 practitioners representing artists, artisans and manufacturers specializing in industrial arts, applied technology, custom manufacturing and education. The group is focused on growing Oakland's creative economy and increasing the visibility and sustainability of Oakland's manufacturing and industrial arts sectors. A sampling of Oakland Maker members includes The Crucible, American Steel Studios, Blank and Cables, Oakland Sewn, Pro Arts, East Bay Maker Faire, Laney College and the Oakland Museum of California. The group sponsors quarterly Meet Ups. The January event featured a presentation on Oakland's Tool Lending Library, a presentation by Karen Cusalito of American Steel on the creative reuse of former Bay Bridge steel and an update on the recent Maker Impact Summit. To learn about upcoming events and to join Oakland Makers, please visit www.oaklandmakers.org. For more information, please contact Margot Lederer Prado, Senior Economic Development Specialist, at mprado@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6766.

Lowell Park's Family Farmers Market - On Saturday, February 1, the Office of Parks and Recreation hosted a Community Build-Out Volunteer Day at Lowell Park's Family Farmers Market, located at 1180 14th Street. Volunteers and organizations – including Urban Releaf, Mo Better Foods and the Elite 8 Leadership – contributed to the building of a local community garden that will serve as a farmers market powered with hydrogen cells that will be the first in the country. The garden will serve to feed the West Oakland community, with partnerships with local organizations. For more information, please contact Cathryn Cornelius, Recreation Specialist I, at (510) 238-3992.

Additional PIO Joins the OPD Media Team – On Monday, February 3, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) announced that Officer Frank Bonifacio has joined the Media Relations Office. Officer Bonifacio has served with OPD for the past 13 years in numerous assignments, and is now serving as the department's second public information officer. Bringing on a second PIO, and specifically Officer Bonifacio, is part of OPD's continued efforts to improve service to the media and the community. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Junior Warriors Basketball League – On Saturday, February 8, the Office of Parks and Recreation's (OPR's) 2014 Junior Warriors Basketball League begins. Every year the Golden State Warriors and OPR come together to form a youth basketball league for kids, ages 4 to 14. The league provides youth with the opportunity to develop their basketball fundamentals. The partnership with the Golden State Warriors allows youth to attend basketball games and to participate in basketball clinics with Warrior players at the Oracle Arena. The weekly league runs on Saturdays through March 22. Come out and cheer on the Junior Warrior Basketball League.

- Pee Wee League co-ed games for ages 4 to 6
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bushrod Recreation Center, 560 59th Street.
- First through Fifth Grade boys' games
8:00 a.m. to Noon, Tassafaronga Recreation Center, 975 85th Avenue,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., West Oakland Middle School, 991 14th Street,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Willie Keys Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street

- Sixth and Seventh grade boys' games
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Foster Elementary School, 2850 West Street
- Eighth grade boys' games
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., International High School, 4521 Webster Street
- First through Eighth grade girl's games
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Oakland Tech High School, 4351 Broadway

For more information, please contact Armond Gray, Youth Sports Coordinator, at agray@oaklandnet.com or (510) 867-0670.

Learn, Lead, Lift (LLL) Emergency Preparedness Training – In February and March, the Oakland Public Library will be hosting emergency preparedness training classes. The classes use the CARD-Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters widely known SKIP Kit (Safety Kept in Place) training which has been adopted by the City of Oakland to engage all resident in becoming prepared for emergencies. In partnership with CARD, the Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division has established the Learn, Lead, Lift (LLL) Emergency Preparedness Program. LLL is a "whole-community preparedness" program that simplifies the steps needed to prepare yourself and your community using everyday items as tools for preparedness. CARD's training approach via the SKIP Kit training accomplishes this goal and assists the City in inspiring all Oakland residents to prepare themselves, their families and their neighborhoods. The training focuses on citywide community involvement in emergency preparedness education and in taking action to withstand major emergencies for all of Oakland. This training can be a stand-alone training or a primer to the CORE Program if residents wish to take a more rigorous emergency preparedness training program.

- Saturday, February 8, 1:30 p.m., César Chavez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street
- Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m., Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue
- Saturday, February 22, 1:00 p.m., Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue
- Saturday, February 22, 1:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue
- Monday, February 24, 6:30 p.m., Eastmont Branch Library, 7200 Bancroft Avenue, Suite 211
- Monday, March 3, 6:30 p.m., Piedmont Avenue Branch Library, 80 Echo Avenue
- Saturday, March 8, 2:00 p.m., Melrose Branch Library, 4805 Foothill Boulevard
- Saturday, March 8, 3:00 p.m., Montclair Branch Library, 1687 Mountain Boulevard
- Wednesday, March 12, Noon, 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue
- Saturday, March 15, 3:00 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street

For more information, please contact Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator, at (510) 238-2326.

Junior Warriors Basketball Clinic – On Thursday, January 23, nearly 50 boys and girls from the Office of Parks and Recreation's Junior Warriors basketball league participated in a free basketball clinic hosted by Oracle and the Golden State Warriors at the Oracle Arena. The participating youth, ages 7 to 10, were served healthy lunches and given Junior Warriors Uniforms. The kids were able to do various fun drills with the Junior Warriors camp staff and

with surprise Warriors guest, Maurice Spates. He took pictures with the kids and participated in drills with them. Kids expressed that they never imagined playing basketball on the same court that the Warriors play their basketball games on. The Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) and the Golden State Warriors provided kids and parents with memories that will last forever. Every year the Golden State Warriors and OPR come together to form a youth basketball league for kids ages 4 to 14. The league provides youth with the opportunity to develop their basketball fundamentals. For more information, please contact Armond Gray, Youth Sports Coordinator, at agray@oaklandnet.com or (510) 867-0670.

School's Out Rec's In – On Friday, January 31, Franklin Recreation Center hosted School's Out Rec's In Camp, where the staff took advantage of the beautiful weather and took 17 kids, ages 5 to 10, on a fun hike along trails at Roberts Regional Park. The kids enjoyed beautiful, scenic views during the hike, smelled the trees and listened to the chirping birds. The trip made for a refreshing and exciting adventure where the kids had a whole lot of fun. For more information, please contact Rebecca Chhom, Recreation Program Director, at (510) 238-7741.

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 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.

Girls Sports Soccer Clinic – Saturdays through February 15, Various Times, San Antonio Recreation Center, 1701 E. 19th Street. Come learn soccer skills like dribbling, footwork, agility and how to score. All experience levels welcome. Free for girls, ages 5 to 11. Clinics for girls ages 5 and 6 runs from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. for girls ages 7 to 11. For more information, please contact Lovella Sein-Colon, Girls Sports Coordinator, at (510) 535-5608.

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.

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.

Views of Oakland Exhibition – Through Friday February 28, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Photographs by award-winning documentary cinematographer and fine art photographer Diallo Mwathi Jeffrey will be on display on the 3rd floor of City Hall. The exhibit offers spectacular panoramic images of the Oakland-San Francisco skyline and architecture, picturing Oakland in a new light. For more information, please visit www.diallo.com.

Creations Of The Creators: Healthwise Inventions by African Americans – Through Friday February 28, Various Hours, Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. This engaging exhibit is about the inventions by 12 African Americans that changed human health for the better. For more information, please contact Tomye Neal-Madison at (510) 238-2786.

The Fabric Of Our Culture: A Group Quilt Show – Through Sunday, March 2, Various Hours, Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street. A celebration of African American culture in America through a group of five Bay Area quilt makers and their narrative account of Black history and its present day culture. Participating artists include Alice Beasley, Marion Coleman, Khristel Johnson, Jackie Bryant Smith and Katie Wishom. Two special events accompany the exhibit: An Artist Talk at 7:00 p.m. on February 7 and a Black History Celebration Event and Lecture, hosted by Barbara Howard, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on February 21. For more information, please visit www.joycegordongallery.com or call (510) 465-8928.

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.

Youth Club – Saturdays through May 31, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. For ages 5 to 15, this free youth club includes activities like 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.

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.

“What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland’s Griots” – Wednesdays to Saturdays through 2014, 2:30 - 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.

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.

Startup Weekend Oakland - Black Male Achievement – Friday, February 7 to Sunday, February 9, Various Hours, Impact Hub, 2323 Broadway. A Silicon Valley that lives up to the dreams of Dr. King is the vision for the first global hackathon for Black Male Achievement and Oakland's first Startup Weekend. Startup Weekend is a global grassroots movement of active and empowered entrepreneurs who are learning the basics of founding startups and launching successful ventures. Startup Weekend Oakland is for people with ideas, business people, designers, students, teachers and anyone who wants to contribute and support solving these problems. To register, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/startup-weekend-oakland-tickets-8782104511. For more information, please visit www.bmaoakland.startupweekend.org.

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.

SAT Practice Test – Saturday, February 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. Prepare for the SAT with a free practice test administered by OPL partner Achieve Learning and Resource Center. All attendees should expect to stay for the entire session. Light refreshments are welcome. Scientific calculator and pencil are required. For more information, please contact Sarah Hodgson, Branch Manager, at shodgson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 482-7844.

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.

African American Celebration through Poetry – Saturday, February 8, Noon, West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. Every year – for 23 years now, and counting – the West Oakland Branch has hosted its stirring African American Celebration through Poetry. This year's program will be a tribute to Nelson Mandela, who passed away in December 2013. Community members of all ages are invited to participate by reading poetry, performing, dancing and/or displaying works of art. For more information or to sign up to participate in this program, please contact Gay Ducey, Branch Manager, at gducey@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7352.

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 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.

Chabot Space & Science Center is Bringing the Stars to the Library – Saturday, February 8, 1:00 p.m., 81st Avenue Branch, 1021 81st Avenue. The Chabot Space & Science Center's StarLab – a traveling planetarium – will visit the Oakland Public Library in 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. For information, please contact Laurie Wilhalm, Librarian II, at lwilhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

Affordable Care Act Counseling and Enrollment – Saturday, February 8, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. The Affordable Care Act for the East Bay is helping people enroll in OBAMACARE. This is the perfect time to get insured. As March approaches, Covered California's website will start slowing down and the phones will have longer wait times. Enrollers and Certified Counselors are happy to discuss the health plans and eligibility for subsidies and enroll those who need affordable healthcare. Bring social security numbers for you and your dependents. Naturalized citizens should bring proof of immigration status. To self-enroll, please visit www.coveredca.com or call (888) 975-1142.

Katrina Alcorn, Author and Maxed-out Mom – Saturday, February 8, 3:00 p.m., Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. North Oakland resident Katrina Alcorn is a journalist, blogger, mother of three and the author of *Maxed Out: American Moms on the Brink*. As she describes her own experience, her kids, her marriage and her career were all thriving when she unexpectedly suffered a breakdown, followed by a long and difficult recovery. In this talk, Ms. Alcorn will present materials from her book and host a discussion of the crisis facing the working women of this country in the current economy. This is part of an ongoing series of Saturday salons at the Temescal Branch Library designed to showcase the contributions of local residents to the cultural fabric of the community. For more information, please contact Steve Lavoie, Branch Manager, at slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5049.

Sheila E. Presents: 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. The all-star lineup features Michael Franti & Friends (members of Spearhead), Judith Hill, Ozomatli, Orianthi and Oakland's own Goapele. For additional information, please visit www.elevateoakland.org/events.

Prescott Circus at the Oakland Zoo – Sunday, February 9, Noon - 2:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. The young cast performs incredible tricks with talent and heart, including juggling, acrobatics, stilt dancing, hambone body percussion and more. For more information, please visit www.prescottcircus.org.

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.

Youth Poetry Workshop: Make It Fresh – Breaking Patterns & Silences – Sunday, February 9, 1:30 p.m., Bradley Walters Community Room, Main Library, 125 14th Street. Teen poets are invited to participate in free monthly writing workshops for youth (ages 13 to 18), leading up to the annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate contest. The Laureate Lab pairs award-winning local authors with young poets for a very special workshop series. Unleash your voice, take risks and

develop your best work – just in time for the city's premier poetry contest this April. Come write the best poems of your life, meet fellow writers and get ready to become Oakland's next Youth Poet Laureate. Contest entry not required to attend workshops. Just come write. To learn more about the Youth Poet Laureate program and \$5,000 scholarship, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/youth-poet-laureate. For more information, please contact Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7233.

Affordable Care Act Counseling and Enrollment – Monday, February 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. The Affordable Care Act for the East Bay is helping people enroll in OBAMACARE. This is the perfect time to get insured. As March approaches, Covered California's website will start slowing down and the phones will have longer wait times. Enrollers and Certified Counselors are happy to discuss the health plans and eligibility for subsidies and enroll those who need affordable healthcare. Bring social security numbers for you and your dependents. Naturalized citizens should bring proof of immigration status. To self-enroll, please visit www.coveredca.com or call (888) 975-1142.

Filmmaker Marion Bethel and Film Screening – Monday, February 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Danforth Auditorium, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. *Freedom, Womanish Ways and Democracy: The Women's Suffrage Movement in the Bahamas: 1948-1962* narrates the story of the women's suffrage movement of the 1950s in the Bahamas. The film teaches us about the critical importance of the legacy of the suffrage movement for women as well as those who care about social justice internationally. The film will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker Marion Bethel and Patricia Powell, Professor of English at Mills College and author of numerous books. For more information, please visit www.mills.edu/academics/undergraduate/eths/blackhistorymonth.php or call (510) 430-2080.

African and African American Tales and Songs – Thursday, February 13, 10:30 a.m., Asian Branch Library, 388 9th Street, Suite 190. Celebrate Black History Month at the Asian Branch Library with storyteller Paula Marie Parker. She will present African and African American tales and songs. Come hear tales, sing songs and learn about Bessie Coleman, the first Black female aviator. For more information, please contact Dayni Kuo, Librarian II, at dkuo@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3400.

26th Annual African American Cultural Celebration – Thursday, February 13, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison Street. St. Paul Episcopal School's signature musical event is a knockout evening of music presented by all students, grades K-8. For more information, please call (510) 285-9600.

Oakland Public Library Teen Design Competition – Friday, February 14, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, TeenZone, 125 14th Street. With a grant through Keep Oakland Beautiful, the drab cement trash cans outside of the Main Library on Madison Street will be transformed into beautiful mosaic murals. Winning designs from the Teen Design Competition will be used to turn the trash bins into works of art. The competition is based entirely on teen input and creation, and is open to anyone between the ages of 13 and 18, as long as they live or attend school in Oakland. Youth across Oakland are welcome to enter the competition and are also invited to help

create the mosaics. Teens interested in submitting designs can submit multiple entries. There are a few design specifications that will need to be followed. For information including templates and design submission forms, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/teendesign or stop by the Main TeenZone. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Supervising Librarian, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, February 14, 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.

Fame: The Musical – Friday, February 14, 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, February 16, 2:00 p.m., Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. The Oakland School for the Arts presents this popular musical with more than 100 OSA students in the production. For more information, please visit www.oakarts.org.

CORE I Class – Saturday, February 15, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court. Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) classes provide free emergency preparedness training for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood after a disaster until professional help arrives. CORE I is a pre-requisite for the other CORE classes. For more information or to register, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

Black History Weekend – Saturday, February 15 & Sunday, February 16, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue. Enjoy puppet shows, arts & crafts, storytelling and more at this storybook theme park. For more information, please visit www.fairyland.org or call (510) 452-2259.

Public Tours & Sails Aboard Tall Ships – Thursday, February 20 to Sunday, February 23, Various Hours, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Visit the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain when they visit Oakland. The ships will be open for walk-on tours and host guests for ticketed sails on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, please visit www.histroicalseaport.org or call (800) 200-5239.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, February 21, 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

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Black History Month Walking Tour – Saturday, February 22, 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.

Black History Month Tour – Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m., Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue. Free docent-led tour by Gaye Lenahan and Sara Calhoun highlights African Americans who are buried in this historic cemetery. For more information, please visit www.mountainviewcemetery.org/calendar.html.

African American Quilt Guild of Oakland – Saturday, February 22, Noon - 3:00 p.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. The public is invited to this annual demonstration and workshop. Supplies will be provided so you can make your own quilt. For more information, please call (510) 238-7352.

Community Building & Healing Through Mindful Drumming – Saturday, February 22, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc., 3278 West Street. Mindful Drumming is a transformative learning process that offers individuals opportunities to experience diversity through rhythm and sound. This art form facilitates building relationships and synergistically builds community while addressing issues in a communal manner. Participants will utilize the twin concepts of rhythm and sound as a way of raising awareness and consciousness for a rich experience of healing ancient wounds as well as increased joy and peace. There will be drums available. Author Kokomon Clotey will facilitate this gathering. For more information, please visit www.ahc-oakland.org or call (510) 652-5530.

Who Are We?: Exploring Black Identities Discussion – Saturday, February 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Center for History and Community, 2488 Coolidge Avenue. Join in a discussion of identity, connection and culture led by participants in the Peralta House Storyhorse exhibit, "What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland's Griots." For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

The Art of Living Black: Open Studios Art Fair – Saturday, February 22 & Sunday, February 23, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Student Union, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. Part of "The Art Of Living Black" Bay Area Black Artists Exhibition and Art Tour 2014, the art fair will feature 15 Bay Area artists of African descent, including acrylic paintings by Mills College's very own Professor Ajuan Mance. Artists represent a wide range of visual media including found object sculpture and collage, painting, fired clay and ceramic sculpture, jewelry making, doll making, photography and more. For more information, please visit www.mills.edu/academics/undergraduate/eths/blackhistorymonth.php or call (510) 430-2080.

Lake Merritt Bioblitz – Sunday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Rotary Nature Center, 600 Bellevue Avenue. Participants will photograph and document *all life* inside of Lakeside Park, home to North America's first wildlife sanctuary. Tora Rocha and Eddie Dunbar of the Pollinator Posse and Insect Sciences Museum of California will be presenters at the Lake Merritt Bioblitz hosted by WildOakland and Nerds for Nature. Participants should bring their smartphones and cameras to take photos and then upload images and information to iNaturalist, an online database of life on Earth. To R.S.V.P., please visit http://wildoakland.org/ai1ec_event/lake-merritt-bioblitz-with-nerds-for-nature/. For more information, please contact Eddie Dunbar, Management Intern, at edunbar@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5482.

OMCA Family Drop-in Workshop: HistoryMakers/ScienceMakers Series – Sunday, February 23, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Celebrate Black History Month and explore the legacy of black pioneers in science and invention with presenters from the Museum of African American Technology Science Village. No reservations required. All ages welcome. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org or call (510) 318-8400.

State of the City Address – Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Mayor Jean Quan delivers her State of the City Address in Council Chambers. The address will be cablecast live on KTOP-TV10 and streamed online at www.oaklandnet.com. KTOP-TV 10 will replay the address at times and dates to be announced. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com or call (510) 444-2489.

Respectfully submitted,

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