



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

**SUBJECT:** City Administrator's Weekly Report

**DATE:** February 14, 2014

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Upcoming Holiday Closure*** – On Monday, February 17, the City of Oakland administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Presidents' Day 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 read the media release at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak045524>.

***Call For Nominations For Mother Of The Year*** – Through noon on Friday, April 4, nominations for Mother of the Year are being accepted. Adults, seniors, local business, community groups, professional associations, government agencies and service-related organizations are invited to nominate a candidate for this coveted award. Nominees must be an Oakland resident whose contributions to the community symbolize the finest traditions of "motherhood," who is an appropriate role model for people of all ages and backgrounds and have who has made a positive impact on the community. To view the full criteria and nomination form, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks). For more information, contact Dana Riley, Assistant to the Office of Parks and Recreation Director, at (510) 238-6495.

***Community Bay EMT Program*** – On Thursday, February 13, the Oakland Fire Department Training Center announced that the community Bay EMT program recently completed its accreditation with State Fire Training. The Bay EMT class is currently being hosted at the Oakland Fire Department Training Center. For more information, please contact Battalion Chief Sheppard at [asheppard@oaklandnet.com](mailto:asheppard@oaklandnet.com).

***OPD Makes Arrest in Homicide*** – On Saturday, February 8 at approximately 11:00 a.m., Oakland Police Department officers responded to a residence in the 1700 block of 103rd Avenue and discovered a deceased 69-year-old female. After a preliminary investigation, Oakland police officers arrested a male adult suspect for murder. The suspect is awaiting charges by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***CAO Announces Joe Devries as the new Assistant to the City Administrator*** – In light of the growing work and need to enhance and improve City wide community engagement, outreach, and service delivery coordination Joe Devries will have a new, more refined, focus on community engagement and multi-departmental service coordination. The goal is to work with the Deputy City Administrator and NSC's to improve services between departments. As background, Joe has held various positions that were responsible for targeted neighborhood programs and community services. From 2005 to 2013 Mr. Devries supervised the City County Neighborhood Initiative serving as a liaison to the Alameda County Public Health Department, supervised a team of community outreach workers, served as the Site Coordinator for the Elmhurst Weed and Seed Initiative from 2006 to 2011, a Department of Justice grant that provided coordinated law enforcement activity along with targeted social service funding. Since 2013 Mr. DeVries has been assigned a variety of different projects in the Oakland City Administrator's Office coordinating multi-agency response teams in the areas of Public Safety and Public Works to address neighborhood concerns.

***Special Olympics Polar Plunge & Dash and Splash*** – On Saturday, February 22, a crew of Oakland Police Department (OPD) officers and employees will take the Polar Plunge. It takes a lot of dedication to jump in chilly waters in the middle of winter, but they're willing to do it to raise money for the Special Olympics Athletes. OPD is one of California's top law enforcement supporters of the Special Olympics, and participates every year in the Polar Plunge and Torch Run. To donate or for more on the event, please visit the OPD Team Page at <http://2014ipolarplunge.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1080725&lis=1&kntae1080725=DC76C DFA7F404658A7CF2F3FDFA70C8C&team=5795574#>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***SBA Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Businesses*** – On Friday, February 21, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a forum for small business owners to discuss federal regulations, compliance audits, regulatory fines and enforcement actions affecting small businesses. The event will be held at the Waterfront Hotel, 10 Washington Street in Jack London Square. This forum will facilitate a dialogue on federal regulatory issues affecting small businesses and highlight resources available to small business owners from the SBA. National Ombudsman Brian Castro and Region 9 Regulatory Fairness Board member Paul Wright of Oakland will host area small business owners and other representatives of the small business of community. The National Ombudsman holds Regulatory Fairness hearings and forums across the country to give small business owners a means to comment on unfair enforcement actions, government audits and excessive fines or regulations. The Ombudsman directs specific issues raised by participants to the appropriate federal agency for a high-level fairness review, and works across government to address those concerns, reduce regulatory burdens and help small businesses grow. All members of the small business community, trade organizations, chambers of commerce and media are invited to attend. There is no cost to attend and advance registration is encouraged. To register for the Forum, please visit <http://events.sba.gov/eventmanagement/EventListing.aspx?state=CA>. The Oakland Business Assistance Center, located at 270 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, works closely with

the SBA to offer services to small businesses. For more information, please contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at [agallo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:agallo@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7405.

***OPD Arrests Four in Connection with Robbery and Break-in*** – On Monday, February 10, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) announced the arrest of four suspects – two 16-year-old juveniles and two adults, ages 18 and 19 – in connection with a home break-in and shooting of an 81-year-old victim on Laguna Avenue. On Tuesday, January 28, at 10:31 a.m., OPD responded to a report of a shooting in the 4100 block of Laguna Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, suffering a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a local hospital in stable condition. The four suspects are currently in custody. OPD is awaiting a review by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for charges. Community members have been instrumental in this case by providing information and leads. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***CORE Training Classes*** – Throughout February, Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) will 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 is a program of the Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division. The following classes will be held at the Oakland Fire Department's Training Division at 250 Victory Court.

- CORE I – Saturday, February 15, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- CORE II – Saturday, February 15, Noon - 2:30 p.m.
- CORE III – Saturday, February 22, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- CORE III – Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CORE will hold its 9th Annual Citywide Response Exercise from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 26. For more information on the exercise, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OFD/s/CORE/OAK026269>. For more information or to register for CORE classes, please visit [www.oaklandcore.org](http://www.oaklandcore.org) or call (510) 238-6351.

***TUGO for Monolingual and Socially Isolated Elders*** – On Monday, March 3, TAXI-UP & GO PROJECT (TUGO), a Senior Companion Program in partnership with the Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED) in the Department of Human Services, will hold a pre-training session for *new* clients and caregivers of frail, monolingual and socially isolated elders requiring free taxi-scrip for escorted medical and grocery shopping transportation. Participants must be an Oakland resident and meet the eligibility guidelines. The training session will be held at 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Conference Room #4 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To register, please call Sandy Rogers at (510) 238-3175. For more information, please contact Andrea Turner, Senior Services Supervisor, at [aturner@oaklandnet.com](mailto:aturner@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2987.

***Oakland Head Start/Early Head Start Seeking Fatherhood Initiative Partners*** – On Thursday, February 6, 70 Head Start & Early Head Start fathers/father figures participated in the "Fatherhood 101" film premier at Oakland's Grand Lake Theater. "Fatherhood 101" is an

educational project designed to increase positive interaction between fathers/father figures and their children by focusing on factors specific to the needs of men and the challenges they face in fulfilling their role as fathers. Oakland Head Start's and Early Head Start's vision is to increase awareness of available resources to maximize involvement of fathers/father figures in their children's lives. These two programs are looking to partner with community-based organization's that support this vision. Interested organizations should contact Veronica Martinez, Family & Community Services Coordinator, at [vmartinez@oaklandnet.com](mailto:vmartinez@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2379.

***Office of Parks and Recreation Part-time Summer Employment Opportunities*** – Through Friday, February 21, the Office of Parks and Recreation will be accepting applications for Part-time Summer Employment for the following positions:

- 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

From February 24 through March 17, applications will be accepted for Recreation Aides and Recreation Attendants. For more information, please visit the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) hiring 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.

***School's Out Rec's In Day Camp*** – On Friday, January 31, the Redwood Heights Recreation Center held a School's Out Rec's In all-day camp for 30 OUSD students, ages 5 to 13. The youth were out of school for the day. It was a beautiful sunny day and the Center took the ferry from Jack London Square to San Francisco's Ferry Building. For many of the children, it was their first time on the ferry and they loved being outside on the top deck as the group cruised under the Bay Bridge. From the Ferry Building, the students walked to the Exploratorium at Pier 15 where they explored for a couple hours before walking to Pier 39 to enjoy the sights, smells and sea lions. The students then caught the ferry at Pier 41 and enjoyed the one-hour cruise back to Jack London Square. The children and staff had a great day and the Office of Parks and Recreation looks forward to making this trip again in the future. For more information, please contact Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 482-7827.

***District 4 Local Heroes Ceremony & Lion Dance*** – On Saturday, February 8, the Allendale Recreation Center hosted the District 4 Local Heroes Ceremony & Lion Dance. The event

attracted more than 65 participants and was held in partnership with Councilmember Libby Schaaf's office. This annual event recognizes local persons in District 4 who have made various contributions. For the last four years, the Allendale Recreation Center has partnered to hold the event as it has served as a great way to communicate with local merchants and members of District 4. For more information, please contact George Henderson, Program Director, at (510) 535-5635.

### **Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last week.

***Framework for Discussion of the Domain Awareness Center (DAC) Privacy and Data Retention Policy*** – This information memorandum is designed to provide an update on the development of the framework for discussion of the Privacy and Data Retention Policy for the City-Port Domain Awareness Center (DAC). <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045549>

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:scrivanir@aol.com) or visit [www.warehouse416.com](http://www.warehouse416.com).

***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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.joycegordongallery.com) or call (510) 465-8928.

***Girls Sports "So I Heard You Love to Dance" Master Class*** – Saturdays through March 8, Noon - 2:00 p.m., Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street. These free master classes are designed to create an environment that encourages dancers of all levels to express themselves, without feeling intimidated or isolated, through several different styles of dance. Four different styles of dance – hip-hop, salsa, jazz and lyrical – will be demonstrated and instructed. Participants are also encouraged to choreograph and/or freestyle during the class. Each class session will include a warm-up, dance, demonstration/presentation and cool-down. For more information, please contact Carla Hardiman, Recreation Leader II, at (510) 597-5042.

***Junior Warriors Basketball League*** – Saturdays through March 22, Various Hours, Various Recreation Centers. The Office of Parks and Recreation's (OPR's) 2014 Junior Warriors Basketball League provides youth, ages 4 to 14, 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. Come out and cheer on the Junior Warrior Basketball League. For more information, please contact Armond Gray, Youth Sports Coordinator, at [agray@oaklandnet.com](mailto:agray@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 867-0670.

***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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mnorton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 597-5085.

**Pre-K Play: Parent-Toddler Playgroups** – Wednesdays and Fridays through Friday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Tassafaronga Recreation Center, 975 85th Avenue and Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street. Toddlers up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers are invited to come out and participate in arts & crafts, music, story time with the Oakland Public Library, gardening, Magic Movement Company, parent support & education, field trips to local favorite destinations and other fun-filled activities. Free healthy snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact Erin Burton, ADA/Inclusion Services, at [eburton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eburton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5980/(510) 867-0732 (Habla Espanol).

**“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](http://www.peraltahacienda.org) or call (510) 532-9142.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.oaklandcore.org) or call (510) 238-6351.

***Rotary Nature Center's Great Backyard Bird Count*** – Saturday, February 15, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Rotary Nature Center, 600 Bellevue Avenue. Join the Rotary Nature Center and the Golden Gate Audubon Society for the annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Learn how to identify and count the birds of the lake and discover Lake Merritt's amazing history. This local event is part of a nationwide weekend of bird watching and citizen science and is suitable for kids of all ages and their families. For more information, please call (510) 238-3739.

***Miss East Bay Cities Scholarship Pageant*** – Saturday, February 15, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. This event is an official local preliminary pageant to the Miss California and Miss America pageants, which are the leading providers of scholarship funds to young women nationwide. This year, 29 contestants are vying for three titles: Miss East Bay Cities, Miss Bay Counties and Miss Tri-Valley. Miss East Bay Cities Outstanding Teen 2014 will be crowned. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.misseastbay.org](http://www.misseastbay.org). For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Recreation Director, at (510) 238-7219.

***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](http://www.fairyland.org) or call (510) 452-2259.

***Teen Dating and Violence Prevention & Awareness*** – Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street. A panel of guest speakers and celebrity Rap artist E-40 will discuss the importance of violence prevention and awareness in teen dating. This free workshop for teens and adults will be presented by A Safe Place. For more information, please call (510) 986-8600 ext. 316.

***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](http://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 to reach out to communities affected by violence. For more information, please call (510) 639-1440 or email [fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

***Symphony Concert*** – Friday, February 21, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland East Bay Symphony, led by Conductor Michael Morgan, presents this concert. Pre-concert talk at 7:00 p.m. with Oakland Symphony Chorus Music Director Dr. Lynne Morrow and composer Mary Fineman. For more information, please visit [www.oeps.org](http://www.oeps.org).

***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](http://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](http://www.mountainviewcemetery.org/calendar.html).

***Mother/Daughter Basketball Skills Challenge*** – Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Rainbow Recreation Center, 5800 International Boulevard. This free workshop for young girls, ages 6 to 14, and their parent/guardian is designed to get parents involved in their daughter's sports and community activities. The challenge is composed of four basic skills tests in passing, shooting, dribbling and defense. Each participant will be evaluated individually within an age bracket (6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12 to 14). Individual challenges will be available for girls ages 15-17.

Everyone is a winner in this contest and special prizes will be presented to the top two teams in each group. Participants will also be able to compete in the all-skills challenge. To register, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks) and use activity #22106.301. For more information, please contact Lovella Sein-Colon (a.k.a. Coach Love), Girls Sports Coordinator, at [lsein-colon@oaklandnet.com](mailto:lsein-colon@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5608.

***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.

***Lost Landscapes of Oakland*** – Saturday, February 22, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. The event features a selection of rare, archival and ephemeral films from the Prelinger Archives depicting moments throughout Oakland's history. Active discussion is encouraged throughout the screening. Limited seating, first-come, first-served. For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org).

***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 Clottey will facilitate this gathering. For more information, please visit [www.ahc-oakland.org](http://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](http://www.peraltahacienda.org) or call (510) 532-9142.

***Teen Inclusion Dance*** – Saturday, February 22, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Studio One Arts Center, 365 45th Street. The Inclusive Recreation program is hosting a Teen Inclusion Dance for youth, ages 13 and up. Teenagers with special needs and their peers, friends and families are invited to dance the evening away while a DJ spins tunes. The family friendly event is a great opportunity to socialize with friends and make a few new ones. Light refreshments will be served. Families are encouraged to stay if individual assistance is needed. For more information, please contact Erin Burton, ADA/Inclusion Services, at [eburton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eburton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5980 or Joy Sledge, Recreation Leader II, at [jsledge@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jsledge@oaklandnet.com).

***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](http://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/ai/lec\\_event/lake-merritt-bioblitz-with-nerds-for-nature/](http://wildoakland.org/ai/lec_event/lake-merritt-bioblitz-with-nerds-for-nature/). For more information, please contact Eddie Dunbar, Management Intern, at [edunbar@oaklandnet.com](mailto: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](http://www.museumca.org) or call (510) 318-8400.

**Chabot Space & Science Center Is Bringing The Stars To The Library** – Thursday, February 27, 10:00 a.m., Melrose Branch Library, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. 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 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](mailto:lwilhalm@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3848.

**Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk** – Friday, February 28, 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](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

**Forty Years Strong** – Friday, February 28, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Lisser Theater, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. Dimensions Dance Theater, the Bay Area's preeminent African-American dance company, proudly presents this celebration of over four decades of creativity and community building. The performance at Mills College will showcase a range of the

company's work. The performance will also feature dance segments highlighting traditional Congolese dance forms and its evolution in New Orleans. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to participate in the program and there will be a brief Q&A at the program's conclusion. For more information, please visit <http://www.mills.edu/academics/undergraduate/eths/blackhistorymonth.php> or call (510) 430-2080.

***Paramount Movie Classics*** – Friday, February 28, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre for the Arts, 2025 Broadway. Enjoy a screening of “Roman Holiday,” the 1953 classic featuring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck. For more information, please visit [www.paramounttheatre.com](http://www.paramounttheatre.com).

***Sunday in the Park with George Seurat*** – Weekends from Friday, February 28 to Sunday, March 9, Various Show Times, Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Presented by the Youth Musical Theater Company, the musical is a joyous retelling of Georges Seurat's creative process as he worked on “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte.” In Stephen Sondheim's arguably greatest work, Seurat's much-loved painting comes to life, revealing the lives and loves of its subjects, and exploring the ‘art of making art’ across generations, from 19th century Paris to 20th century Chicago. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 238-7219.

***55th Annual White Elephant Sale*** – Saturday, March 1 & Sunday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sale Warehouse, 333 Lancaster Street. Northern California's largest and most popular rummage sale offers 17 unique departments that feature quality used items including vintage clothing, fine jewelry, collectibles, tools, furniture, sporting goods and more. For more information, please visit [www.whiteelephantsale.org](http://www.whiteelephantsale.org) or call (510) 536-6800.

***CORE I Class*** – Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. 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](http://www.oaklandcore.org) or call (510) 238-6351.

***Black History Film Premier and Book Launch*** – Thursday, March 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Danforth Auditorium, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. Named best documentary at this year's Arkansas Black Independent Film Festival, “Unearthing the Dream” highlights the history of a small Black African American community and the Black schools that existed before integration. The film was produced in concert with “Proud Legacy: The “Colored” Schools of Malvern, Arkansas” and the “Community that Made Them” which tells the story of Malvern's segregated Black schools. The screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker Pam Uzzell and book author Ajuan Mance. For more information, please visit [www.mills.edu/academics/undergraduate/eths/blackhistorymonth.php](http://www.mills.edu/academics/undergraduate/eths/blackhistorymonth.php) or call (510) 430-2080.

***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](http://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](http://www.oaklandnet.com) or call (510) 444-2489.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, March 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](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

***Jack of All Trades Market*** – Saturday, March 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](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com) or call (510) 645-9292.

***2014 Oakland Bacon and Beer Festival*** – Sunday, March 9, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Brought to you by Oakland Grown, this event celebrates two amazing comestibles, bacon and beer. For more information, please visit [www.baconandbeer.net/oakland](http://www.baconandbeer.net/oakland).

Respectfully submitted,

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