



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deanna J. Santana

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

**DATE:** February 28, 2014

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

**Public Works Agency Receives 5 Awards from the American Public Works Association (APWA)** – On Thursday, February 27, 2014 Public Works Agency received 5 awards at the North California Chapter Annual APWA Awards Luncheon. These winners will be forwarded as nominations to the National APWA. The awards are:

- *Staff of the Year in Administrative Management* Carla Reed, Account Clerk III.
- *Manager of the Year for Administrative Management*, Yolanda Lopez, Administrative Services Manager II.
- *Manager of the Year in Public Fleet*, Joey Williams, Acting Equipment Superintendent.
- *Sustainability Practices*, Adopt a Spot Program.
- *Transportation Projects between \$25-\$75 million*, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction.

For more information please contact Kelly Pschirrer, Executive Assistant to the Director at [kpschirrer@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kpschirrer@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3490.

**Oakland's Solar Industry Sector Garners National Press** – On Tuesday, February 25, *The New York Times* published an article entitled, "Solar Industry Jump-Starts a Revival in California." The article highlighted Oakland's base of high-tech and green energy companies, including Sungevity Co-Founder Danny Kennedy's decision to settle in Jack London Square. The article included comments by Steve Lautze, Green Business Specialist in the Economic Development Department, and Kelley Kahn, the City's Economic and Workforce Development Director. National media coverage like this helps market and position Oakland as a leader in green technology. To read the article, please visit <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/26/realestate/commercial/solar-services-company-jump-starts-revival-in-california.html>

**OPD Raises \$16,000 for the Special Olympics** – On Saturday, February 22, the Special Olympics Polar Plunge held at San Francisco's Aquatic Park. The event was a huge success. The Polar Plunge is one of several Special Olympics fundraisers that law enforcement agencies around the Bay Area have supported for many years. For the second year in a row, Lt. Randy

Wingate, who serves on the Northern California Special Olympics Executive Committee and spearheads the Oakland Police Department's (OPD) efforts, led OPD to be the number one fundraiser. Between his enthusiastic determination and the department's men and women who rise to the challenges of every event, OPD continues to make a strong showing to support the Special Olympics athletes. For every \$250 raised, one Special Olympics athlete can compete in sports for an entire year. This involvement can have a huge impact: Although as few as 10 percent of Americans who are intellectually disabled are employed, 52% of Special Olympics athletes have jobs. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Are You Interested in Becoming a Police Officer?*** – On Saturday, March 1, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) is coming to your community. We would like to encourage anyone interested in finding out more about fulfilling careers in law enforcement to come out, meet us and talk to the recruiting officers who will be available to answer questions. The following three workshops are scheduled that day:

- Physical ability test practice, 8:00 a.m., Police Parking Lot, 6th and Jefferson streets (under I-880)
- Entry-level written exam preparation session, 10:30 a.m., Acts Full Gospel Church, 1034 66th Avenue.
- Entry-level written exam preparation session, 1:00 p.m., Acts Full Gospel Church, 1034 66th Avenue.

No appointment is necessary for the physical practice test. To register for one of the written test preparation sessions, please visit <http://www.passingthepost.com>. These and other OPD workshops are offered to give people a chance to practice the skills needed to join the department and succeed in a police career. To learn more about upcoming seminars and workshops, please visit <http://www.opdjobs.com/> and click the Workshops link under Join. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Social Media Empowers Community and Police Partnership*** – On Sunday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the 4500 block of Telegraph Avenue to investigate a reported shooting. When officers arrived, they located a man suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. During the preliminary investigation, officers were able to obtain descriptions of the shooter, his companion and the vehicle associated with them. Captain Anthony Toribio, Area 2 Commander, immediately issued a Nixle community alert. In this text and Web alert, he provided descriptions of the persons responsible for the shooting, the vehicle they were driving and the license plate. Later that day, a member of the community, having seen the Nixle alert, reported the vehicle in the 3400 block of Richmond Avenue. Officers located the vehicle, arrested a man matching the shooter's description and recovered a firearm. This is an excellent example of how the Oakland Police Department is utilizing innovative tools such as the Internet and social media to help reduce crime. The community has been responding and their increased involvement has been key to solving and reducing crime. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Learn, Lead, Lift Emergency Preparedness Training*** – In March, the Oakland Public Library will be hosting emergency preparedness training classes. The classes use 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 residents 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 engage in a more rigorous emergency preparedness training program. Below is the Oakland Public Library Branch training schedule:

- 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 Coordinator, at 510-238-2326

***Community and OPD Work Together, Catch Car Thief*** – On Tuesday, February 25, the Oakland Police Department responded to the area of 1200 Franklin Street on a report of a stolen car. When officers arrived on scene, the suspect was driving away in the stolen vehicle. The suspect fled from the vehicle in the area of Clay and 14th streets. Community and business district members were very helpful in providing multiple tips that led officers to the suspect. The suspect gained access to a building and was reported on the rooftop. He was later found hiding inside the building and was arrested in connection with the car theft. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Oakland Parks and Recreation Part-time Summer Employment Opportunities*** – Through Friday, March 17, Oakland Parks and Recreation will be accepting applications for Part-Time Summer Employment for the following positions:

- Recreation Aides, Part-Time
- Recreation Attendants, Part-Time

To assist applicants for these two positions, workshops will be held on Saturdays through March 15, at Youth Uprising, 8711 MacArthur Boulevard. At the workshops, which will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., applicants will receive assistance on completing the online process. For more

information on the workshops, please contact Maribel Corral, Recreation Supervisor at (510) 615-5755. For more information on the jobs, 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.

***CORE Emergency Preparedness Training*** – In March and April, CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) 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.

CORE Weekly Series (All classes held at Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard)

- CORE I – Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- CORE II – Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- CORE III A – Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- CORE III B – Tuesday, March 25, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- CORE III C – Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

CORE III Hands-On Training (OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court)

- Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

CORE Citywide 2014 Exercise Skills Workshops (OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court)

- Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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

***Teen Inclusion Dance*** – On Saturday, February 22, the Inclusive Recreation Center hosted a Teen Inclusion Dance at Studio One Art Center. More than 35 participants, ages 13 to 18, came out and enjoyed the dance. Teenagers with special needs and their peers, friends and families enjoyed light refreshments and danced the evening away while a DJ spun tunes. The family friendly event was a great opportunity to socialize with friends and make a few new ones. For more information, please contact Erin Burton, ADA/Inclusion Services, at [eburton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eburton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5980.

***AC-OCAP Offers Free Tax Help, Do-It-Yourself Tax Website*** – Through Tuesday, April 15, Oakland employees and residents earning \$52,000 or less in 2013 can take advantage of the

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and receive free tax preparation services (a \$150 value). Since the April 15 deadline is right around the corner, get started now by visiting <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045642> for a roster of sites where the free tax assistance is provided and a link to the Do-It-Yourself tax preparation website. The free tax preparation program is a service of the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP). For more information, please call (510) 238-2362 or contact Kristian Ongoco, Program Analyst, at [kongoco@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kongoco@oaklandnet.com).

### **Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandums were released in the last week.

***New Rating Methodology*** – This information memorandum provides an overview of the updated rating methodology for local government general obligation bonds that will be used by Moody's Investors Services and Standard and Poor's Rating Services.  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045746>

***Changes to CalPERS Contribution Rates*** – The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide an update on the recent changes approved by the board of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) on February 18.  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045670>

### **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>.

***Free Telescope Viewing*** – Fridays & Saturdays year-round, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. Visitors experience spectacular night sky viewing – weather permitting – through one of the center's telescopes thanks to the volunteers of the East Bay Astronomical Society. Use the outside gate around the back of the center and follow the signs to the observatory entrance gate. For more information, please visit, [www.chabotspace.org/observatories.htm](http://www.chabotspace.org/observatories.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).

***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 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. 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. Oakland 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 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 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 Re-Create 2014 Art Contest And Travelling Exhibition Reception** – Friday, February 28, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Pro Arts Gallery, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Fifteen prizes valued at \$500 will be awarded to student participants of the Oakland Re-Create 2014 Art Contest during the reception. Re-Create is Oakland’s annual recycled art competition, featuring juried works made from discarded and reused materials by Oakland K-12 students, in a creative application of the 4Rs – reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. The Oakland Re-Create 2014 Art Contest and Travelling Exhibition is sponsored by the Public Works Agency and produced by Pro Arts. For additional details on the art contest and the schedule for the travelling exhibition, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/s/GAR/OAK024607>. For more

information, please contact Ferial Mosley, Recycling Specialist, at [fmosley@oaklandnet.com](mailto:fmosley@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7433.

***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 film featuring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck. For more information, please visit [www.paramounttheatre.com](http://www.paramounttheatre.com).

***Let's Make a Mural with Precita Eyes*** – Friday, February 28 & Friday, March 7, 3:30 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271. Oakland teens can learn the collaborative mural process used by San Francisco's acclaimed Precita Eyes muralists. This is a two-week workshop in which participants will develop a theme for the mural, sketch out ideas, compile sketches, outline the images with charcoal and then paint. Over the course of two sessions, students will learn about the community building aspect of painting murals and get hands-on experience creating a lasting work of art for the Oakland Public Library. We encourage youth to come to both sessions to see their finished product. Mural Making is part of a series of urban art workshops co-hosted by Oakland Public Library and the Estria Foundation, which supports artists to create large-scale public art to raise awareness on community and environmental issues. For more information, please contact Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at [asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-7233.

***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.

***Listening Out Loud: Reading and Writing Together*** – Saturday, March 1, 2:00 p.m., Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. All writers are welcome to attend this group writing exercise. Participants will explore five aspects of voice that influence writing and apply that new awareness to writing from a prompt. This program will be led by Valerie Haynes Perry, an award-winning author who has self-published five books. She is a co-founder of Oaktown Writers Collective, the weekly host of Read2U on Blog Talk Radio and the manager of The Word Process Writing-related Resources. For information, please contact Mary Farrell, Branch Manager, at [mfarrell@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:mfarrell@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-7344.

***Melding History with Fiction: The Fugitive King and the Forgotten Queen*** – Saturday, March 1, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Main Library, Magazine and Newspaper Room, 125 14th Street. How does a novelist spin facts into fiction? Find out as historical novelists Gillian Bagwell and Patricia Bracewell discuss the real events behind their books. Gillian Bagwell's *The September Queen* is the gripping tale of 17th century King Charles II and the woman who aided his escape from England after his terrible defeat at the Battle of Worcester. Patricia Bracewell's *Shadow on the Crown* brings to vivid life the 11th century as Emma of Normandy weds a much older English king and must navigate an unfamiliar, treacherous court amid the constant threat of Viking invasion. Books will be available for sale and signing. For more information, please contact Barbara Bibel, Librarian II, at [bbibel@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:bbibel@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3138.

***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.

***Public Meetings at Piedmont Avenue Branch*** – Saturday, March 1, 2:00 p.m. & Monday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., Piedmont Avenue Branch Library, 80 Echo Avenue. The Piedmont Avenue Branch Library will host two public meetings to discuss the branch's hours of service. At these meetings, representatives from Oakland Public Library Administration will provide background on the pilot Monday to Friday schedule, share plans and the timeline for evaluating library use and patron feedback and respond to questions. Please note that, at the time of the March 1 meeting, the library is open for the meeting only. Check-outs and other services will not be available. For more information, please contact Jenera Burton, Branch Manager, at [jburton@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:jburton@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5011.

***Free First Sunday*** – Sunday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. In addition to touring the permanent galleries, participants will enjoy special film exhibitions in the Gallery of California Art focusing on the wonders of the Bay Area *Bay Motion: Capturing San Francisco Bay on Film* and *A Cinematic Study of Fog in San Francisco*. Pick up a treat for yourself or a loved one in the OMCA Store or enjoy a lunch or snack in Blue

Oak Café. Take your pick and join an OMCA Docent for the Architecture Tour at 1:00 p.m., the Gallery of California Art Tour at 2:00 p.m. or the Gallery of California History Tour at 3:00 p.m. Free First Sundays are made possible in part by Wells Fargo. For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org) or call (510) 318-8400.

***TUGO for Monolingual and Socially Isolated Elders*** – Monday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Conference Room #4, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor. 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. 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.

***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.

***The Diva Connection at AAMLO*** – Saturday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, March 15, Noon, African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th Street. In celebration of National Women's History Month, the Friends of AAMLO at Oakland welcome you to join in the fun as legendary divas are appreciated. This will be a two-part miniseries, so come for one or both meetings. The first meeting will be an evening function during which participants will listen to AAMLO's music collection of legendary divas. For the second diva meeting, bring a lunch, relax and enjoy feature films starring legendary divas. For information, please contact Veda Silva, Museum Project Coordinator, at [vsilva@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:vsilva@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 637-0199.

***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).

***Living Museum at North Oakland Senior Center*** – Wednesday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The students from Hoover Elementary School return with their annual Living History Museum. Learn about famous Americans who were preeminent in their fields. Enter the center from 58th Street. For more information, please contact Mary Norton, Senior Center Director, at [mnorton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mnorton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 597-5085.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, March 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).

***CORE 2014 Citywide Exercise Skills Workshop*** – Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Oakland Fire Department Training Division, 250 Victory Court. This workshop will feature a brief orientation highlighting important changes in the 2014 Citywide Exercise, a disaster First Aid skills refresher, Moulage: How to simulate realistic disaster injuries using stage make-up and simple techniques and radio games to learn and practice basic radio communication skills using FRS or GMRS radios. The Citywide Exercise Skills Workshop is a special event to help neighborhood groups prepare for the Citywide Exercise on Saturday, April 26. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandcore.org](http://www.oaklandcore.org) or (510) 238-6351.

***Temescal Branch Library Fix-It Clinic*** – Saturday, March 15, 12:15 - 2:45 p.m., Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. Bring your broken, non-functioning things – electronics, appliances, computers, toys, etc. – for assessment, disassembly and possible repair. Workspace, specialty tools and guidance will be provided to help you disassemble and troubleshoot your device. Whether the broken item is fixed or not, participants will learn more about how it was put together and how it worked. This is a family-friendly event; children are heartily invited. Get help from East Bay Fix-it coaches led by Peter Mui and his colleagues. This

event is hosted jointly by the Temescal Branch Library and the Temescal Tool Lending Library. For more information, please contact Steve Lavoie, Branch Manager, at [slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5049.

***Homebuyer Workshop*** – Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Hearing Room #3, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The city sponsors a free, two-evening workshop each month to educate prospective homebuyers about the home-buying process, including mortgage financing, working with realtors, property selection and the responsibilities of ownership. There is a special emphasis on Oakland area housing assistance programs designed to assist low- and moderate-income homebuyers. Open to attendees currently residing in any city. Space is limited and advance enrollment is required. To register, please call (510) 238-7486.

***Allendale Recreation Soccer Explosion*** – Saturdays from March 15 through April 19, Various Game Times, Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter Street. Designed for recreational players, the youth soccer program invites boys and girls to join in the fun. Age divisions will be Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, 3rd to 5th Grades and 6th to 8th Grades. The pre-registration deadline is Saturday, March 8. For more information, please contact George Henderson, Program Director, at [ghenderson@oaklandnet.com](mailto:ghenderson@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5635.

***Jazz at the Chimes*** – Sunday, March 16, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. Grupo Falso Baiano performs a blend of traditional Brazilian choro music with modern influences of jazz, flamenco and samba. For more information, please visit [www.jazzatthechimes.com](http://www.jazzatthechimes.com) or call (510) 654-0123.

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, March 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).

***Rhythms for Live & Love*** – Saturday, March 22, 8:00 p.m., Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Avenue. The Oakland Jazz Choir presents a concert with special artists Kenny Washington. For more information, please visit [www.ojcrhythmslifelove.eventbrite.com](http://www.ojcrhythmslifelove.eventbrite.com).

***5th Anniversary Oakland Running Festival*** – Sunday, March 23, 7:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Snow Park, 19th Street at Harrison. Oakland's premier running event returns with a marathon, half-marathon, four-person relay, 5K and Kids Fun Run. Races begin and end near Snow Park. More than 10,000 entrants are expected in the five races. In addition to cheering on the runners, spectators can enjoy live music (from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and fun activities at the Celebration Village in Snow Park. The awards ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Preceding the races, the Health and Fitness Expo will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March

22 at the Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway. Volunteer opportunities exist on both Saturday and Sunday. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandmarathon.com](http://www.oaklandmarathon.com).

***Nominations Deadline For Mother Of The Year*** – Friday, April 4, Noon. Adults, seniors, local business, community groups, professional associations, government agencies and service-related organizations are invited to nominate a candidate for the coveted Mother of the Year 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 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 Oakland Parks and Recreation Director, at (510) 238-6495.

Respectfully submitted,

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