



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Fred Blackwell

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: March 7, 2014

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

State of the City Address – On Thursday, March 6, Oakland Mayor Jean Quan delivered her third annual State of the City address from Council Chambers in Oakland City Hall. The address was cablecast live on KTOP TV-10 and streamed live on the Web. The overflow audience filled Council Chambers and several Hearing Rooms on the first floor of City Hall. The address centered on Mayor Quan's highest priorities: public safety and economic development. She took stock of the City's progress in 2013 and set strong goals for the coming year. While gun violence took a major decline in 2013, the work to make Oakland safer for everyone is far from done. Mayor Quan outlined specific strategies for strengthening prevention and law enforcement efforts through increasing resources, following through on strategies that are already proven successful and strengthening relationships between police and the community. With major development projects, growing local businesses and an expanding economy bringing thousands of jobs into Oakland, Mayor Quan announced new initiatives that will work to push those jobs into neighborhoods where unemployment is especially high. This is critical to breaking cycles of generational poverty, which in turn will increase public safety and facilitate swifter, stronger economic development. To view the State of the City 2013 Report that accompanied the address, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/Mayor/OAK045888> or download it at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045899>. To watch the video of the address online, please visit www.oaklandnet.com. KTOP TV-10 will replay the address on Saturday, March 8 at 3:30 p.m. and Monday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

City Seeks Public Input on DAC Privacy Policy Framework – On Thursday, March 13, the City of Oakland will hold the second public comment meeting on the City-Port Domain Awareness Center (DAC) Privacy and Data Retention Policy Framework from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. Based on testimony received at City Council Meetings and in writing, staff prepared this framework for discussion and public comment and the input received during this and subsequent meetings will be incorporated into the draft policy that will be forwarded to the City Council for review. To view a copy of the policy, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045549>. For questions about the meeting or the draft framework, please contact Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator, at jdevries@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3083.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery – On Sunday, March 9, when you move the clocks in your home ahead for Daylight Savings, also change the battery in smoke detectors throughout your home. A working smoke detector can alert you to the danger of a fire in your home, saving the lives of you and your loved ones. Two out of three fire-related deaths result from homes without a working smoke detector. The peak times for home fire deaths are between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when most people are sleeping. Remember to test your alarms once a month to ensure they are working properly. A chirping sound from the alarm means that the battery needs replacing. Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside of every interior door and on every floor of your home. For more information, please contact Karen Cox, Fire Prevention Education Coordinator, at kcox@oaklandnet.com.

Parole/Probation Compliance Check Nets Illegal Weapons, Eight Arrests – On Wednesday, February 26, the Oakland Police Department, in partnership with the Alameda County Probation Department, Alameda County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Task Force, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the U.S. Marshals Service performed over 70 compliance checks of persons on probation and parole throughout Oakland. The checks were conducted with the intent of making sure that subjects were in compliance with the terms of their probation/parole and locating individuals whose probation/parole had been revoked. In all, four firearms were recovered and seven men and one woman were arrested for failing to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in their probation or parole. The Oakland Police Department is fortunate and grateful to have the partnering agencies available to share resources and assist us in removing dangerous weapons and dangerous persons from our communities. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPD Search Warrant Results in Arrest, Narcotics and Guns Recovery – On Tuesday, February 25, at about 4:45 a.m., the Oakland Police Department's Area 5 Crime Reduction Team (CRT 5) partnered with the department's Tactical Operations Team to execute a search warrant at a residence located in the 1900 block of 87th Avenue. The warrant was obtained in response to information the Crime Reduction Team had obtained during an investigation. The search resulted in the arrest of two suspects and recovery of three illegally possessed firearms, illegally possessed ammunition and marijuana. One of the adults was arrested for being a felon in possession of an illegally loaded firearm. Oakland Police Crime Reduction Teams focus on making positive impacts through proactive investigations and intelligence-based policing. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPD Shares Tips on Dealing with Suspicious Solicitors – On Thursday, February 27, Area 2 Commander Anthony Toribio sent a safety message regarding suspicious solicitors out to the Adams Point neighborhood on Nextdoor, a new social networking site that links people within neighborhoods. To see the tips on what to do if someone suspicious approaches your home, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045961>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Public Works Storm Report – From Wednesday, February 26 to Tuesday, March 4, the Public Works Agency's Call Center received 24 storm-related service requests.

Storm Drainage

- 14 storm drains that were clogged which caused flooding
- Four storm drains clogged that did not cause any flooding

Tree Services

- Two trees down

City Facilities

- Four incidents of structural issues, many resulting from ceil/roof leaks.

The Public Works Agency also supplied residents and businesses with 582 sandbags and 239 feet of plastic sheeting. To learn more about the availability of sandbags and plastic sheeting as well as volunteer opportunities to prevent flooding during rainy weather, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK043855>. To adopt one or more of the City's more than 10,000 storm drains, volunteers can visit adoptadrainoakland.com. To report storm related damage or any other City infrastructure service requests, please use the mobile app SeeClickFix or contact the Public Works Call Center at pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5566.

OPL To Examine Its Own Past In Three Upcoming Branch History Talks – In March, the Oakland Public Library (OPL) will host three talks to examine and discuss the history of each respective branch. The dates and locations are:

- Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m., Montclair Branch, 1687 Mountain Boulevard
- Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m., Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue
- Monday, March 31, 6:00 p.m., Brookfield Branch, 9255 Edes Avenue

Dorothy Lazard and Kathleen DiGiovanni, librarians from the Oakland History Room, will present the talks. Ms. Lazard will cover Brookfield Branch history and Ms. DiGiovanni will give talks at Dimond and Montclair branches. This is a rare opportunity to learn more about neighborhood libraries and their rich history. Out of all 18 Oakland Public Library locations, these three branches were chosen for special history events because they are each scheduled to undergo some improvements over the next one to two years. Funded by private donations, the interior improvements are expected to make these locations more welcoming to the public. As OPL looks ahead to improving its facilities, it is appropriate to examine each location's past. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org or contact Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6572.

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:

- 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

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 (EMSD).

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

- 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 Workshops

- Citywide 2014 Skills Exercise, Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court
- CORE Command Post Tabletop Exercise Workshop, Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., EMSD Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

These classes are a great way to prepare for the 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 or call (510) 238-6351.

OPD Harnessing the Power of Social Media – On Thursday, February 27, the *San Francisco Chronicle* published an article by Will Kane entitled, “Oakland police use Twitter to fight crime, tweet by tweet.” The article highlighted how the Oakland Police Department (OPD) is using social media to strengthen its relationship with the community and some of the changes that social media has begun to make in Oakland policing. The story focuses on how OPD is now able to alert a sizable community of Twitter, Nixle, Nextdoor and other social media users and request their help in solving crimes – and recent successes. From crime alerts on Nixle to quick tweets regarding anything from recruiting opportunities to descriptions of vehicles and suspects, OPD is becoming more accessible. Participation on the part of the community has helped police make arrests and solve cases. To read the article, please visit <http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Oakland-police-use-Twitter-to-fight-crime-tweet-5271448.php>. To find out how you can receive alerts and participate with OPD, please visit www.oaklandpolice.com and review the options under Connect in the left hand navigation. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPD Outreach in Chinese-Language Media – On Saturday, February 22, the *World Journal*, a local Chinese-language paper, published an interview of Oakland Police Department (OPD) Area 3 Commander Captain Rick Orozco by reporter Jessica Chen. Captain Orozco spoke about the importance of community trust and engagement and provided safety tips to the Chinese-language community. He stressed that one of the best ways to increase security is to become involved with your community, such as participating in neighborhood crime prevention meetings. He also reminded *World Journal* readers that Oakland is a sanctuary city: regardless of immigration

status, people can report problems or get help from the police without fear. OPD officers will not investigate immigration status. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

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.

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.

Bites in Uptown – First Fridays, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., 478 25th Street. New event featuring Oakland's best mobile food including Go Streatery, Fist of Flour Pizza Company, Beulah's Bean

Truck, Ñora Mobile Spanish Cuisine & Catering, Sanguchon Peruvian Food Truck, Sunrise Deli and Tante's. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/events/1463483620546961.

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.

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.

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.

Sunday in the Park with George Seurat – Through 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.

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 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.

Oakland Re-Create 2014 Art Contest Travelling Exhibition – March & April, Various Hours, Five Branch Library locations. Select artwork pieces created during Oakland Re-Create, an annual recycled art competition, will be displayed at the 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue; Asian Branch Library, 388 9th Street, Suite 190; Cesar Chavez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street; Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Avenue and Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. Oakland K-12 students made the artwork from discarded and reused materials, 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 or (510) 238-7433.

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.

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 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 or call (510) 532-9142.

Let’s Make a Mural with Precita Eyes – 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 the second in 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 or (510) 238-7233.

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.

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 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 or (510) 637-0199.

Youth Poetry Workshop: Show, Don't Tell – Sunday, March 9, 1:30 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. As part of the build-up for this year's Youth Poet Laureate Contest, the Oakland Public Library is hosting a series of writing workshops for youth (ages 13 to 18). Contest entry not required to attend workshops. In this month's workshop, "Show, Don't Tell," we will look at what brings writing to life, such as how to link images and take your writing to the next level and how to take your audience on a journey with you. This workshop will help writers avoid abstractions and get down to concrete storytelling. Mg Roberts will be the facilitator. For more information, please contact Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7233.

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.

Theater of the Oppressed: Workshops for Youth – Tuesday, March 11, 4:00 p.m., Main Library Teen Zone, 125 14th Street. BAY-Peace youth-led Theater of the Oppressed workshops (aka "Rehearsal for the Revolution") offer Oakland youth a chance to draw on personal experiences in a safe and playful environment. Teens will be invited to step out of their comfort zone and bring their mind, heart and body into play, exploring strategies to transform the injustice and violence that impact our lives. Laughter and empowerment are guaranteed. For more information, please contact BAY-Peace at (510) 863-1737 or baypeace@baypeace.org or Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7233.

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 or (510) 597-5085.

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Mayor's Town Hall Meeting in Police Area 5 – Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Castlemont High School, 8601 MacArthur Boulevard. Join Mayor Jean Quan, Interim Police Chief Sean Whent and OUSD Superintendent Gary Yee in a conversation on Public Safety in Oakland. Over the last year, Oakland has been transforming its police services by creating neighborhood-level geographic accountability, implementing Ceasefire and hiring more officers. The next phase of Public Safety planning begins now with a series of town hall meetings in each Police Area to gather community feedback and work together to grow police-community collaboration. Key topics will include how we strengthen community policing, how we can work with our schools and how we can improve employment opportunities. The town hall meetings are open to all members of our community, regardless of which Police Area they reside or work in. Free childcare will be provided. To view a flyer with all of the meeting dates, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045751>. For more information, please contact Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator, at jdevries@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3083.

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 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 or (510) 597-5049.

How Couples Cope With Illness – Saturday, March 15, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, 125 14th Street. What can you do when someone you love is very ill? How will the illness affect your relationship? How much are you willing to do? How will it change both your lives? Barbara Kivowitz, a therapist and consultant who works with couples, will discuss her work and her book, *In Sickness As In Health*, which she co-authored with medical writer Roanne Weisman. Come and learn how others have coped with chronic illness and how you can adapt. For more information, please contact Barbara Bibel, Librarian II, at bbibel@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3138.

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 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 sambo. For more information, please visit www.jazzatthechimes.com or call (510) 654-0123.

How Oakland Changed the Face of Sports – Thursday, March 20, 6:00 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. What makes Oakland such a fertile breeding ground for world-class athletes? Local author Paul Brekke-Miesner will answer that question as he presents his new book, *Home Field Advantage: Oakland, the City that Changed the Face of Sports*. Covering decades of athletic activity in Oakland schools and recreational clubs, this book highlights scores of unsung and famous athletes and coaches who have made the city a great sports town. For more information, please contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3222.

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.

Oakland Wiki Edit Party – Saturday, March 22, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, Oakland History Room, 125 14th Street. Oakland Wiki is a community website about Oakland that anybody can contribute to. The Oakland Public Library is hosting a series of neighborhood “edit parties” where Oakland Wiki volunteers will help people share what they know about Oakland. It’s very easy; no computer experience necessary. You can add information about a variety of subjects relating to Oakland: your neighborhood, family history, cultural events, fun things to do and anything else you think other people should know about Oakland. Another Oakland Wiki Edit Party is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, at 81st Avenue Branch, 1021 81st Avenue. April events will also be announced soon. For more information, please contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3222.

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.

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.

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

8th Annual Oakland Indie Awards Nominations Deadline – Friday, March 28, 11:59 p.m. Nominations are now open for the Oakland Indie Awards, which celebrate local businesses and artist that keep Oakland fresh, forward and enterprising. Nominate your favorite business or artist for a chance to win. Award categories include Oakland Soul, Ripple Effect, Innovative

Newcomer, Greenie, Social Changemaker, Pillar and Job Creator. For more information, please visit <http://fs8.formsite.com/onecal/indies/index.html>. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony on Friday, May 30, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Kaiser Center Rooftop Garden, 300 Lakeside Drive. Advance discount tickets are available through May 29 at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-annual-oakland-indie-awards-tickets-10666910015>.

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. For more information, contact Dana Riley, Assistant to the Oakland Parks and Recreation Director, at (510) 238-6495.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 4, 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.

Mayor's Town Hall Meeting in Police Area 4 – Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fremont High School, 4610 Foothill Boulevard. Join Mayor Jean Quan, Interim Police Chief Sean Whent and OUSD Superintendent Gary Yee in a conversation on Public Safety in Oakland. Over the last year, Oakland has been transforming its police services by creating neighborhood-level geographic accountability, implementing Ceasefire and hiring more officers. The next phase of Public Safety planning begins now with a series of town hall meetings in each Police Area to gather community feedback and work together to grow police-community collaboration. Key topics will include how we strengthen community policing, how we can work with our schools and how we can improve employment opportunities. The town hall meetings are open to all members of our community, regardless of which Police Area they reside or work in. Free childcare will be provided. To view a flyer with all of the meeting dates, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045751>. For more information, please contact Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator, at jdevries@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3083.

EarthEXPO – Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. The Public Works Agency will host the annual environmental fair highlighting transportation, environmental health, waste reduction, water, energy, urban design, nature and community themes. Over 80 exhibitors will gather to showcase their contributions for a sustainable environment to an estimated 2,000 attendees. Last year, attendees lined up at the local eats food vendors to enjoy delicious fresh, local lunch menus and hundreds of event participants explored the event using the “Close the Loop” walking tours. The walking tours

suggested linkages between exhibitors and offered free giveaways to attendees who visited a series of booths on one of the designated loops. For more information, please visit www.oaklandearthexpo.com or email earthexpo@oaklandnet.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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