



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Fred Blackwell

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

**DATE:** March 14, 2014

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Oakland Parks and Recreation Part-time Summer Employment Opportunities*** – Through Monday, 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 Saturday, March 15, at Youth Uprising, 8711 MacArthur Boulevard. At the workshop, 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.

***Massive Brooklyn Basin Project Breaks Ground*** – On Thursday, March 13, Mayor Jean Quan joined representatives from the Signature Development Group and Zarsion America to mark the ground breaking for the Brooklyn Basin project on the shores of the Oakland Estuary, just south of Jack London Square. More than 12 years in the making, the \$1.5 billion project will ultimately build 3,100 waterfront housing units, including 400 designated as affordable housing. The project will also include new retail space and parkland as well as wetland restoration. Kick started by an injection of capital by Chinese investor Zarsion Holdings, the project's strong local hire agreements will mean jobs for local residents. This project, one of the largest private investments in Oakland's history, will propel Mayor Quan's recently announced 10K Two plan. For more information, please contact Gregory Hunter at [GHunter@oaklandnet.com](mailto:GHunter@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2992.

***Neighborhood Champions Awards Ceremony*** – On Saturday, March 8, the Oakland Police Foundation, in coordination with the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Make Oakland Better Now!, recognized members of law enforcement, the clergy, and outreach and human services workers during the Neighborhood Champions Awards Ceremony. Honorees have worked strategically in making an effort to lower the violence in East Oakland. Violent crime is down in East Oakland neighborhoods thanks to community members working in partnership with the Oakland Police Department (OPD) and other agencies to remove the most violent offenders and keep them off the streets. The awards ceremony, honoring those who exemplify community policing partnerships, was held at Acts Full Gospel Church at 1034 66th Avenue. Among the honorees were Captain Kirk Coleman, District 5 Commander; Captain Ersie Joyner, III, who manages the OPD Ceasefire and Compstat programs; Sergeants Kevin Reed and Frederick Shavies; Lieutenant Trevelyon Jones; Project Ceasefire Manager Reygan Harmon; Crime Analyst Andrea Van Peteghem; and the following officers: Jose Barocio, Daniel Bruce, Ross Curtin, Eric Karsseboom, Christophe Marie, Richard Niven, Jeffrey Smoak, Jurrell Snyder, Anthony Tedesco and Steve Valle. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Town Hall Meetings*** – From March through June, the City of Oakland is hosting a series of town hall meetings. 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 meeting in Police Area 1 was held on Saturday, February 22. Upcoming town hall meetings are:

- Police Area 5 – Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Castlemont High School, 8601 MacArthur Boulevard
- Police Area 4 - Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fremont High School, 4610 Foothill Boulevard
- Police Area 3 - Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Bret Harte Middle School, 3700 Coolidge Avenue
- Police Area 2 - Saturday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

The town hall meetings are open to all members of our community, regardless of which Police Area they reside or work in. All locations are wheelchair accessible. Please refrain from wearing scented products to these meetings. Free childcare will be provided. To request interpretation services in other languages, please contact Brett Badelle at least five days prior to the meeting date at (510) 238-7914 or [bbadelle@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bbadelle@oaklandnet.com). To request a sign language interpreter or any other disability accommodation, please contact Joe DeVries at [jdevries@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jdevries@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3083. To view a flyer on the meetings, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045751>. For more information on the series of town hall

meetings, please contact Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator, at [jdevries@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jdevries@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3083.

***City To Host Workshop On The 'California Competes' Tax Credit Program*** – On Thursday, March 20, the City of Oakland will host the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) for a regional workshop on the 'California Competes' Tax Credit Program. The workshop will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Small, medium and large businesses are encouraged to attend the workshop and receive instruction on how to apply for this new State of California tax credit program. The 'California Competes' Tax Credit Program, one of three recently approved state incentives, provides upwards of \$180 million in tax credits over the next two years for businesses of all sizes that want to expand or relocate to California. The program sets aside 25% of the annual allocation to small businesses. Businesses are encouraged to come learn how their business can apply for new tax credits. To learn additional details on the 'California Competes' program and the incentives offered, please visit the Go-Biz website at <http://business.ca.gov/>. To register for the workshop, please visit <http://bit.ly/1IBwIRU>. For more information, please contact Susana Villarreal, Enterprise Zone Coordinator, at [svillarreal@oaklandnet.com](mailto:svillarreal@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7794.

***Police To Shave Heads To Raise Money During St. Baldrick's Shave-a-thon*** – On Saturday, March 15, the St. Baldrick's 7th Annual fundraiser will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Children's Hospital & Research Center Outpatient Center Atrium, 744 52nd Street. The friendly competition will see teams raising money to help battle childhood cancer. The Oakland Police Department team will be shedding curly locks of hair to stand in solidarity with the children who have lost their hair as a result of their cancer treatment. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding promising research in the search to cure childhood cancer. To make a donation, please visit [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org). To donate to the OPD Team, please visit <http://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/91051/2014>. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Two Arrested for Credit Card Fraud*** – On Saturday, March 8, Oakland Police officers were called to a motel in the 100 block of E. 12th Street to investigate a report of credit card fraud. Officers discovered that two separate rooms were rented with the unauthorized use of a credit card. Officers spoke with two men associated with the room rentals and discovered that both were on probation. The officers found and confiscated materials used to alter and create fictitious documents and arrested both men in connection with credit card fraud. The Oakland Police Department (OPD) works in partnership with the Bay Area Identity Theft Task Force, which is comprised of several local and federal law enforcement agencies. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact OPD's Fraud Investigators at (510) 238-3779. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Open Houses at Head Start and Early Head Start Sites*** – Running from Friday, March 14 through Friday, March 28, each Head Start and Early Head Start site will host an open house

where they provide free, quality Infant/Toddler development and pre-school programs. For specific dates, times and locations, please view the open house flyer at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046020>. For more information, please contact Germaine Davis, Head Start Program Coordinator, at [gdavis@oaklandnet.com](mailto:gdavis@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6120.

***San Francisco Flower and Garden Show*** – From Thursday, March 19 to Sunday, March 23, the City of Oakland's Pollinator Posse will be the featured table at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show in San Mateo. The table will highlight how the Oakland Public Works Agency is implementing innovative green strategies to help native bees and other pollinators in gardens and medians around the city. Public Works staff will be on hand to answer questions about how Oakland is partnering with non-profits and volunteers to help protect native pollinators. For more information, please contact Victoria "Tora" Rocha, Park Supervisor, at [vrocha@oaklandnet.com](mailto:vrocha@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3208.

***City of Oakland and Children's Fairyland Partner to Celebrate Trees on Arbor Day*** – On Saturday, March 15, Oakland Public Works Agency and Children's Fairyland will celebrate Arbor Day. Join families, tree enthusiasts, arborists, tree inspectors and special performers at the beloved theme park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to give much-needed loving care and maintenance to over 100 large trees in this special part of Oakland's urban forest. The theme park is located at 699 Bellevue Avenue. There will be a special performance by Timmy Womick's renowned Tree Circus. Children will have the opportunity to climb trees like the pros, build birdhouses and bee-hotels, learn how to compost and witness live demonstrations on wood milling. The event promises to be a perfect fusion of community action and environmental education for every age. The benefits of Arbor Day go far beyond the shade and beauty of new trees for the next generation. This celebration offers an opportunity to involve community leaders, students and children in the continued interest and education of urban forestry and maintenance. Arbor Day is one of many ways the City of Oakland works to maintain its status as a sustainable and green city. Trees are essential to Oakland's urban ecosystem, working to improve our environment every day. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046057>. For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at [kshaff@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kshaff@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2966.

***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 about one month away, so 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).

***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:

- 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.

***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 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

- 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
- Citywide 2014 Skills Exercise, Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court (**Please note new date and time.**)

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

***Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement*** – During the week of March 17, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Program Analyst I
- Equipment Supervisor

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

### **Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandum was issued in the last week:

***Update to the CAO Organizational Chart and Functional Oversight Changes*** – This informational memorandum is a follow-up to the CAO Organization Chart distributed on Monday, this informational memorandum provides further update to both City Administrator's organizational chart (Attachment A) and the functional oversight chart (Attachment B).  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046101>

***CAO Organizational Chart and Functional Oversight Changes*** – This informational memorandum provides an overview regarding the City Administrator's Office functional oversight of management and day-to-day operations of the City.  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046013>

### **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.

***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](http://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](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).

***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.

***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](mailto:fmosley@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7433.

***Exit From Anonymous*** – Through Saturday, April 26, Various Hours, Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street. In celebration of International Women's Month, this group exhibition of seven women artists marches out of the silence of anonymous creator to major contributors to the arts. For more information, please visit [www.joycegordongallery.com](http://www.joycegordongallery.com).

***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.

**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).

***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](mailto:jdevries@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3083.

***The Diva Connection at AAMLO*** – Saturday, March 15, Noon, African American Museum and 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 is the second event of a two-part miniseries. 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.

***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.

***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](mailto:bbibel@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3138.

***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.

***Oakland Women's History Walk*** – Sunday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, City Hall front steps, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. This guided tour offers a glimpse into the lives of women who helped shape Oakland. The tour, presented by the Oakland Tours Program and Oakland Urban Paths, will conclude at the Camron Stanford House. For more information, please call (510) 238-3234.

***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](http://www.jazzatthechimes.com) or call (510) 654-0123.

***Branch History Talk*** – Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m., Montclair Branch Library, 1687 Mountain Boulevard. Kathleen DiGiovanni, librarian from the Oakland History Room, will present a talk that examines and discusses the history of the Montclair Branch Library. This is a rare opportunity to learn more about this neighborhood library and its rich history. Out of all 18 Oakland Public Library locations, 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. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org) or contact Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at [sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6572.

***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.

***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](mailto: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](mailto:fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com).

***Oakland School of the Arts Classical Concert*** – Friday, March 21, 7:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Middle and high school students from the School of Dance at the Oakland School of the Arts will present their only dance concert of the year. This free event highlights the rising talent nurtured within Oakland. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 238-7221.

***Mixed Media Story Quilts Exhibition & Panel Discussion*** – Saturday, March 22, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street. This event looks at the contributions made by African American women in Northern California to the Civil Rights movement. For more information, please call (510) 637-0200.

***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](mailto:dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3222.

***Moving Stories of the Great Migration*** – Saturday, March 22, 6:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. Celebrate World Storytelling Day as participants in Peralta Hacienda’s multi-year project to explore Oakland black identities and memories share and confide their stories. Rick Moss, Chief Curator at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, will moderate the program. For more information, please visit [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org) or call (510) 532-9142.

***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).

**Spring Dance Session** – Monday, March 24 to Saturday, May 3, Various Hours, East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue. The Introductory School of Dance will hold classes on Mondays to Saturdays during the Spring Dance Session. All Classes meet once a week for five weeks. All ages, from three to Adult, are encouraged to register for Movement Classes, which includes dance, gymnastics and martial arts. For more information, please contact Martha L. Zepeda, Recreation Program Director of Cultural Arts, at [mzepeda@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mzepeda@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5838.

**Branch History Talk** – Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m., Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. Kathleen DiGiovanni, librarian from the Oakland History Room, will present a talk that examines and discusses the history of the Dimond Branch Library. This is a rare opportunity to learn more about this neighborhood library and its rich history. Out of all 18 Oakland Public Library locations, 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. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org) or contact Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at [sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6572.

**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](mailto: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>.

**Branch History Talk** – Monday, March 31, 6:00 p.m., Brookfield Branch Library, 9255 Edes Avenue. Dorothy Lazard, librarian from the Oakland History Room, will present a talk that examines and discusses the history of the Brookfeild Branch Library. This is a rare opportunity to learn more about this neighborhood library and its rich history. Out of all 18 Oakland Public Library locations, 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. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org) or contact Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at [sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6572.

***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.

***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](mailto: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](mailto:jdevries@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3083.

***4th Annual Cambodian New Year Celebration*** – Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. This free event will feature food, music, dance, arts & crafts, traditional Cambodian games and more. For more information, please visit [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org) or call (510) 532-9142.

***Teen Inclusion Dance*** – Saturday, April 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. The event is a night of fun and dance with a DJ and friends. This party is open to all teens.

Parents and older siblings are encouraged to assist with special needs and to party along. Refreshments will be provided. A \$10 fee per family or group will be charged at the door. For more information, please contact Erin Burton, Recreation Specialist II for ADA Inclusion, at [eburton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eburton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5980.

***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](http://www.oaklandearthexpo.com) or email [earthexpo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:earthexpo@oaklandnet.com).

***Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show*** – Thursday, April 10 to Sunday, April 13, Various Hours, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. From boating newbies to seasoned sailors, participants immerse themselves at the West Coast's largest all-sail boat show. In addition to checking out the new sailboats, folks can talk to experts, participate in hands-on seminars and get out on the water. For more information, please visit [www.strictlysailpacific.com](http://www.strictlysailpacific.com).

***Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing Night Walk*** – Friday, April 11, 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).

***Jack of All Trades Market*** – Saturday, April 12, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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