



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Fred Blackwell

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

**DATE:** March 28, 2014

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***OPD Renders Life-Saving CPR*** – On Saturday, March 22 at 10:10 a.m., Oakland Police officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 2300 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Officers and crime scene technician Katharine Potter arrived on scene and located the victim, who was lying face down on the street suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Officer Michael Morse and Technician Potter assessed the victim, who was unresponsive and bleeding from the mouth. Feeling a weak pulse, they rolled him over and immediately began to render first aid/CPR. Morse held the victim's mouth open, in attempt to gain an airway passage, while Potter began giving chest compressions. The two continued to give CPR until paramedics arrived, set up their equipment and were able to take over. The victim was transported to a local hospital. Officer Karl Templeman followed the victim to the hospital to get an update on his condition and learned that he was in stable condition after surgery. A nurse advised Officer Templeman that the on-scene CPR rendered by Officer Morse and Ms. Potter most likely saved the victim's life. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Burglars Arrested*** – On Sunday, March 23 at 8:48 a.m., Oakland Police officers responded to a call of a burglary in progress in the 6200 block of Harmon Avenue. Upon arrival, the officers located the two suspects, a man and a woman. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the suspects were loading the stolen property into a stolen vehicle. The officers arrested both suspects in connection with the burglary, the stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***OPR Spring Break Day Camps*** – From Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18, Oakland Unified School District students will be on Spring Break and the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting Spring Break Day Camps at various centers throughout Oakland. For more information, please contact the recreation center of your choice directly.

- Ages 5 to 12, Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street, (510) 597-5094
- Ages 5 to 12, Manzanita Recreation Center , 2701 22nd Avenue, (510) 535-5625
- Ages 5 to 13, Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 East 15th Street, (510) 238-7741
- Ages 5 to 16, Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5959
- Ages 8 to 18, East Oakland Sports Center, 9161 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5838
- Ages 9 to 16, Rainbow Recreation Center, 5800 International Boulevard, (510) 615-5751
- Ages 11 to 18, Inclusive Recreation, 7701 Krause Avenue, (510) 615-5980

For more information including rates, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks).

**EarthEXPO** – On Wednesday, April 9, the Oakland Public Works Department will host its annual EarthEXPO in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. Running from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the environmental fair highlighting transportation, environmental health, waste reduction, water, energy, urban design, nature and community themes. This year, the event will focus on water conservation and protection - every drop counts. Over 80 exhibitors will gather to showcase their contributions for a sustainable environment to an estimated 2,000 attendees. EarthEXPO is a great place to connect with environmental and community groups, green businesses and artists; learn environmental tips; participate in hands-on activities; pick up great giveaway items and enjoy delicious food. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandearthexpo.com](http://www.oaklandearthexpo.com) or email [earthexpo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:earthexpo@oaklandnet.com).

**A's Spirit Week** – From Monday, March 31 through Monday, April 7, A's Spirit Week will galvanize the Oakland community and show support of the Oakland A's. The A's play their home opener on March 31 against the Cleveland Indians at O.co Coliseum. Everyone plays an important role ensuring Spirit Week's success.

- AC Transit bus headers will read "Go A's"
- The Oakland International Airport will swap out the curbside lights with green & gold bulbs
- Oakland City Hall, the historic Tribune Tower, hotels and other landmark buildings will be adorned with A's flags
- The tops of Oakland City Hall and the Tribune Tower will be bathed in green lights
- Hotel staff, from doormen to front desk staff, will wear A's caps
- Local restaurants will be offering specials for patrons wearing A's gear.

A's Spirit Week is a collaborative campaign by Visit Oakland and the City of Oakland to cheer on the 2013 MLB American League West Division Champions as they start the 2014 season. For additional information, please visit <http://visitoakland.org/blog/lets-go-oakland>.

**Area 2's Lieutenant Bolton Honored For Social Media Leadership** – On Thursday, March 20, Lieutenant Christopher Bolton was honored by ASIS International, an international security group, for his leadership in expanding the Oakland Police Department's (OPD's) use of social media technology. Lt. Bolton has been a leading proponent of the use of social media tools to increase communication within the department and with the community to build relationships and create an information highway. It was only two years ago, during the Oikos critical incident,

that his mind was changed regarding the value of social media. Using Twitter and Nixle to push out updates, quiet rumors and send emergency alerts throughout the day, a two-person media team – Lt. Bolton and Public Information Officer Johnna Watson – was able to respond to media and keep the community informed. The experience convinced Bolton of the power of social media technology. Since that day, Lt. Bolton has worked tirelessly to make the tool of social media more broadly available to officers and the community. He trains users within the department and is considered OPD's social media subject matter expert. OPD now has a Twitter presence, a Facebook page, a Nixle connection and Nextdoor links to 127 neighborhoods in Oakland. All of these create positive engagement with the community and even help solve crimes. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***Just Two More Weeks To Apply For The Youth Poet Laureate Contest*** – Monday, April 7, is the application deadline for the 3rd Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate contest. Youth, ages 13 to 18, who live or attend school in Oakland are invited to apply. The winning poet will earn a \$5,000 educational scholarship and embark on a year of opportunities as an ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. Spearheaded by Oakland Public Library, Youth Speaks and Pro Arts, with help from a broad group of community partners, the contest seeks young writers who represent the best of the Bay. For contest rules, FAQs and the application, please visit <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate>. For more information, please contact Amy Sonnie, Teen Outreach Librarian, at [asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:asonnie@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-7233.

***Celebrate the Season with OPR Spring Egg Hunts*** – Continuing through April, the Oakland Parks & Recreation Department (OPR) is hosting various Spring Egg Hunt events at participating recreation centers. Participants will enjoy candy, jelly beans, chocolate eggs and egg hunting fun. For more information, please contact the recreation center of your choice directly.

Friday, April 11

- 11:00 a.m. - Noon, FM Smith Recreation Center, 1969 Park Boulevard, (510) 238-7742
- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Bushrod Recreation Center, 560 59th Street, (510) 597-5031

Saturday, April 12

- Noon - 5:00 p.m., Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5959

Friday, April 18

- 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street, (510) 597-5042
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street, (510) 597-5032
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue, (510) 535-5625

Saturday, April 19

- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Sheffield Village Recreation Center, 247 Marlow Drive, (510) 638-7190
- 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue, (510) 535-5631

- Noon - 3:00 p.m., Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, (510) 615-5555
- Noon - 3:00 p.m., Tassafaronga Recreation Center, 975 85th Avenue, (510) 615-5764
- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street, (510) 597-5038

Sunday, April 20

- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 E 15th Street, (510) 238-7741
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Avenue, (510) 482-0422

For more information, please visit <http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks>.

***Launch Of The Oakland Public-Private Partnership & Workshop For Business On How To Prepare For Disasters*** – On Thursday, April 3, the City of Oakland's Emergency Management Services Division and Economic & Workforce Development Department invite local business partners to attend an afternoon workshop to launch a partnership to improve pre-disaster planning, disaster response, resource donations and economic recovery. When disasters strike, businesses need information to make critical continuity and safety decisions, and often want to help, but may not know how. Assisting the City of Oakland, the California Resiliency Alliance (CRA) will conduct this free workshop on public-private sector collaboration and how collaboration will facilitate economic and community resiliency. The workshop will be held at the East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) Headquarters' Board Room, 375 11th Street. Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. and the workshop will run from 1:15 to 4:45 p.m. To R.S.V.P. and for location details, please visit <https://bappprioaklandlaunch.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at [agallo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:agallo@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7405 or Renee Domingo, Emergency Services Coordinator, at [radomingo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:radomingo@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6353.

***California Competes Tax Credit Program Application Deadline*** – On Monday, April 14, applications are due for the California Competes Tax Credit Program, an income tax credit available to businesses that want to come to California or stay and grow in California. Small, medium and large businesses are encouraged to apply. The program has an allocation of \$30 million in tax credits for FY 2013-2014. To view a PowerPoint presentation on how to complete an application, please visit [www.business.ca.gov/Programs/CaliforniaCompetesTaxCredit.aspx](http://www.business.ca.gov/Programs/CaliforniaCompetesTaxCredit.aspx). Only online applications are being accepted. To view and complete the application, please visit [www.calcompetes.ca.gov](http://www.calcompetes.ca.gov). For questions about the application, please call (916) 322-0694. The City of Oakland's Economic & Workforce Development Department recently held a workshop with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-BIZ) on the tax credit program that attracted over 50 businesses. For more information on the California Competes Tax Credit Program or other state and local business incentives, please contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at [agallo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:agallo@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7405 or Susana Villarreal, Enterprise Zone Coordinator, at [svillarreal@oaklandnet.com](mailto:svillarreal@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7794.

***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 a couple weeks away, get started now by visiting <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045641> for the Do-It-Yourself tax preparation website. For a roster of sites where the free tax assistance is provided, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045380>. 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).

***African American Caregiving And Wellness Forum*** – On Saturday, April 12, the North Oakland Senior Center will be hosting the African American Caregiving and Wellness Forum VI from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The free forum will focus on bringing Alzheimer's into the light and is presented by the Alzheimer's Association, UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Center and Supervisor Keith Carson. The senior center is located at 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. For registration information, please call (800) 272-3900. For more information, please contact Mary Norton, Senior Center Director, at [mnorton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mnorton@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 597-5085.

***Girls Sports BELIEVE Empowerment Weekend*** – Saturday, March 29 & Sunday, March 30, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department's Girl Sports Unit will be host Girls Sports BELIEVE Empowerment Weekend. The program will be divided into four groups based on participants' ages: 5 to 7, 8 to 10, 11 to 13 and 14 to 18. Girls Sports is proud to offer the GoGirlGo! curriculum from the Women's Sports Foundation, which encourages girls to stay healthy, be active, eat right, feel good about themselves and talk about relevant issues in their community. Join in a weekend of empowerment, educational excellence and enlightening exposure "The O.P.R. Way." The first 25 girls to register will receive a journal and care package. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion signed by Women's Sports Foundation President and female boxing legend Laila Ali. The session on Saturday will be held at Joaquin Miller Park, 3594 Sanborn Drive, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. while the Sunday session will be held at the Mosswood Recreation Center, 3715 Webster Street, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Coach Love, Girl Sports Coordinator, at (510) 535-5608.

***OPD Arrests Robbery Suspect*** – On Monday, March 17 at 6:53 p.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to the 2600 block of Telegraph Avenue on a report of an armed robbery. The victim told the officers that she had been robbed at gunpoint by three suspects on bicycles. Officers checked the area, located one of the suspects and arrested him in connection with the armed robbery. Partial loss was recovered. Two suspects are still outstanding. This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the officers at (510) 238-3326. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***CORE 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).

- Citywide 2014 Skills Exercise – Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court.
- CORE II – Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Dimond Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. Prerequisite: CORE I
- CORE III C – Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. Prerequisite: CORE III A & IIIB
- CORE III Hands-On Training – Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., OFD Training Division, 250 Victory Court. Prerequisite: Core I and II
- CORE Advanced Radio Communications Workshop – Thursday, April 17, 6:30 - 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](http://www.oaklandcore.org) or call (510) 238-6351.

***Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcement*** – During the week of March 31, the Human Resources Management Department (HRMD) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Account Clerk III
- Graphic Design Specialist

For updated information on City jobs, please visit the HRMD 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 Human Resources Management Department's Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

***Mexica Dance*** – Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Center for History and Community, 2488 Coolidge Avenue. Discover Mexica culture during ceremony and dance classes open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org).

***Board Game Days*** – Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Hall 2, Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. Join others in rousing board games including Monopoly, Scrabble, Boggle and many more. For more information, please contact Jennifer King, Senior Center Director, at [jking@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jking@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3284.

***First Thursday Art Walk*** – First Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Grand Avenue from LakePark to Piedmont border. The Grand Avenue Business District hosts a monthly art event with special discounts from merchants and galleries. For more information, please visit <http://piedmont.patch.com/groups/events/p/ev--first-thursday-art-walk-down-grand-avenue>.

***Embrace the Dimond District*** – Third Thursdays, 5:00 p.m., Dimond Avenue & MacArthur Boulevard. Join friends, family and neighbors to experience the Dimond District. This monthly event, organized by the Dimond Business and Professional Association, has a different theme each month. Enjoy local artists, a fun Kids' Zone and merchant specials. For more information, please visit [www.shopdimond.com](http://www.shopdimond.com).

***Friday Nights @ OMCA*** – Fridays, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Join the Oakland Museum of California and Off the Grid every Friday for a family-friendly take on a festive night market. Enjoy blues, jazz and bluegrass with DJs and live bands, free dance lessons and extended museum hours. For more information, please visit [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org) or call (510) 318-8400.

***Dinner, a Movie and the Universe*** – Friday & Saturday evenings year-round, Various Times, Chabot Space and Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard. The perfect date night experience is back by popular demand. Enjoy a full-course dinner in the Skyline Bistro, the live-narrated Planetarium show *Cosmos 360* and view the night sky through the telescopes (weather permitting). Reservations are not required, but strongly encouraged. For more information, please visit <http://www.chabotspace.org/dinner-movie-universe.htm>.

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

***Mindful Drumming for "Mishe" Happiness*** – Last Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, 3278 West Street. Experience an once-in-a-lifetime drumming gathering for happiness for the entire family. Cultivate "mishe" happiness through mindfulness, synchronistic rhythms and community building. Mindful drumming offers an authentic path to happiness and unleashes the human potential. For more information, please visit [www.ahc-oakland.org](http://www.ahc-oakland.org) or call (510) 652-5530.

***Saturday Morning Bike Ride*** – Saturdays, 8:45 a.m., Warehouse416, 416 26th Street. Enjoy a flat, short ride designed to provide new or returning riders with a way of getting started. Guides

adjust the ride based on participants' needs. Rain cancels ride. For more information, please contact Ron Scrivani at [scrivanir@aol.com](mailto:scrivanir@aol.com) or visit [www.warehouse416.com](http://www.warehouse416.com).

***Oakland 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 Oakland Public Works Department 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.

***Allendale Recreation Soccer Explosion*** – Saturdays 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.

***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).

***Spring Dance Session*** – Through 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.

***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 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).

**Notes From India Concert** – Friday, March 28, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland East Bay Symphony presents the world premiere of Juhi Bansal’s “Where Shadow Chases Light” and Ravi Shankar’s Sitar Concerto No. 1 with soloist Stephen Slawek. Music Director Michael Morgan conducts the program, which also features music by

Beethoven and Philip Glass. For more information, please visit [www.oeps.org](http://www.oeps.org) or call (510) 444-0801.

**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>.

**The Barbara Lee and Elihu Harris Lecture Series Presents Martin Luther King III** – Saturday March 29, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Boulevard. As the oldest son of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King III has seized the torch lit by his parents and is continuing their quest for equality and justice for all people. Motivating audiences around the world with his insightful message of hope and responsibility for nearly twenty years, Mr. King's dedication to creating and implementing strategic nonviolent action to rid the world of social, political and economic injustice has propelled him to the forefront as one of the nation's most ardent advocates for the poor, the oppressed and the disillusioned. Seating is limited. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please call (510) 434-3988.

**21st Annual Women's Hall of Fame** – Saturday, March 29, 12:30 p.m., Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Avenue. Each year, the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women and the County of Alameda work together to identify and honor 12 women in the county who have contributed to the success of local communities. For more information, please visit [www.alamedacsw.org/?page\\_id=95](http://www.alamedacsw.org/?page_id=95).

**Oakland Wiki Edit Party** – Saturday, March 29, 2:00 p.m., 81st Avenue Branch, 1021 81st Avenue. 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 is 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. For more information, please contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at [dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3222.

**Branch History Talk** – Monday, March 31, 6:00 p.m., Brookfield Branch Library, 9255 Edes Avenue. The Brookfield Branch of the Oakland Public Library is offering a special program that is sure to appeal to Oakland history buffs as well as patrons who love their neighborhood library. Dorothy Lazard, a librarian from the Oakland History Room, will present the rich history of Brookfield Branch. 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.

***Library Volunteer Information Session*** – Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. Interested in volunteering at the library? You can start by coming to an information session to learn more about volunteer opportunities for adults. Meet with program representatives and other volunteers from the following groups: Books for Wider Horizons, Second Start Adult Literacy, Friends of the Oakland Public Library (and the Bookmark Bookstore), The Library Advisory Commission, the Summer Lunch Program (site coordinators and shorter-term volunteers) and Adopt-a-Spot clean-ups and garden maintenance at various OPL locations. Advance registration is encouraged, but not required. For more information or to register, please contact Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at [sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6572.

***12th Oakland International Film Festival*** – Thursday, April 3 to Sunday, April 6, Various Show Times, Various Oakland Locations. Enjoy screenings of 42 films from Oakland filmmakers and filmmakers from around the globe. The festival kicks off with the feature film “Toussaint L’ Overture” by French-Senegalese director Philippe Niang at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, at the Grand Lake Theater, 3200 Grand Avenue. The Oakland Film Market, a networking event for filmmakers and industry executives to share their process of getting their films made, will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 5 at Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 410 14th Street. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandinternationalfilmfestival.com](http://www.oaklandinternationalfilmfestival.com).

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

***First Fridays At Malonga Casquelourd Center*** – Friday, April 4, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. Enjoy a visual art reception for adults 21 and over. Each month, the center will display works by emerging and mid-career artist around various artistic themes. Come and be a part of the art exhibition series. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 238-7219.

***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.

***Library Volunteer Information Session*** – Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m., Melrose Branch, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. Interested in volunteering at the library? You can start by coming to an information session to learn more about volunteer opportunities for adults. Meet with program representatives and other volunteers from the following groups: Books for Wider Horizons, Second Start Adult Literacy, Friends of the Oakland Public Library (and the Bookmark Bookstore), The Library Advisory Commission, the Summer Lunch Program (site coordinators and shorter-term volunteers) and Adopt-a-Spot clean-ups and garden maintenance at various OPL locations. Advance registration is encouraged, but not required. For more information or to register, please contact Sara DuBois, Grants & Volunteers Coordinator, at [sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6572.

***Growing Clean Energy Jobs In Oakland*** – Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Youth Uprising, 8711 MacArthur Boulevard. The Oakland Climate Action Coalition hosts this event to explore possible solutions that address the economic and climate crisis by creating hundreds of local clean energy jobs. The program will include a panel of community leaders, networking and workshops for both adults and youth. For more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-clean-energy-jobs-in-oakland-a-free-community-event-tickets-10782381393>.

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people should know about Oakland. For more information, please contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at [dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3222.

**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.

**Cuban Ballet Demonstration & Book Talk** – Monday, April 7, 6:00 p.m., Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. Lorena Feijóo, principal dancer of the San Francisco Ballet, is originally from Cuba. The island nation has an illustrious history in the art of ballet, thanks in part to Fernando Alonso, who co-founded the Cuban National Ballet company along with his wife, the prima ballerina Alicia Alonso. This is the subject of Toba Singer's new book, *Fernando Alonso, the Father of Cuban Ballet*. Ms. Feijóo and Ms. Singer are coming to the Oakland Public Library for a special discussion and demonstration. A book signing will follow. For more information, please contact Ajoke Kokodoko, Acting Branch Manager, at [akokodoko@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:akokodoko@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5023.

**EarthEXPO** – Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. The Oakland Public Works Department 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. This year, the event will focus on water conservation and protection - every drop counts. EarthEXPO is a great place to connect with environmental and community groups, green businesses and artists; learn environmental tips; participate in hands-on activities; pick up great giveaway items; and enjoy delicious food. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandearthexpo.com](http://www.oaklandearthexpo.com) or email [earthexpo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:earthexpo@oaklandnet.com).

**Ignite Oakland** – Thursday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., The New Parkway Theatre, 474 24th Street. Ignite is a geek event in over 100 cities worldwide. At the event, Ignite presenters will share their personal and professional passions, using 20 slides that auto-advance every 15 seconds for a total of just five minutes. Anyone can be a speaker, everyone is welcome. For more information, please visit [www.igniteoakland.com](http://www.igniteoakland.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).

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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).

**Spring Book Sale At The Bookmark** – Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Bookmark Bookstore, 721 Washington Street. The Friends of the Oakland Public Library's (FOPL) bookstore is having its semi-annual sale in April. Shoppers receive 30 percent off all purchases on Friday, and the discount increases by 10 percent each day, up to 50 percent off on Sunday. The discount applies to the already low prices of \$3 to \$6 for most of the 17,000 books in the store. FOPL members are eligible for the "members' first choice" discount of 50 percent on Thursday, April 10. Anyone may join FOPL in person at the store to receive the member discount. In addition to that good feeling that comes from supporting the Oakland Public Library, FOPL members receive 20 percent off their Bookmark Bookstore purchases for a full year. To become a member, visit [www.fopl.org](http://www.fopl.org) or pick up an application at the store. For more information, please contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations, Grants & Development Manager, at [wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6932.

**2014 Home Season Dance Performance** –Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, Various Performance Times, Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. AXIS Dance Company's tradition of staging challenging and thought provoking work continues in its upcoming 2014 season, which will see the restaging of Yvonne Rainer's iconic *Trio A*. Also on the bill will be the debut of *Divide* from Guest Artistic Director Marc Brew, as well as a solo performance of his 2008 piece, *Remember When*, which will feature music from the film *In the Mood for Love*. Alex Ketley's much anticipated film about AXIS, *The Gift (of Impermanence)* will see its premiere during the April home season run. For more information, please visit <http://axisdance.org/performance/performance-calendar/#sthash.mBF1Z36U.dpuf>.

**The Science Of Art Spring Open House** – Saturday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., The Crucible, 1260 7th Street. Getting creative in industrial arts means developing a scientific understanding of the temperatures, physics, processes and forces necessary to shape metal, glass, stone, wood and other material. At the open house, Crucible faculty, staff, artists and partner organizations will highlight the scientific principles, inquiry and exploration behind the fine and industrial arts methods taught and practiced here. This free, family-friendly event is a great chance to visit The Crucible and connect with Oakland's creative community. Enjoy live studio demonstrations, performances, exhibits and a gallery show. For more information, please visit <http://thecrucible.org/events/2014-science-art/>.

**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.

**2014 Illuminating Ideas: 2014 Energy & Sustainability Summit** – Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 a.m. - Noon, Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway. Hosted by the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the summit will explore how energy, sustainability and green technology are contributing the economic growth in the East Bay. Jon Wellinghoff, Immediate Past Chairman of the Energy Regulatory Commission, will be the keynote speaker. To register for the summit, please visit <http://business.oaklandchamber.com/events/details/economic-development-summit-2823>.

**Montclair Restaurant Walk** – Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Montclair Village, between Thornhill Drive and Park Boulevard. Stroll through Montclair Village for tastings at numerous locations. All proceeds benefit the Montclair Lions Club Charities and local nonprofits. Many of the area's fine retailers, bars and eateries will be open during and after the event. For more information, please call (510) 339-0233.

**Getting EveryoneOn: Creating An Inclusive Digital Society** – Wednesday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 4, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The Internet has dramatically transformed our lives, yet one in four households are without Internet access at home. Lack of access impacts some of our most vulnerable populations, including minorities, seniors and low-income households. EveryoneOn is a national nonprofit aiming to close the digital divide. To register for the session, please visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/getting-everyoneon-creating-an-inclusive-digital-society-tickets-10943439121](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/getting-everyoneon-creating-an-inclusive-digital-society-tickets-10943439121). For more information, please visit [www.everyoneon.org](http://www.everyoneon.org).

**Pickin' On The Potomac Bluegrass Series** – Friday, April 25, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Presidential Yacht USS Potomac, 540 Water Street. Enjoy the foot-stompin' good sounds from the popular bluegrass band Blue & Lonesome during this dockside event. Beverages and bar nibbles will be available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call (510) 627-1215.

**Earth Day** – Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Various Oakland Locations. Help clean, green and beautify Oakland at sites throughout the City's parks, streets, creeks and waterways. While supplies last, volunteers will receive a free reusable bag and giveaways from Chinook Book, Numi Tea and Clif Bar. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandearthday.org](http://www.oaklandearthday.org), email the Earth Day Coordinator at [adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com](mailto:adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com) or call the Public Works Events Hotline at (510) 238-7611.

Respectfully submitted,

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