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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Fred Blackwell

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Oaklanders Show Support For A Public Safety Measure That Reduces Gun Violence, Supports At-Risk Youth – On Wednesday, April 9, the City of Oakland announced efforts to renew a special tax for public safety (known as Measure Y) in consultation with community organizations like Oakland Community Organizations (OCO) and Make Oakland Better Now (MOBN). This renewal would extend funding but change the policy framework of the measure to focus on proven crime reduction strategies. Voter research commissioned by the City – with the input of community groups – indicates that voters support the idea of a renewal of the parcel tax with no increase in rate. Voters also indicated support for the key elements of this targeted measure: reduction of gun violence and support for at-risk youth. To view a summary of poll results, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046498>. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046525>.

Oakland Unite Street Outreach Worker Training – From Tuesday, April 1 to Thursday, April 3, Oakland Unite hosted a three-day training for Oakland Unite Street Outreach Workers. The street outreach workers were trained on best practices for street outreach, stress management and public speaking. They also had the opportunity to strengthen their collaboration with the Crisis Response Support Network and Reentry Employment providers funded by Oakland Unite. The training included presentations about Oakland Unite programs and Ceasefire as part of the City of Oakland's overall violence prevention efforts. The training highlighted important evaluation information for Oakland Unite Street Outreach Workers that shows that 85% of participants touched by outreach programs did not get rearrested for violence. Josie Halpern-Finnerty, Oakland Unite Program Planner, and Kevin Grant, Oakland Unite Violence Prevention Network Coordinator, were instrumental in coordinating and running the training and for its great success. Thank you to all City of Oakland staff and community agencies and partners who were able to attend the training and support the Oakland Unite Street Outreach Workers. For more information, please contact Josie Halpern-Finnerty, Program Planner, at jhalpern-finnerty@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2350.

OPD Command Staff At Public Safety Meeting – On Tuesday, April 8, Interim Chief Sean Whent and the Oakland Police Department's five area commanders spoke at the Oakland City Council Public Safety Committee meeting held at Oakland Tech High School. In an overview, the chief stated that year-to-date, Part 1 crimes (murder, assault with a firearm, sexual assault, robbery and burglary) are down 15% compared to last year. Most significantly, non-fatal shootings are down 31% and robberies are down 36%. Area commanders reported on crime trends in their areas and how they are being addressed. OPD continues to focus on reducing crime and partnering with neighborhood groups to increase public safety. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Two-Day Tech Startup Competition & Conference Shines Spotlight On Oakland's Emerging Role As Tech Hub – On Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7, the Vator Splash conference promises to shine a spotlight on Oakland's increasing attraction as a tech hub. As many as 1,000 attendees are anticipated to attend presentations, panels and "fireside chats" at the Jack London Market building at 55 Harrison Street in Jack London Square. Participants will follow two tracks of content designed to educate startup tech entrepreneurs as well as venture capital (VC) and angel investors. Speakers include luminaries in the venture capital world as well as civic and business leaders who will talk about how to start and scale successful companies and trends that are shaping future tech investment. The extensive speaker slate includes Mitch Kapor, founder of Lotus Corporation and Kapor Center for Social Impact; Sungevity co-founder Danny Kennedy; Blue Bottle Coffee founder & CEO James Freeman and Brian Wong, of Kiip. Wong, at 18, is the youngest CEO to receive venture funding. Among many venture capital leaders speaking or leading workshops are Tim Draper, DFJ founder; Sharon Wienbar of ScaleVenture Partners; Jeff Clavier of SoftTechVC; Tony Conrad, founder of True Ventures and Jed Katz, founder of Javelin Venture Partners. The growing agenda and speaker list are available on the event website. Vator, the 6-year old online business publication and social network that produces the event, has held successful, smaller Splash events, in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and London. Vator's founder, award-winning journalist Bambi Francisco, picked Oakland quite intentionally as the launch pad for the inaugural two-day expanded conference. Another highlight of Vator Splash Oakland will be on-stage presentations from finalists in two, concurrent tech startup competitions that launched in January: the Vator Splash competition, open to any US-based tech startup, and the Oaktown Tech competition, sponsored by Oakland Forward, for Oakland and neighboring East Bay startups. Finalists must survive two rounds of judging, competing for recognition and an estimated \$40,000 in in-kind services and sit down meetings with major VCs and angel investors. Past Vator Splash competition participants have gone on to receive upward of \$140 million in follow-on funding. To qualify for the competition, startups must be under 3 years old and have under \$2 million in outside funding. The City of Oakland is among the growing list of major sponsors for the event. For more information, please visit <http://vator.tv/events/splash-oak-may-2014>.

OPD Makes Arrest, Recovers Illegally Possessed Weapons – On Monday, April 10, Oakland Police officers responded to the 600 block of 26th Street on a report of a man with a gun. During the preliminary investigation, the officers arrested a man matching the description provided by

the witness and recovered two illegally possessed loaded firearms. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Murder Suspect Charged – On Thursday, April 3, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged Harold Thomas Smith, 22, of Oakland with murder and attempted murder for a shooting near Highland Hospital that took place on February 22. Smith is accused of killing Innocent Okoronkwo, Jr., 24, and injuring a 26-year-old man in the shooting. Smith was arrested for murder on April 1. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

City Of Oakland Hosted National Association Of City Transportation Officials – On Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11, experts from New York, Chicago and Boston were in Oakland to relay their experience with creating accelerated bike programs on minimal budgets. The first day was technical training for City staff in the Oakland Public Works and Planning & Building departments. The second day was a presentation and discussion with senior management and elected officials. For more information, please contact Jamie Parks, Senior Transportation Planner, at jparks@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6613.

2014 Oakland Earth Day – Help clean, green and beautify Oakland at sites throughout the City's parks, streets, creeks and waterways from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 26. Featured sites include Arroyo Viejo Park, Cesar Chavez Park, deFremery Park, Dimond Park, the East Oakland Boxing Association, FROG Park, the Lake Merritt Sailboat House and the Morcom Rose Garden. Volunteers work in rugged terrain with varying disability access. For accessibility information or to request ASL disability accommodations, call TTY (510) 238-3254 or email adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com. While supplies last, volunteers will receive a free reusable bag and giveaways from Chinook Book, Numi Tea and Clif Bar. For a complete list of sites citywide, please visit www.oaklandearthday.org or call (510) 238-7611.

Week Of The Young Child Celebration – On Friday, April 11, Children's Fairyland, a storybook theme park, partnered with national and local agencies to host Head Start's Week of the Young Child Celebration. Every Oakland Head Start and Early Head Start child and their parents/caregivers enjoyed the imaginative, stimulating fun that Children's Fairyland has offered its visitors for over 60 years, thanks to the support of the Rogers Family Foundation, the Kenneth Rainin Foundation, Raising a Reader, the City of Oakland Head Start/Early Head Start Program and BART. Now in its fifth year, the daylong event attracted more than 2,000 children and their families to Fairyland, where they enjoyed a free day in the park and engaged in read-alouds, puppet shows, interactive workshops, multicultural performances and activities geared toward increasing children's literacy. Oakland Head Start/Early Head Start's vision is to increase awareness of available resources to maximize early literacy outcomes and opportunities for Oakland's most vulnerable children and is looking to partner with community based organization's that support this vision. For more information, please contact Veronica Martinez, Family & Community Services Coordinator, at vmartinez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2379.

Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Plan Progress – In late April and early May, the Oakland Public Works Department will host free open houses on the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets

Plan. Telegraph Avenue from 20th to 57th streets is undergoing a joint City and community planning effort. Complete Streets could include blue outs, bike lanes and improved pedestrian crossings. Thanks to the over 1,100 survey respondents, the City of Oakland now has a much richer understanding of community concerns and desires that will inform the development of design options. To view the results of the online survey, please visit the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets website at www.oaklandnet.com/TelegraphAvenue. To view the summary report for the survey, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046218>. Three public open houses will be held to solicit feedback on the initial options. Each open house will cover the same material. In planning the open houses, City staff wanted to offer a range of times and locations to provide an opportunity for everyone to participate. The project team will be working hard over the next few weeks to translate what they learned from the technical analysis, stakeholder meetings and the public survey into specific design concepts for the open houses. Open houses are scheduled for:

- Thursday, April 24, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Beebe Memorial Cathedral, 3900 Telegraph Avenue
- Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Faith Presbyterian Church, 430 49th Street
- Thursday, May 1, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Humanist Hall, 390 27th Street (accessible entrance at 411 28th Street)

For more information, please contact Jamie Parks, Complete Streets Program Manager, at jparks@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6613.

Exhibit, Reception Celebrates 25th Anniversary Of The San Francisco Bay Trail – Through Thursday, May 15, a photographic exhibition entitled *Walking the Bay Trail: A Photo Journal* will be on display on the third floor of Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Featured photojournalist and avid San Francisco Bay Trail trekker Kurt Schwabe captured the images during an historic walk on more than 300 miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail in 30 days. The photographic exhibit celebrates the 25th anniversary of the kick-off of the Bay Trail Project, and is sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Trail, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments. On Tuesday, April 22, the City of Oakland and MTC will host a reception to celebrate the exhibition and Earth Day. The event, which runs from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., will be held in Hearing Room 3 on the ground floor of City Hall. Photojournalist Schwabe will be on hand. The reception will also feature “Blue Trail: Imagination + Innovation for Ocean + Bay Sustainability,” a presentation about Blue Trail, a visionary art-tech-science initiative and include highly imaginative designs for interactive installations from Blue Trail’s design competition. For more information on the photographic exhibit, please visit http://mtc.ca.gov/about_mtc/art_gallery/schwabe/2014.htm. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046527>. For more information, please contact Margot Lederer Prado, Senior Economic Specialist, at mprado@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6766.

Teen Inclusion Dance – On Saturday, April 5, the Inclusive Recreation Center hosted a teen inclusion dance open to all teens at Studio One Art Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. With more than 13 families in attendance, the dance was a hit with a night of fun, friends, refreshments and

a DJ. Parents and older siblings were encouraged to assist with special needs and to party along. For more information, please contact Erin Burton, Recreation Specialist II, at (510) 615-5980.

OAK Offers Free Parking This Summer For Travelers To Europe Or Hawaii – From Thursday, May 1 to Thursday, July 31, Oakland International Airport (OAK) will offer up to five days of free parking in OAK's Daily Lot to passengers flying nonstop to Europe on Norwegian Air and to all four major Hawaiian Islands on Hawaiian Airlines or Alaska Airlines. To take advantage of these promotions, travelers must visit www.oaklandairport.com/parkfree to register and download a printable coupon. In addition to this promotion for Europe- and Hawaii-bound customers, OAK recently announced a separate Park Free promotion for travelers flying nonstop to Seattle now through June 30. For more information, please visit www.oaklandairport.com.

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 just days 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.

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, jellybeans, chocolate eggs and egg hunting fun. For more information, please contact the recreation center of your choice directly.

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 – 2:00 p.m., Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center, 7701 Krause Avenue, (510) 615-5755
- 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
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., San Antonio Recreation Center, 1701 East 19th Street, (510) 535-5608
- 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>.

Learn, Lead, Lift Kick-Off – On Saturday, April 12, Allen Temple Baptist Church will host the Learn, Lead, Lift Kick-Off-Emergency Preparedness Forum in collaboration with the Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Service Division. Opening ceremonies will feature the Golden State Warriors' Alvin Attles, Councilmember Larry Reid and Fire Chief Teresa DeLoach Reed. Faith- and community-based organizations within the districts of Elmhurst, Havenscourt and Sobrante Park are invited and will be convening to learn about available, practical preparedness techniques and resources presented by CARD-Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters, Alameda County Public Health Department, CORE-Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies and the American Red Cross. The event, which will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., will be held at Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Boulevard. For more information, please contact Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator, at gpastor-cohen@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2326.

CORE Emergency Preparedness Training – In April, CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) will provide free emergency preparedness training for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. No one knows when the next major disaster will occur here in the Bay Area. The series of recent earthquakes in Southern California and Chile are a serious reminder that we all need to be more aware and get better prepared now. The next one could occur here. When it does, we all will have to rely on our neighborhoods to respond in a safe and proper manner. 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 Advanced Radio Communications Workshop – Thursday, April 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., EMSD Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

CORE's 9th Annual Citywide Response Exercise will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at 250 Victory Court. Space is limited. Pre-registration at www.oaklandcore.org is required. The exercise is designed for organized neighborhood CORE groups. However, individuals and anyone who is part of a neighborhood CORE group that will not be participating in this year's exercise are invited to the neighborhood simulation exercise at the Oakland Fire Department Training Division. For more information on the Citywide Exercise, please visit

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OFD/s/CORE/OAK026269>. For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday Morning Bike Ride – Saturdays, 8:45 a.m., Warehouse 416, 416 26th Street. Enjoy a flat, short ride designed to provide new or returning riders with a way of getting started. Guides adjust the ride based on participants' needs. Rain cancels ride. For more information, please contact Ron Scrivani at scrivanir@aol.com or visit www.warehouse416.com.

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 or (510) 238-7433.

Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show – Through 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.

Spring Book Sale At The Bookmark – Through 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 or pick up an application at the store. For more information, please contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations, Grants & Development Manager, at wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6932.

2014 Home Season Dance Performance – Through 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>.

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. For more information, please contact George Henderson, Program Director, at 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.

National Poetry Month Building-Wide Display – Through April, Various Hours, Main Library, 125 14th Street. The Oakland Public Library (OPL) will celebrate National Poetry Month with an exciting building-wide display. Climbing the building's stairs will generate a new experience, as poems will be displayed on all of the staircases, giving visitors a chance to experience poetry as they move from floor to floor. Posters of concrete poetry, where the shape or design of the poem is informed by the content, will also be on display. Folks are invited to immerse themselves in poetry from the library's top floor to the basement level. The featured poems include those by Oakland Youth Poet Laureates (www.oaklandlibrary.org/youth-poet-laureates). Other featured poets include celebrated children's poets and California poets including California Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera. To read the media release on National Poetry Month, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak046338>. For more information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Director, at smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3513.

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 or (510) 615-5838.

Tumbling/Tot Play – Saturdays through May 3, 10:40 - 11:30 a.m., Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The weekly Tumbling/Tot Play is designed for children, ages 3 to 5. This course will be based upon pre-gymnastics skills. Students will learn basic tumbling in the

midst of singing, gross motor activities and game play. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

Ready, Set, Connect! Free Computer Help Available at Six Library Locations – Through May, Various Times, Main Library, Asian Branch, César E. Chávez Branch, Dimond Branch, Eastmont Branch and Rockridge Branch. Patrons will be able to get free computer help at scheduled times. Thanks to a partnership with Community Technology Network, the Oakland Public Library has trained young adults to provide free computer help at these six library locations. Ready, Set, Connect! is a professional development program designed to help Oakland youth between the ages of 16 and 24 discover the professional skills necessary for technology-focused careers. For a schedule and other details, please visit <http://bit.ly/GAczwU>. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Supervising Librarian, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

Youth Club – Saturdays through May 31, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. For ages 5 to 15, this free youth club includes activities like organic cooking & gardening, hands-on history activities, arts & crafts and environmental education. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

Healthy Living For Seniors – First Tuesdays through June 3, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. The UC Cooperative Extension will provide information about nutrition, exercise and health at these events held the first Tuesday of each month. There will be healthy cooking demonstrations, low-cost recipes and gifts including measuring spoons and reusable grocery bags. For more information, please contact Mary Norton, Center Director, at mnorton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 597-5085.

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

“What I Hear, I Keep: Stories from Oakland’s Griots” – Wednesdays to Saturdays through 2014, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Peralta House Museum of History and Community, 2465 34th Avenue. A visual and audio art exhibit featuring the voices of African American Oaklanders who recorded the stories of their lives through the Griot Initiative of StoryCorps, a national nonprofit oral history project. Their voices emanate from a gigantic horse, designed and built by Walter Hood, an African American sculptor and landscape architect. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org or call (510) 532-9142.

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.

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 or call (510) 645-9292.

Book Talk with Anthony Marra – Saturday, April 12, 1:00 p.m., Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. Anthony Marra's *New York Times* bestselling debut novel, *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*, is about the transcendent power of love in wartime. The story is set in Chechnya in the turbulent years immediately following the dissolution of the USSR. From these bleak circumstances, Mr. Marra conjures a stirring tapestry of compassion, betrayal and forgiveness. *The Washington Post* called the novel "... a flash in the heavens that makes you look up and believe in miracles." Join Mr. Marra for a reading and discussion of *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*, which was long-listed for the National Book Award, won the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Prize and made numerous Top Ten lists in 2013. Books will be available for purchase from Laurel Bookstore. For more information, please contact Sarah Hodgson, Branch Manager, at shodgson@oaklandlibrary.org or 482-7844.

Oakland Wiki: Recent Immigrant Communities – Saturday, April 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. In this session, participants will provide Oakland Wiki with information about recent immigrant communities in the city. If you are part of an immigrant group or have first-hand familiarity or experience with one, please come and share your knowledge. For more information, please contact Steve Lavoie, Branch Manager, at slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5049.

Handel's Easter Messiah – Sunday, April 13, 5:30 p.m., Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street. Oakland Symphony Chorus Music Director Lynne Morrow will lead the Chorus, guest artists and members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony in a performance of Handel's

iconic oratorio. Audience members will be invited to sing along with the Hallelujah Chorus. For more information, please visit www.oaklandsymphonychorus.org.

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>.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 18, 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.

Homebuyer Education Workshop – Saturday, April 19, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fruitvale - San Antonio Senior Center, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 201. Come and learn at this day-long workshop that will cover topics ranging from basic financial planning to mortgage assistance programs and working with real estate agents to taxes and insurance. For more information or to register, please visit <http://theunitycouncilhoc.eventbrite.com>.

Party for the Planet: Oakland Zoo Action for Wildlife – Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. Celebrate Earth Day at the Oakland Zoo with a Party for the Planet. Explore a wide variety of hand-on Earth Stations, visit with local environmental organizations, get your face painted, observe beautiful animals and enjoy a day of education and fun. Marvel at a show by Trapeze Arts of West Oakland. Play with the gigantic earth ball. See live animal presentations. When people and animals learn to live together sustainably, it is a true party for the planet. For more information, please visit www.oaklandzoo.org.

Oakland Drop Beats Music Crawl – Saturday, April 19, 2:00 - 11:30 p.m., Various Locations. This free, all-age event features 25 live acts from the Bay Area at 10 venues throughout downtown. For more information, please visit www.oaklanddropsbeats.com.

“Stacks ‘n Sausages” Easter Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 20, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Lincoln Square Recreation Center, 250 10th Street. The Wa Sung Community Service Clubs hosts the 58th annual “Stacks ‘n Sausages” Easter Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy entertainment, community booths, games and giveaways. For more information, please contact Roland with Wa Sung Community Service Club at wasungserviceclub@gmail.com or (510) 334-2986.

Lake Chabot Golf Course Easter Brunch – Sunday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Lake Chabot Golf Course, 11450 Golf Links Road. The Easter Brunch buffet will feature a variety of tasty food, ranging from pancakes, eggs benedict, bacon, fresh fruit, prime rib, sliced roast, turkey breast, sliced ham, crab cakes and more. For a discount of \$3 per person, please R.S.V.P. by April 14. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Rob Lopez, Director of Food and Beverage, at rlopez@lakechabotgolf.com or (510) 351-5812.

Oakland Veg Week – Monday, April 21 - Sunday, April 27, Various Hours and Locations. This week of empowerment encourages Oaklanders to pledge to be vegetarian for the week. Oakland Veg Week consists of events to help community members learn about the benefits of a plant-based diet to their health, to the environment and for animals. Participating restaurants are adding menu options or offering specials. For more information, please visit www.oaklandveg.com/veg-week.

Urban Homesteading – Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m., Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. Rachel Kaplan, lead author of *Urban Homesteading: Heirloom Skills for Sustainable Living*, will give a talk about the urban homestead in general, using examples from her urban homestead in particular. She will discuss food growing, animal tending, bee keeping, seed saving, water and energy conservation, kitchen skilling, medicine making, urban permaculture and the work that goes into building a resilient community. For more information, please contact Sarah Hodgson, Branch Manager, at shodgson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 482-7844.

Poetry Reading and Open Mic – Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m., Montclair Branch Library, 1687 Mountain Boulevard. Come celebrate National Poetry Month at Montclair Branch. Five local poets will read their poetry, followed by an open mic. Poets reading include Grace Marie Grafton, Stewart Florsheim, Barbara Joan Tiger Bass, Heather Angier and Cyrus Armajani. Linda Brown, past president of the California Writers Club, will emcee. For more information, please contact Lynne Cutler, Branch Manager, at lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 482-7810.

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. - 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 is 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. For more information, please visit www.everyoneon.org.

Adult Sports Bowling League – Wednesdays from April 23 through May 28, AMF South Shore Lanes, 300 Park Street, Alameda. Oakland Parks & Recreation hosts this fun league. Registration rates include registration fees, shoes and bowling balls. For more information, please contact Renee Tucker, Recreation Leader II, at (510) 238-2952.

Oakland Small Business Banking Forum – Thursday, April 24, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Washington Inn, 495 10th Street. Participate in small business banking discussions with bankers experienced in small business lending and other technical advisors. Improve your understanding of how banks evaluate business loan requests and hear advisors communicate realistic solutions to barriers. R.S.V.P. by April 22 to SFCCommunityAffairs@FDIC.gov is required. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Space is limited. For more information, please call (415) 808-8241 or email jgordon@fdic.gov.

Film Screening – Friday, April 25, 6:00 p.m., The Forum, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. The Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) will host a special screening of “Inequality for All,” a documentary on the widening economic gap from Robert Reich, former US Secretary of Labor, that won an award at the Sundance Film Festival. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the film begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be a discussion following the screening. This free event commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the “War on Poverty” and is a pre-event for the March to End Poverty on May 17. For tickets and more information, please visit <https://inequalityforallacocap.eventbrite.com>.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, April 25, 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.

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 or 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, email the Earth Day Coordinator at adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com or call the Public Works Events Hotline at (510) 238-7611.

Zoovie Night – Saturday, April 26, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Zimmer Auditorium, Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road. Put on your jammies and enjoy an evening of Zoovie magic with the whole

family. Bring your pillows, blankets and chairs to snuggle up in the auditorium for a specially selected animal- or nature-themed movie. Meet some of the zoo's nocturnal animals brought to you by Roosevelt, the Oakland Zoo's costumed alligator mascot. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own treats and traditional family movie fare. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please visit www.oaklandzoo.org or call (510) 632-9525, ext. 220.

The Rhythms of Cuba – Sunday, April 27, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. It will be getting a little loud at the Main Library when members of the Tumbao Quartet give a special presentation of the authentic rhythms of Cuba. Come find out what makes Cuban rhythm tick, whether it is in the form of the mambo, cha cha cha, rumba or bolero. Attendees will also learn about the enticing connection Cuban rhythm has with American jazz. Members of the Tumbao Quartet will discuss the origins of the music and life on the island. The lineup includes esteemed Cuban percussionist Carlos Caro, bassist Rob Fisher and pianist Murray Low. Fronting the band is sax/flutist Paul Vornhagen, co-leader of Tumbao Bravo, the award winning Cuban jazz combo. Paul has also visited Cuba, where he performed with members of the Buena Vista Social Club. For more information, please contact Catherine Jennings, Librarian I, at cjennings@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3138.

CHP Free Teen Driver Safety Class – Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 p.m., Oakland CHP Office, 3601 Telegraph Avenue. In partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has created the "Start Smart" Program that teaches teens and their parents about safe driving habits and informs them of the responsibilities and dangers associated with operating a motor vehicle. At least one parent or guardian should attend with their teen driver. To attend the free class, please call (510) 450-3821.

Jack's Night Market – Friday, May 2, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Enjoy a captivating evening filled with merriment and verve at this event, which is held in conjunction with First Fridays. There will be an eclectic mix of local artisans, local designers, fine crafts, food and drinks. From quirky street performers to local fruit purveyors, this vibrant outdoor bazaar offers something for everyone. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, May 2, 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.

Vintage Car And Truck Show – Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. From car buffs to two-wheeled enthusiasts, this celebration of vintage vehicles will fill the waterfront with rare models for all to enjoy, along with live music from Hot

Rod Jukebox and a tasty barbeque with the Oakland firefighters. The event will showcase dozen of pre-1980s cars, trucks and motorcycles. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com.

Mayor's Town Hall Meeting In Police Area 3 – Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Bret Harte Middle School, 3700 Coolidge Avenue. Join Mayor Jean Quan, Interim Police Chief Sean Whent and OUSD Superintendent Gary Yee in a conversation on Public Safety in Oakland. Over the last year, Oakland has been transforming its police services by creating neighborhood-level geographic accountability, implementing Ceasefire and hiring more officers. The next phase of Public Safety planning begins now with a series of town hall meetings in each Police Area to gather community feedback and work together to grow police-community collaboration. Key topics will include how we strengthen community policing, how we can work with our schools and how we can improve employment opportunities. The town hall meetings are open to all members of our community, regardless of which Police Area they reside or work in. Free childcare will be provided. To view a flyer with all of the meeting dates, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK045751>. For more information, please contact Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator, at jdevries@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3083.

Oakland Internet Cat Festival – Saturday, May 10, 3:00 - 10:00 p.m., West Grand Avenue between Broadway and Telegraph Avenue. A celebration of cats, art and technology, the event will include free art projects, bands, food trucks and vendors. The screenings will begin at sundown when cat videos are projected on to the Great Wall of Oakland. Proceeds benefit the Oakland-East Bay SPCA. For more information, please visit www.oaklandcatvidfest.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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