



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Fred Blackwell

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: May 2, 2014

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Mayor's Summer Jobs Program Provides Life-Changing Experience For Oakland Youth – On Wednesday, April 30, a kickoff breakfast was held for the 2014 Mayor's Summer Jobs Program (MSJP). MSJP is part of a larger vision to provide a wide range of positive experiences for Oakland youth during the summer months. This year's goal is 2,000 jobs for youth, ages 14 to 21. The City of Oakland thanks the Oakland Housing Authority for its generous contribution of \$450,000 to create 300 jobs for Housing Authority youth. Other generous contributors to this year's MSJP include Bank of America, Wells Fargo, JP Morgan, the Kaiser Permanente Foundation, the East Bay Community Foundation and the Oakland Workforce Investment Board. Youth participating in the MSJP can earn up to \$1,000 this summer while gaining on-the-job training and experience. Paid internships are available in childcare services, retail, clerical/office support, recreation centers, painting murals, auto mechanics and construction. Youth, ages 14 to 21, who are looking for summer employment, may apply from May 1 to 30 at one of the following MSJP partners:

- Lao Family Community Development, 2325 E. 12th Street, (510) 533-8850
- George P. Scotlan Youth & Family Center, 1651 Adeline Street, (510) 832-4544
- Youth Employment Partnership, 2300 International Boulevard, (510) 533-3447
- Youth Uprising, 8711 MacArthur Boulevard, (510) 409-1331
- Family & Community Partnerships Department, 935 Union Street or 1327 65th Avenue, for Housing Authority residents only.

To learn more about the MSJP, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/msjp. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact Tamara Walker, Workforce Investment Board Program Analyst, at twalker@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3630.

Oakland Police Department's Third Annual Open House – On Friday, May 9, the Oakland Police Department will host its Third Annual Open House. Interim Chief Sean Whent extends a cordial invitation to all of Oakland to join him and the men and women of the Oakland Police Department from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Police Administration Building, 455 Seventh Street. The Open House is designed to showcase the interesting work taking place at OPD and to provide opportunities for relationship building and meaningful discussions. Please attend and get to know your Police Department. Enjoy refreshments and live music. OPD officers and staff are looking forward to meeting the public. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Oakland No. 5 Among The Top 10 Cities For Tech Entrepreneurs – On Tuesday, April 29, Wealth Management published an article entitled, "Top 10 Cities for Tech Entrepreneurs." The article highlighted the top 10 cities ranked by total venture capital investment in the first quarter of 2014. The data comes from The MoneyTree Report by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the National Venture Capital Association with data from Thomson Reuters. In the Report, Oakland ranked No. 5 in the nation. To read the article, please visit http://wealthmanagement.com/prospecting/top-10-cities-tech-entrepreneurs#slide-4-field_images-546801. This is the latest accolade for Oakland. Other recent accolades include being ranked No. 14 among the top 24 Places to visit for fantasy food travel by the Food Republic and the No. 8 Tech Hub by Trulia. To view other accolades on Oakland, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/News/OAK033058>.

Oakland's Population Grew By 1.2 Percent – On Wednesday, April 30, the California Department of Finance released its annual population report showing preliminary January 2014 and revised January 2013 population data for California cities, counties and the state. The report indicates that Oakland's population grew by 1.2% from January 2013 to January 2014 and not totals 404,355. Oakland remains the eighth largest city in California. To view the media release and report data, please visit www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/estimates/e-1/view.php.

Vator Splash Oakland Tech Startup Competition & Conference – On Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7, a who's-who of top entrepreneurs, investors and civic leaders will be among the more than 800 attendees who gather to discuss the future of tech innovation and investment in Oakland at the Vator Splash Oakland event. Held at the Jack London Market, 55 Harrison Street, the conference promises to shine a spotlight on Oakland's increasing attraction as a tech hub. 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. 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. For more information, please visit <http://vator.tv/events/splash-oak-may-2014>.

Oakland Mother Of The Year Award Ceremony – On Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m., the Oakland Parks & Recreation Department will host the Oakland Mother of the Year Award Ceremony at the Morcom Rose Garden, 700 Jean Street, at 10:30 a.m. Initiated in 1954, the Mother of the Year Award publicly honors an Oakland citizen whose contributions to the community symbolize the finest traditions of motherhood. Past honorees have included hard-working, dedicated community servants whose volunteerism has been exemplary. This year's recipient is Lisa Klein, an Oakland resident and mother of two who founded Loved Twice, a nonprofit organization responsible for providing baby clothes to thousands of newborns living in Oakland. Loved Twice, founded in 2005, came about when Lisa saw the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and began calling friends to ask for gently used baby clothing to donate to the New Orleans relief effort. The average household income for the mother receiving a Loved Twice box is less than \$16,000 and all of Loved Twice's clients live below 200% of the national poverty level. Loved Twice has provided a full year's worth of baby clothes to 9,809 newborns, helping vulnerable families meet their basic needs while keeping over 98,000 pounds of clothing out of landfills. That's 735,635 essential garments recycled into underserved communities with an estimate retail value of \$2.2 million. To view the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak046891>. Please join in the tribute to Lisa Klein. For more information, please contact Dana Riley, Assistant to the Director of Oakland Parks & Recreation, at (510) 238-6495.

AC Transit And City Of Oakland Develop Plan To Help Businesses – On Monday, April 28, the City of Oakland and AC Transit announced that their staffs had developed a Business Sustainability Program for the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. As planned, now that we are reaching the 65% design level and have been able to achieve project savings, the agencies are enhancing the BRT Business Impact Mitigation Plan (BIM-P) that will go to the AC Transit Board and Oakland City Council for approval this summer. Under the staff proposal, AC Transit will underwrite regular construction impact mitigation activities as well as the Technical Assistance piece of the Business Sustainability Program. This would complete AC Transit's financial commitment to the BIM-P, which is anticipated to exceed 10 percent of the overall construction budget. Over the next several weeks, the Business Sustainability Program will be further developed in coordination with community stakeholders all along the BRT corridor. Subject to Council approval, City staffers are proposing to underwrite several Business Sustainability Program elements. This includes creation of a "Thrive" fund to support business expansion and attraction efforts. The City Program will also include limited Business Interruption and Re-Establishment programs to assist the small set of existing business adversely impacted by BRT Construction. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046861>. For more information, please contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, at kboyd@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6365.

Firefighters Receive Vegetation Management Training – On Wednesday, April 9, Oakland firefighters began receiving training from Fire Suppression District Inspectors in the proper techniques to identify fire code violations on residential and unimproved property in wild land urban interface areas of the Oakland Hills. Annual inspections will begin on or about June 1. Residents are reminded that minimum 30-foot defensible space zones are required for all residential properties and that dead and dying, non-ornamental or non-irrigated vegetation shall

be cut to a height of 6 inches or less, and shall be removed from the property. Properties must be maintained year round in a fire-safe condition. For more information, please contact Vince Crudele, Vegetation Management Supervisor, at vcrudele@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7391.

City Of Oakland's Equipment Services Receives National Ranking – On Thursday, April 10, at the NAFA Fleet Management Association Institute & Expo, the 100 Best Fleets in North America were announced. The Oakland Public Works Department's Equipment Services was honored to be named No. 24 out of the 100 Best Fleets. To view the entire roster of Best Fleets, please visit <http://the100bestfleets.com>. The City's fleet consists of 1,546 equipment units, maintained by a staff of 23 technicians and 11 service workers. Equipment Services has its own parts department, machine shop and body shop. Staff members continually strive to increase efficiencies within the shops, with workflow practices as well as infrastructure upgrades and capital improvements. The staff has obtained high-level awards and credentials over the past year. The Heavy Equipment Supervisor was named APWA NorCal Fleet Manager of the Year 2013, and most recently, our Interim Equipment Services Superintendent was named APWA NorCal Fleet Manager of the year 2014. Our Interim Superintendent also became a Certified Public Fleet Professional in 2013. For more information, please contact Jason Mitchell, Assistant Director, Bureau of Infrastructure and Operations, at jwmitchell@oaklandnet.com.

Bike To Work Day – Thursday, May 8, is California's Bike to Work Day (BTWD). Coordinated in Alameda County by Bike East Bay, the event is in its 20th year – except here at Oakland City Hall where we will be celebrating the 21st anniversary. Twenty-three "Energizer Stations" are being hosted in Oakland. For a complete roster of "Energizer Stations," please visit <http://bit.ly/1jXo2Uv>. One of the biggest stations in the East Bay will be hosted by the City of Oakland in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. From 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., bicyclists will enjoy pancakes, coffee, a free raffle and the opportunity to peruse transportation-related displays. In addition, Bike East Bay will be providing a secure corral to park bikes until 6:00 p.m. The event is geared towards commuters, and employers are asked to promote the event to their employees. The "Team Bike Challenge," which by inspiring friendly competition amongst teams in workplaces throughout the region, is one way to involve employees. To learn more about the challenge, please visit <http://teambikechallenge.com/welcome>. Also on BTWD from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Bike East Bay is planning a temporary protected bike lane (aka "cycle track") demonstration on southbound Telegraph Avenue between 27th and Sycamore streets. Bicyclists and City officials will get a chance to experience riding through the cycle track, one of several possible design ideas being considered for the Telegraph Avenue Bikeway currently under development. That evening, Bike East Bay is hosting the Third Annual Bike Happy Hour in Old Oakland from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. For questions about Bike East Bay events, please visit www.bikeeastbay.org or call (510) 845- RIDE.

OPD Sponsors Oakland Community Blood Drive – On Wednesday, May 7, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Police Administration Building lobby, 455 Seventh Street. As first responders, OPD knows the need and importance of having stored blood available – it can save a life. The drive will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To schedule your appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: OPD84 or call (800) RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are

needed every day. Do not wait to help save a life. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call (866) 236-3276. Identification is required. For more information, please contact Jennie Lim, OPD Medical Unit, at jlum@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7510.

Earth Day Recap – On Saturday, April 26, more than 3,000 community and corporate volunteers cleaned, greened and beautified 90 locations throughout Oakland during the 20th Annual Oakland Earth Day. From 9:00 a.m. to noon, sites around the city received a new shine, and communities were strengthened through service and stewardship. The Oakland Public Works Department sponsored the event providing coordination, publicity, tools, supplies and debris management services. This year's activities included volunteers from more than 70 neighborhood groups, community organizations and corporations including Friends of Sausal Creek, Keep Oakland Beautiful, Starbucks East Bay, University of California and Bay Area Rapid Transit. Activities included litter pickup, graffiti removal, weeding, planting and creek restoration. Early tallies for the 2014 Oakland Earth Day include:

- 3,234 volunteers
- 9,367 volunteer hours
- 73 participating organizations
- 2,500 tools loaned by Public Works
- 90 total sites
 - 34 Streets/Curbs/Sidewalks
 - 31 Parks, recreation centers and libraries
 - 22 Creeks
 - 3 Schools

The Public Works staff would like to thank all of the volunteers and organizations that participated. For a complete roster of participating organizations, please visit www.oaklandadoptspot.org. For more information, please contact Susan Kattchee, Acting Assistant Director, Bureau of Facilities and Environment, at skattchee@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6382.

Awards Ceremony Recognizes Asian Youth – On Friday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m., Interim Chief of Police Sean Whent plus City and community leaders will be honored guests at the 25th Annual Asian Advisory Committee on Crime (AACC) Banquet at Peony's Restaurant, 388 9th Street, Suite 288. Proceeds from the banquet fund scholarships and youth activities. Incoming and outgoing members of the Asian Youth Services Committee will be recognized and scholarships and awards for outstanding performance and community service will be presented. For more information, please contact Sun-Kwong Sze, District 3 Neighborhood Service Coordinator, at ssze@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7957.

Wanted Warrant Suspect Discards Narcotics Before Being Captured By Police – On Friday, April 25 at 5:59 p.m., Oakland Police officers, while in the 800 block of Isabella Street, recognized a man who was wanted on outstanding warrants. When the officers attempted to stop the suspect, he ran, discarding a variety of narcotics. Officers chased after the suspect and were able to arrest him. The officers recovered the discarded narcotics, which included suspected rock

cocaine, suspected heroin and marijuana. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Witness Information Helps Police Catch Auto Burglar – On Friday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to the 2200 block of Telegraph Avenue to investigate an auto burglary. When officers arrived on scene, a witness directed them to the suspect, who was still in the area. Officers safely arrested him for auto burglary and recovered the victim's loss. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Friends Of The Oakland Public Library To Participate In East Bay Gives – On Tuesday, May 6, Library Director Gerry Garzon will be joined by Friends of the Oakland Public Library at "East Bay Gives" to raise funds for East Bay nonprofits named "East Bay Gives." The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the East Bay Community Foundation, 200 Frank Ogawa Plaza. "East Bay Gives" is an online, 24-hour giving event to encourage and support fundraising for nonprofits in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Over 130 local organizations, including the Friends of the Oakland Public Library, are participating in this online event at <http://www.eastbaygives.org/#leaderboard>. For more information, please contact Sara DuBois, Coordinator of Grants and Volunteers, at sdubois@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6572.

Oakland Maker Movement Thriving – On Thursday, May 1, the City of Oakland selected a consultant to grow Oaklandmakers.org as an organization. The consultant will help develop the organization, grow its membership, help develop the Oakland Made brand and develop a fundraising strategy and Strategic Action Plan. Oakland's Makers community was highlighted in the February issue of *Planning* magazine and has received other national media attention. To read the article from *Planning*, please visit <http://www.planning.org/planning/2014/feb/makingway.htm>. The Oakland Maker Exhibition will be on display in June at Impact Hub Oakland, 2323 Broadway. The event will feature artisan products and examples of fabricated art and invention. Linked to the Maker Movement, Oakland's Tech Cluster is also thriving. Oakland was ranked No. 5 among the Top 10 Cities for Tech Entrepreneurs based on total venture capital investment in the first quarter of 2014. To read the article, please visit http://wealthmanagement.com/prospecting/top-10-cities-tech-entrepreneurs#slide-4-field_images-546801. Live Work Oakland, a project of Oakland Local and the Kapor Center for Social Impact, has developed the Oakland Tech Ecosystem map and database. These two items offer a comprehensive list of tech-related entities in Oakland's burgeoning and diverse tech community. To view the roster, please visit <http://liveworkoakland.com>. For more information, please contact Margot Prado, Senior Economic Development Specialist, at mprado@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6766.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of May 5, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following position:

- Recreation Attendant II, PPT

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

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandum was issued in the last week:

Parking Meter Upgrade Conversion Project – The purpose of this Informational Memorandum is to announce implementation of Parking Meter Upgrade Conversion Project.

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK046859>

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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

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

First Thursday Art Walk – First Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Grand Avenue from LakePark to Piedmont border. The Grand Avenue Business District hosts a monthly art event with special discounts from merchants and galleries. For more information, please visit

<http://piedmont.patch.com/groups/events/p/ev--first-thursday-art-walk-down-grand-avenue>.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday Morning Bike Ride – Saturdays, 8:45 a.m., Warehouse416, 416 26th Street. Enjoy a flat, short ride designed to provide new or returning riders with a way of getting started. Guides adjust the ride based on participants' needs. Rain cancels ride. For more information, please contact Ron Scrivani at scrivanir@aol.com or visit www.warehouse416.com.

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 Jinkins 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.

Spring Outdoor Adventures Session – Tuesdays & Thursdays through May 8, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m., Various Locations. The Manzanita Recreation Center will be hosting this session that strives to get youth engaged in the outdoors with a focus on water and boating safety using the curriculum from California Boating and Waterways and the Red Cross. The first two sessions, held in a City pool, teaching youth about personal floatation device (PFD) safety and how to kayak and prepare for situations like capsizing. The next two sessions focus on utilizing the

kayaking skills they learned on Lake Merritt and the last two sessions focus on putting all of the skills together out on the Oakland Estuary. Youth engage in educational and active outdoor experiences followed by hands-on tasks and important boating and water safety curriculum. The session is free to youth, ages 9 to 16, if enrolled in a Recreation Center camp. For more information, please contact Megan Seccombe, Recreation Leader II/Outdoor Adventures Coordinator, at (510) 238-2196.

Exhibit, Reception Celebrates 25th Anniversary Of The San Francisco Bay Trail – Weekdays through Thursday, May 15, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The photographic exhibition *Walking the Bay Trail: A Photo Journal* features photojournalist and avid San Francisco Bay Trail trekker Kurt Schwabe. Schwabe captured the colorful images during an historic walk on more than 300 miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail in 30 days. 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>.

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

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.

Take The Oakland Public Library's Survey – Through Saturday, May 31. The Oakland Public Library is soliciting input from the public through an easy-to-complete online survey at <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/survey2014>. Paper copies of the survey are available all library locations. For more information, please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Librarian, at smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3513.

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).

National Public Parks Tennis Championship Registration – Through Wednesday, August 6, tennis players can register for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) National Public Parks Tennis Championship. The championship will be held on August 16 to 24 at Oakland's Davie Tennis Stadium, 198 Oak Road. The City of Oakland and the Davie Tennis Stadium are the first Northern California site selected to host this prestigious event in its 88-year history. The championship includes multiple divisions including NTRP, Open, Senior, Family, Junior and Wheelchair. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for the event are available. For additional details and to register, please visit www.npptc2014.com. For more information, please contact Marc Weistein, Program Director, at (510) 444-5663.

“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.

Oakland Dance Festival – Friday, May 2, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. This outdoor dance event will feature performances by the Prescott Circus Theatre, Bay Area Flash Mob, Likha Pilipino Folk Ensemble, Dance-A-Vision, The Dancing Shadows and DJ O Aces. Join the dance party and see your city in motion. For more information, please call (510) 763-5180.

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.

Sean's Shadow Puppets and Musical Instruments – Saturday, May 3, 10:30 a.m., Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. Discover the joy of storytelling through shadow puppets. Sean Powers is an artist and musician with some unique talents. He will entertain with stories, puppets and instruments from Asia and the Pacific Islands. For more information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Children's Programs and Outreach Librarian, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

Broadway At The Branches With Oakland Youth Chorus – Saturday, May 3, 1:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street. This workshop will focus on music from the Broadway and musical theatre genre. Participate in fun theatre games and a family sing-along. Watch a preview performance of OYC's 2014 spring concert, Broadway on Broadway, by the K-5th grade Miracle Chorus. Join dynamic OYC instructors Ben Brady and Angela Dant in this lively music workshop for kindergartners through 5th graders and their families. For more information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Children's Programs and Outreach Librarian, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

Sean's Shadow Puppets and Musical Instruments – Saturday, May 3, 1:00 p.m., at 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue. Discover the joy of storytelling through shadow puppets. Sean Powers is an artist and musician with some unique talents. He will entertain with stories, puppets and instruments from Asia and the Pacific Islands. For more information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Children's Programs and Outreach Librarian, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

Sewing Go-Round – Saturday, May 3, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, Bradley Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. Circular sewing is performance art and collaborative experimentation that yields unpredictable outcomes. Two sew-ers (not sewers), two sewing machines on rolling carts and one large piece of cloth moving continuously between. Barbara Obata and Nadja Eulee will give a demonstration. For more information, please call the Main Library Information Desk at (510) 238-3134.

Take Charge of Your Health Care Decisions – Saturday, May 3, 2:00 p.m., Melrose Branch Library, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. Laurie Umeh and Sheila D'Amico will lead a program to help older people sort out some complicated health care issues. They will discuss how to talk with loved ones about health care preferences, how to choose the right person to make healthcare decisions for you should you become incapacitated and how to fill out "Advance Directive" forms and what the legal or medical terms mean. For more information, please contact Michelle Rosenthal, Branch Manager, at mrosenthal@Oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5623.

Yoga And Your Health: Why Do Diseases Develop In Our Bodies? – Saturday, May 3, 2:00 p.m., Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero. There are many things that can cause a weakness or disease in our bodies. How can yoga help you to live a happy and healthy daily life? The yoga ways can be translated to mean "to unite" and "to join." Yoga means to achieve perfect balance, health and happiness. We will explore the reasons for diseases and imbalances in our bodies, minds and souls according to the principles of yoga. Aleatsae Klosova, the director of Yoga in Daily Life Bay Area-Amrit Sagar Center in Oakland, will lead a self-inquiry followed by a guided meditation. Please dress so that you are comfortable for sitting and doing simple stretches. For more information, please contact Mary Farrell, Branch Manager, at mfarrell@Oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7344.

The Man Who Biked Across America – Saturday, May 3, 3:00 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Branch Library, 6833 International Boulevard. Could you ride your bicycle across America? Michael Woods did – and he was not even in great shape when he started. Mr. Woods is coming to three Oakland Public Library locations to talk about riding 4,250 miles in 55 days last year from his new home in the Bay Area to his old home in Boston. Hear about his ride and see his touring bike and 50 pounds of gear. Maybe after you hear him you will want to do a ride of your own. As Mr. Woods will tell you, you do not need to be an athlete to bike across America. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Adult Sailing Classes On Lake Merritt – Weekends from Saturday, May 3 through Sunday, August 17, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. For ages 16 and up, the Basic, Solo, and Advanced Small Boat Sailing classes cover everything from how to get into the boat to racing techniques and dry capsizing skills. Graduates can return to rent boats on their own on Lake Merritt. Visit www.sailoakland.com for the detailed schedule. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Recreation Supervisor, at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2196.

Home Repairs Workshop For Seniors – Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 p.m., West Oakland Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street. Come hear a presentation by the Community Energy Services Corporation. Qualified senior residents may be eligible for plumbing repairs, accessibility improvements like grab bars and other home improvement services. For more information, contact the West Oakland Senior Center at mgomezthompson@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7016.

The Man Who Biked Across America – Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m., Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. Could you ride your bicycle across America? Michael Woods did – and he was not even in great shape when he started. Mr. Woods is coming to three Oakland Public Library locations to talk about riding 4,250 miles in 55 days last year from his new home in the Bay Area to his old home in Boston. Hear about his ride and see his touring bike and 50 pounds of gear. Maybe after you hear him you will want to do a ride of your own. As Mr. Woods will tell you, you do not need to be an athlete to bike across America. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Kamishibai Stories On The Back Of A Bicycle – Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. Kamishibai is the ancient Japanese practice of telling a story with a moving picture scroll. Participants will watch and listen to Kamishibai stories with the scroll presented on a box-theater fastened onto the back of a bicycle while munching on free Japanese treats. All ages welcome. This program will also be offered on Tuesday, May 13, and Tuesday, May 20. For more information, please contact Erica Siskind, Children's Librarian, at esiskind@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5017.

Vator Splash Oakland Tech Startup Competition & Conference – Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Market, 55 Harrison Street. The Vator Splash conference promises to shine a spotlight on Oakland's increasing attraction as a tech hub. 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. 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. For more information, please visit <http://vator.tv/events/splash-oak-may-2014>.

Broadway At The Branches With Oakland Youth Chorus – Wednesday, May 7, 3:30 p.m., Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. This workshop will focus on music from the Broadway and musical theatre genre. Participate in fun theatre games and a family sing-along. Watch a preview performance of OYC's 2014 spring concert, Broadway on Broadway, by the K-5th grade Miracle Chorus. Join dynamic OYC instructors Ben Brady and Angela Dant in this lively music workshop for kindergartners through 5th graders and their families. For more information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Children's Programs and Outreach Librarian, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

CORE I Home And Family Preparedness Training – Wednesday, May 7, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Patten University, 2433 Coolidge Avenue. CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) provides 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). For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

21st Anniversary Bike To Work Day – Thursday, May 8, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. Oakland rings in Bike To Work Day with a pancake breakfast. Pancakes, prizes and all-day valet bike parking. Win a Torker T29 bicycle or one of many other prizes. Visit your nearest Energizer Station on your way to work and enjoy free coffee, snacks and get a free canvas tote bag. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/EC/s/BicycleandPedestrianProgram/OAK024651>.

Bike To Work Day – Thursday, May 8, 7:00 - 9:15 a.m., Jack London Square, foot of Clay Street. This event promotes bicycling as an option for commuting to work, a healthy alternative to driving. Free beverages. For more information, please visit www.ebbc.org/btwd.

Energizer Stations For Bike To Work Day – Thursday, May 8, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m., Lake Merritt BART Station, 9th Street at Oak. For 2014's Bike to Work Day, over 300 Energizer Stations will be located along local bike commute routes in all nine Bay Area counties to provide free beverages, snacks and good cheer to bicyclists. The Oakland Public Library will host an Energizer Station at BART's Lake Merritt Station and the Bike Library will be at City Hall's Energizer Station. For more information, please visit www.youcanbikethere.com/energizer.

11th Annual Taste Of Spring – Thursday, May 8, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Rotunda Building, 300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The Friends of Oakland Parks & Recreation host this fundraiser. Proceeds support youth scholarships for swimming, boating, art and camp programs offered by the Oakland Parks & Recreation Department (OPR) as well as other special projects to support and enhance Oakland's parks and recreation programs and services. The event will feature an aerial acrobatics act, fine wines, gourmet fare, silent and live auctions and the opportunity to learn first-hand about programs offered throughout Oakland. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.oaklandparks.org.

Latham Square Community Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., AIA East Bay offices, 1405 Clay Street. The Oakland Public Works Department will host this fourth community meeting on the Latham Square project. At this meeting, the current design plan for Latham Square will be reviewed. The project landscape architect will also present the options for seating, lighting, landscape, paving materials and other elements for discussion. Other discussion topics will include fountain renovations and public art. For more information on the Latham Square project, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/LathamSquare. For more information, please contact Nick Cartagena, Civil Engineer - Transportation Planning and Funding, at ncartagena@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2139.

CORE I Home And Family Preparedness Training – Thursday, May 8, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Children's Hospital Oakland, 744 52nd Street. CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) provides 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). For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

Oakland Community Orchestra Concert – Friday, May 9, 1:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. The Oakland Community Orchestra was established in 1962 as a part of the City of Oakland Park and Recreation. More than 40 members play major symphonic music of many genres. For more information, please contact Darrin Hodges, Center Director, at (510) 238-7219.

Pickin' On The Potomac Bluegrass Series – Friday, May 9, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Presidential Yacht USS Potomac, 540 Water Street. Enjoy the foot-stompin' good sounds from the popular bluegrass band Shepherd Canyon Band 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.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, May 9, 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.

Bites Off Broadway – Fridays from May 9 to October 10, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street. This is a low-key food truck gathering featuring affordable and delicious food from rotating trucks. Family fun will include hula hooping, live music and movies at dusk. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/bitesoff.

Local Hershey's Track And Field Games Meet – Saturday, May 10, Various Times, Castlemont High School, 8601 MacArthur Boulevard. Oakland Parks & Recreation hosts this day filled with track events for boys and girls in different divisions. Registration is free by visiting www.coachO.com prior to midnight on May 7. Onsite registration will be available from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. with games beginning at 9:00 a.m. Youth ages dictate the number of events they may participate in during the meet. The top two winners in each event at this meet will participate in the NORCAL Hershey's State Track Meet to be held at Mt. Pleasant High School in San Jose on Saturday, June 14. Additional details are available at www.oaklandnet.com/parks. For more information, please contact Willie White, Track and Field Coordinator, at (510) 238-3897.

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.

Meet And Ride With Author Elly Blue – Saturday, May 10, 10:15 a.m., starts at César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 E. 12th Street, concludes at 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue. Read a book, ride a bike and help make Oakland a better place. Read *Everyday Bicycling*, an instructional book that sets out to plant the seeds of a green revolutionary movement. Then meet the author, Elly Blue, for a dynamic presentation at two different Oakland Public Library locations, with a scenic group bike ride in between. This inspiring and fun event will start at César E. Chávez Branch, with a two-wheeling interlude along the Bay Trail, before concluding at the 81st Avenue Branch. Ms. Blue will provide tips about organizing group rides, share passages from her book and sign copies of the book, which will be available for sale. Bring your bike and meet an exciting new voice in the world of bicycle activism. A light lunch will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Oakland Public Library. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Jack Of All Trades Market – Saturday, May 10, 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.jackofalltradesoakland.com.

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.

OMCA NEXT: Reflect, Refract, Reveal – Saturday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. - Midnight, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. Enjoy this dazzling celebration of the museum's new vision to inspire California's future and foster the next generation of the state's stewards, citizens, innovators and creators. This special evening benefits the Museum's renowned school tours and education programs. For more information, please visit <http://museumca.org/next>.

Art + Industry 2014 Open Studios – Saturday, May 10, Noon - 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 11, Noon - 5:00 p.m., American Steel Studios, 1960 Mandela Parkway. This interactive exhibit of art

and innovations from more than 45 artists, makers and entrepreneurs features everything from painting, illustration and photography to large-scale sculpture, furniture, glass, art cars and fire. More than just open studios, Art + Industry offers a behind-the-scenes look at the East Bay's largest home to artists and innovators. Enjoy live demonstrations, artist talks, studio tours, performances and more. For more information, please visit www.americansteelstudios.com/openstudios.

Ira Jinkins Basketball Clinics - Saturdays from May 10 through June 7, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The clinic teaches the basic fundamentals of basketball, including dribbling, passing, shooting and teamwork. The clinics are free to youth, ages 5 to 16. A parent or guardian must come into the facility to complete the required registration forms and waivers. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

Ira Jinkins Spring Soccer Clinic – Saturdays from May 10 through June 7, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The clinic teaches the basics of soccer and the meaning of sportsmanship. Participants will play on a team and build their endurance through drills and running while having the opportunity to test their skills through competitive games. Cost for program is \$35 or \$9 per session. Tiny tot program is for youth, ages 3 to 5. A parent or guardian must come into the facility to complete the required registration forms and waivers. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

Patchwork Indie Art & Craft Festival – Sunday, May 11, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jack London Square, 55 Harrison Street. Celebrate Mother's Day at this festival showcasing more than 140 local artists, crafters and designers of handmade goods. Find clothing, art, paper goods, accessories, housewares and more. For more information, please visit www.patchworkshow.com.

Older Americans Month Forum – Monday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, St. Mary's Senior Center, 925 Brockhurst Street. The City of Oakland's Human Services Department, in conjunction with the Oakland Commission on Aging, is hosting a free Older Americans Month event. The theme of the forum is Senior Housing and Homelessness. Special guests include Mayor Jean Quan and Timothy Ransom with Quixote Tiny Village, which is located in Olympia, Washington. Other participating partners include the Oakland Housing Authority, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, Everyone Home, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, UCSF and Insight Center for Community Economic Development. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Dan Ashbrook, Senior Services Supervisor at dashbrook@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6477.

Kamishibai Stories On The Back Of A Bicycle – Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m., Frog Park, at the corner of Claremont Ave. and Hardy Street, near the Rockridge Branch Library. Kamishibai is the ancient Japanese practice of telling a story with a moving picture scroll. Participants will watch and listen to Kamishibai stories with the scroll presented on a box-theater fastened onto the back of a bicycle while munching on free Japanese treats. All ages welcome. This program

will also be offered on Tuesday, May 20. For more information, please contact Erica Siskind, Children's Librarian, at esiskind@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5017.

Come Meet Your Local Police Officer – Wednesday, May 14, 3:00 p.m., César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street. The neighborhood police officer will read a story and you can ask questions about what it is like to be a peace officer. Ven a conocer a nuestro oficial de policía. For more information, please contact Pete Villaseñor, Branch Manager, at pvillasenor@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5620.

CORE II Neighborhood Preparedness And Response Training – Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Patten University, 2433 Coolidge Avenue. CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) provides 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). For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

The Girl Mechanic Of Wanzhou – Thursday, May 15, 10:30 a.m., Asian Branch Library, 388 9th Street. Join us for an author talk with Asian American author Marjorie Sayer. Step into the streets of China in 1902 as Zun sets out to avenge her father's death and rescue her mother. Ms. Sayer will read from her novel, *The Girl Mechanic Of Wanzhou*, first runner up for the Scholastic Asian Book Award 2011. She will answer your questions about bicycles, what it was like to be a Chinese girl in 1902, martial arts and adventure. This event is for children, 3rd grade and up. For more information, please contact Dayni Kuo, Children's Librarian, at dkuo@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3400.

CORE II Neighborhood Preparedness And Response Training – Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Children's Hospital Oakland, 744 52nd Street. CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) provides 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). For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

CORE Utility Safety Workshop By PG&E – Thursday, May 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Emergency Management Services Division (EMSD) Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. This workshop offers community training by PG&E on dealing with the most dangerous utility emergencies. An instructor from PG&E will teach how to recognize a gas or electric emergency situation, best practices for civilian responders to use when faced with specific utility emergencies and specific do's and don'ts at the scene. For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, May 16, 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.

Movies In The Park – Friday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., Redwood Heights Recreation Center, 3883 Aliso Avenue. The movie season continues with a viewing of “Despicable Me” (PG - 98 minutes). Field activities begin at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:45 p.m. Be sure to dress warm and bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. Popcorn, hot chocolate, drinks and hot dogs will be available for purchase. Donors who bring a non-perishable food item to drop in the donation bin for the Alameda County Food Bank will receive one free small popcorn. For the full 2014 season roster, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parks. For more information, please contact Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, at (510) 482-7827.

Oakland-esque: A Portrait In Dance – Friday, May 16, 8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 17, 2:00 & 8:00 p.m., Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street. The Oakland Ballet Company's exciting program will feature four world premieres celebrating the richness, diversity and beauty present in the East Bay community. Departing from the classical world of ballet, Oakland-esque showcases the company's contemporary side – stripping away the elements of more formal ballet productions for a more hip, urban program celebrating dance and Oakland. This program features Oakland Ballet Company's dynamic dancers with guest performers from Oakland's groundbreaking AXIS Dance Company and the popular Oakland street dance crew Turffeinz. For more information, please visit www.oaklandballet.org or call (510) 893-3132.

42nd Annual Oakland Greek Festival – Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday, Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Avenue. Music, food and live entertainment welcome revelers to this annual festival. For more information, please visit www.oaklandgreekfestival.com.

Homebuyer Workshop – Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., The Unity Council, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 201. Prospective homebuyers can learn about the home-buying process, including mortgage financing, working with realtors, property selection and the responsibilities of ownership. There is a special emphasis on Oakland area housing assistance programs designed to assist low- and moderate-income homebuyers. For more information or to register, please visit <http://theunitycouncilhoc.eventbrite.com>.

Ninth Annual March To End Poverty – Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Edell Bandstand at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. The Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) hosts this important annual fundraiser to raise awareness about the social conditions of the 173,156 Alameda County residents who live in poverty. The event is free to the public. The 400 marchers who bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the

Alameda County Community Food Bank will receive a free t-shirt. After the March, there will be a Community Resource Fair connecting vital services to residents. Activities include live entertainment, children's zone and free boating. For more information, please call AC-OCAP at (510) 238-2362 or visit <https://marchtoendpoverty.eventbrite.com>.

Annual Meeting & Picnic – Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Joaquin Miller Park, Baywood Picnic Area, 3590 Sanborn Drive. Come celebrate five years of the Friends of Joaquin Miller Park with a talk on “The Great Redwood Grab” by historian Dennis Evanosky and a potluck picnic. For more information, please visit www.fojmp.org.

National Safe Boating Week Open House – Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Lake Merritt Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue. Free boat rentals and free boat rides plus boating safety information and water safety games for youth. For more information, please visit www.sailoakland.com.

Session Fest – Saturday, May 17, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Join more than 30 local craft brewers as they flex their brewing skills with a variety of session beers. Enjoy live music and food plus beer education from local brewers. For more information, please visit www.jacklondonsquare.com.

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One-Hour Bike Mechanics Workshop – Saturday, May 17, 1:00 p.m., 81st Avenue Branch, 1021 81st Avenue. This one-hour workshop is taught by a certified instructor from Bike East Bay and is funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Learn the basics of bicycle mechanics, including how to fix a flat, adjust brakes and gears, and how to keep your bike clean and running smoothly. For adults and teens, no bike required. Details and optional pre-registration are both available online at www.BikeEastBay.org/education. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Jazz At The Chimes – Sunday, May 18, 2:00 p.m., Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. Veteran jazz vocalist Kellye Gray performs with the stunning Chapel of the Chimes as a backdrop. For more information, please visit www.jazzatthechimes.com or call (510) 654-0123.

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entertain us with stories, puppets and instruments from Asia and the Pacific Islands. For more information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Children's Programs and Outreach Librarian, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

Sean's Shadow Puppets And Musical Instruments – Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m., Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Boulevard. Discover the joy of storytelling through shadow puppets. Sean Powers is an artist and musician with some unique talents. He will entertain with stories, puppets and instruments from Asia and the Pacific Islands. For more information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Children's Programs and Outreach Librarian, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

Kamishibai Stories On The Back Of A Bicycle – Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. Kamishibai is the ancient Japanese practice of telling a story with a moving picture scroll. Participants will watch and listen to Kamishibai stories with the scroll presented on a box-theater fastened onto the back of a bicycle while munching on free Japanese treats. All ages welcome. This program will also be offered on Tuesday, May 13, and Tuesday, May 20. For more information, please contact Erica Siskind, Children's Librarian, at esiskind@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5017.

Sean's Shadow Puppets And Musical Instruments – Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 a.m., West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street. Discover the joy of storytelling through shadow puppets. Sean Powers is an artist and musician with some unique talents. He will entertain with stories, puppets and instruments from Asia and the Pacific Islands. For more information, please contact Laurie Willhalm, Children's Programs and Outreach Librarian, at lwillhalm@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3848.

Homebuyer Education Workshop – Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. This two-night workshop will cover the overall home-buying process from how to go about getting financing, types of properties buyers may want to consider including "Affordable Housing" (also known as Below Market Rate or BMR's) and working with lenders and realtors. Presenters will also discuss local homebuyer assistance programs for low- and moderate-income buyers. At the end of the second night, certificates of completion will be issued. The certificate satisfies the education requirement of the City-sponsored housing assistance programs. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/hcd/s/HousingResources/index.htm>.

Adult Recess – Thursday, May 22, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. Oakland Parks & Recreation invites adults to come out and relive their youth by participating in various fun games and activities. At this free event, adults can enjoy volleyball, hula hooping, ping pong, Zumba, relay competitions, arts & crafts, rock climbing, double dutch, fitness fun, face painting, badminton, giant chess, a camping demonstration, bumper bellies, a video game truck, basketball, miniature golf, the Zen Zone with chair massages, yoga and more. This is an opportunity for the adults to play; leave the kids at home. Get your competition teams together now. For more information, please contact Tiffany Millinder, Assistant to the Director, at (510) 238-3791.

Screening Of Freedom Summer – Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m., New Parkway Theater, 474 24th Street. In addition to the film screening, there will be a discussion about the past and present state of voting rights/voter suppression. For more information, please email rebecca@paulrobersonaclu.org.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, May 23, 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.

Upper Broadway Pedestrian/Bike/Roadway Improvement Project – Thursday, May 29, 7:00 p.m., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue. The City of Oakland's Public Works Department will present the proposed project, which is envisioned to improve roadway safety, improve pedestrian crossing access and include bike facilities on-street (lanes). For more information, please contact Victoria Eisen, the City's Caldecott projects consultant, at victoria@eisenletunic.com or (510) 525-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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