



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Fred Blackwell

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: May 16, 2014

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Sean Whent Named Permanent Police Chief – On Wednesday, May 14, Mayor Jean Quan announced Sean Whent as the permanent Chief of Police. Whent has led the Oakland Police Department as Interim Chief for a year that saw OPD making strong progress reducing crime and increasing reform.

In the 12 months that Chief Whent served as Interim Chief:

- Oakland saw its second-largest decline in homicides in 40 years in 2013. Crime rates are continuing to drop, with year-to-date declines of more than 30 percent in shootings, robberies and home burglaries so far in 2014.
- OPD reorganized into five geographic areas, each with a captain responsible for tailoring crime-reduction strategies to that area. Captains are available and accountable to residents, making the Department's leadership more accessible and flexible.
- The Department strengthened its work with Ceasefire and other community-police partnerships to reduce violence and increase collaboration between officers and residents.
- In working to comply with court-ordered federal reforms, OPD "achieved its highest level of compliance since the beginning of our tenure," court-appointed monitor Chief Robert Warshaw wrote in his most recent report.
- Work to grow the police force accelerated. In April, the largest-ever graduating class of new officers joined the force. An increasing number of new recruits are people of color, women, and officers who speak a second language. Work to recruit more residents is gaining traction, as the most recent academy to begin classes had the highest proportion of residents in recent years.

City Administrator Fred Blackwell appointed Chief Whent to the permanent post, effective immediately. Chief Whent was appointed Interim Chief in May 2013. He is an 18-year member of OPD. He began his career with OPD as a police cadet in 1994. He graduated from the 136th Recruit Academy in 1996. During his career, he has worked in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Support Operations Division, Internal Affairs Division and the Office of Inspector General. Prior to his appointment to Chief he was a Deputy Chief in charge of the Bureau of Risk Management. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK047151>.

9th Annual March To End Poverty – On Saturday, May 17, the 9th Annual March to End Poverty will raise awareness about the social conditions and policies that impact those who live in poverty. Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a “War on Poverty” and today that war continues. In Alameda County, 173,156 residents live in poverty, 1 out of every 7 are children. This event is a call to action for the community to join the Alameda County – Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP), Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Mayor Jean Quan and Councilmember Lynette McElhaney. The first 400 attendees who bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food drive will receive a free t-shirt. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Merritt bandstand. The March starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. and is free to the public. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK047143>. For more information or to register, please visit www.AC-OCAP.com or call (510) 238-2362.

Oakland Tech Scene Garners National Attention At Vator Splash – On Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7, hundreds of investors – representing more than \$10 billion in investment capital under management – descended on Oakland during Vator Splash. Nearly 150 startups applied to get on stage at the Vator Splash Oakland global competition, coming from as far as New York and St. Louis. After two rounds of judging and fierce competition presenting to blue-chip Venture Capital funds (VCs), an Oakland startup walked away with the grand prize. The winner, OppSites, empowers cities to designate properties where new investment is prioritized and broadcast that information to a national audience of investors, brokers and developers. The platform allows investors and developers to find underexposed real estate opportunities that may not be publicly listed, and easily learn about development priorities and incentives. The City of Oakland recently became an OppSites Pilot City. As the winner, OppSites will get sit-down meetings with 11 prominent VCs, as well as more than \$30,000 worth of services from Vator Splash's generous sponsors. Finalists for the global competition included other Oakland-based startups. The event successfully shined the spotlight on the Oakland's growing status as a recognized tech hub. Five other Oakland-based startups were finalists in the Oaktown Startup Competition that was open to companies from around the East Bay and included entries from Berkeley, Pleasanton and other municipalities. There was a first-ever tie for the winners, Back to the Roots and Rockbot. Vator Splash Oakland provided an ample chance for thoughtful discussion about Oakland's development as a tech hub in which all boats can rise on the tide of growing economic opportunity. For more information on the competitions and the winners, please visit www.vator.tv.

Recent Accolades For Oakland – On Thursday, May 8, the U.S. Census Bureau ranked Oakland No. 10 among 15 Large Cities with the Highest Percentage of Bicycling to Work. That same day,

Oakland was also named the Second Best Californian City to Start a Career by WalletHub. In late April, Oakland was ranked No. 5 among the Top 10 cities for Tech Entrepreneurs in the MoneyTree Report by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the National Venture Capital Association. These are just the latest national accolades bestowed upon Oakland. For more information on these and other accolades, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/News/OAK033058>.

National Day Of Civic Hacking – On Saturday, May 31, Oakland's vibrant tech community will join with residents and staff from the City of Oakland and local nonprofits for a write-a-thon for Oakland Answers. The event, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be held at Impact Hub Oakland, 2323 Broadway. Oakland Answers offers concise, easy-to-understand answers to common questions about City services and programs. Participants will brainstorm new questions that residents have for local government and then develop clear, human-centered answers. The event continues the partnership the City of Oakland has with Code for America and Open Oakland. While the event is free, advance registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oakland-answers-2014-tickets-11482615813>. No tech skills are needed. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Mai-Ling Garcia, Online Engagement Manager, at mgarcia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2105.

New Smart Parking Meters – On Monday, May 19, the City of Oakland will begin converting all 3,800 existing "coin-only, single-space, on-street" parking meters in retail and business districts across Oakland with new state-of-the-art "Smart Parking Meters." The meters provide a single-space mechanism which fits on existing meter poles. The meters will accept payment by coin, credit/debit card or phone. They use solar-powered/rechargeable battery technology and are managed wirelessly through a web-based management system, which means no additional technology infrastructure is required. The new meters, provided by IPS Group, Inc., are being installed by Oakland Public Works' Traffic Maintenance Division through July 31. Parking meter rates and times of operation will remain unchanged. Enforcement and citations will also remain unchanged. Public outreach activities include distribution of flyers to all businesses and commercial areas, community meetings in each Council District and a comprehensive web page. For complete details plus an introductory video, documents and additional public information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parking. For more information, please contact Jason Mitchell, Assistant Director of Infrastructure & Operations, at jwmitchell@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5856.

Pothole Blitz – On Monday, May 12, Oakland Public Works began its annual Pothole Blitz in East Oakland. The blitz will continue from east to west across Oakland, spending at least a week in each Council District. The blitz will conclude in North Oakland on June 27. Streets & Sidewalks Maintenance crews will focus on completing as many of the existing outstanding service requests as possible and address 2,500 potholes by the end of the blitz. A press conference to kick off the blitz was held on Thursday, May 15, at 106th Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard. Pothole repair is one technique to maintain more than 2,300 lane miles of streets throughout Oakland. The schedule for the blitz is:

- May 12 - 16: District 7
- May 19 - 23: District 6

- May 26 - 30: District 5
- June 2 - 6: District 4
- June 9 - 13: District 3
- June 16 - 20: District 2
- June 23 - 27: District 1

For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at kshaff@oaklandnet.com or (510) 697-5827.

Fundraiser To Benefit Oakland Public Library – Through Saturday, May 31, Fentons Creamery will donate 25% of each “Myrtle’s Monthly Creation” Oreo sundae to the Friends of the Oakland Public Library (FOPL). Proceeds benefit the Oakland Public Library’s Children’s Literacy Programming Fund. The ice cream shop is located at 4226 Piedmont Avenue. For more information, please contact Winifred Walters at wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6932.

OPD, Multiple Agencies And Citizens Work Together To Catch Robbery Suspect – On Monday, May 12, at 1:02 p.m., Oakland Police officers on patrol were dispatched to the area of 3000 East 9th Street to investigate a report of an armed robbery of a local business. When officers arrived on scene witnesses provided suspect information and his direction of flight. Responding officers immediately began checking the surrounding area. The preliminary investigation led officers to the 3000 block of Elmwood Avenue, where they learned the suspect had barricaded himself inside a residence. The Oakland Police Department (OPD) was able to establish communication with the suspect, which resulted in his safe surrender and arrest for armed robbery. OPD would like to thank the East Bay Regional Parks District Police Helicopter Unit, which provided air support, and the California Highway Patrol, which provided canine support and traffic control. OPD recognizes the importance of community partnerships in our crime-fighting efforts. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Citizen Reports Man With A Gun – On Sunday, May 11, at 3:51 p.m., Oakland Police patrol officers were dispatched to the area of 98th Avenue and C Street to investigate a report of a person carrying a firearm. The caller provided a description of the armed man, who was standing near a parked car. When officers arrived on-scene, they observed the reported armed suspect sitting in the vehicle described by the caller. The officers located an illegally possessed, loaded firearm in the suspect’s possession and placed him under arrest. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

OPD Officer Arrests Three Robbery Suspects – On Saturday, May 10, at 8:57 a.m., an Oakland Police officer focused his enforcement efforts in the 5600 block of Market Street, an area that had recently experienced a series of robberies during the morning hours. As he turned onto 56th Street headed toward Adeline Street, the officer saw a man on the corner, waving his arms and yelling that he had just been robbed. The victim directed the officer to the three suspects, who were a short distance away. The officer, assisted by responding officers, was able to safely arrest all three suspects for strong arm robbery. The victim’s loss was recovered. Investigators are

looking into the possibility that the suspects may have committed similar robberies in the area. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Witnesses Report An In-Progress Auto Burglar – On Friday, May 9, at 3:20 p.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to 21st Avenue and Foothill Boulevard to investigate a report from a concerned citizen about an in-progress auto burglary. Upon arrival, the officers observed the suspect and the vehicle as described by the caller. Officers arrested the suspect for auto burglary. Thank you to the witnesses who provided information to the officers that led to the arrest of a burglary suspect. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Aging In The Arts Exhibit – Through Friday, June 6, the Human Services Department hosts an art exhibit in celebration of Older Americans Month in the Wilson Building Lobby, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The theme of the 2014 Exhibit “Aging In The Arts” highlights the Collage In Home Art Project: “Our Clients Ourselves” where volunteers from the Aging & Adult Services Division’s Senior Companion/Foster Grandparent Program created these pieces with their clients. “Aging in the Arts” is a partnership effort presenting master class artists and photographers from the Oakland Art Association and Oakland Parks & Recreation’s Malonga Center for the Arts. An event recognizing program volunteers and exhibit artists will be held on Friday, June 6 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., at 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. For more information, please contact Andrea Turner, Senior Services Supervisor, at aturner@oaklandnet.com or 510-238-2987.

2013 Combined Charities Campaign Excellence Award – On Thursday, May 15, the Community Health Charities of America (CHCA) hosted its Recognition and Awards Ceremony. During the ceremony, CHCA President and Chief Executive Officer David Pisani presented Ms. Candice Jessie with the prestigious annual “Campaign Excellence Award.” Jessie served as the Public Works lead for the City of Oakland’s 2013 Combined Charities Campaign. The award was bestowed in recognition of outstanding campaign management, excellence in employee engagement, best practices and corporate social responsibility. In addition to overseeing day-to-day administration of campaign activities, Jessie’s 15 years of experience as a grants administrator helped her develop comprehensive training materials for City staff assigned as departmental coordinators. She also authored a detailed “After-Action Report” designed to assist City staff in further developing an organizational culture that supports fundraising success across multiple agencies and disciplines with practical, “real-world” theories that can be applied to both future Combined Charities Campaigns as well as fundraising and grants administration as a whole. For more information, please contact Jason Mitchell, Assistant Director of Infrastructure & Operations, at jwmitchell@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5856.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of May 19, the Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Irrigation Repair Specialist

➤ Library Aide

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:

DAC Update Re: DRAFT MOU – The purpose of this Information Memo is to provide the Mayor and the Members of the Oakland City Council with a copy of the attached DRAFT Domain Awareness Center (DAC), Operations and Maintenance (O and M) Agreement. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK047222>.

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., 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.

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.

Early Bird Tickets For Sundays In The Redwoods – Through Saturday, May 31. Discounted tickets for the Sundays in The Redwoods Concert Series are available at www.SundaysInTheRedwoods.com. The 2014 series runs every Sunday from September 21 to October 12. The concerts will be held at the Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road. Regular price tickets and talent line up will be released on Sunday, June 1. For more information, please call (510) 238-3052.

Early Bird Tickets For "An Intimate Evening" – Through Saturday, May 31. Advance tickets can for the 7th Annual "An Intimate Evening" are available for purchase at www.anintimateevening.com. Enjoy live music, fine cuisine & wine, carriage rides, a martini lounge, community recognition awards and vintage car displays. Revelers are encouraged to wear all white attire for this festive evening. This fundraiser event will be held at the historic Dunsmuir-Hellman Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. Starting June 1, ticket prices will increase. For more information, please contact Tiffany Millinder, Assistant to Director, at tmillinder@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3791.

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).

Ira Jinkins Basketball Clinics – Saturdays through June 7, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. The clinic teaches the 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 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.

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.

Adult Sailing Classes On Lake Merritt – Weekends 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.

Bites Off Broadway – Fridays through 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.

“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, 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.

Season Finale Concert – Friday, May 16, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre of the Arts, 2025 Broadway. The Oakland East Bay Symphony presents Berlioz Requiem as its final concert of its 25th anniversary season. Maestro Morgan musters the full complement of orchestra, Oakland Youth Orchestra and Oakland Symphony Chorus for Berlioz' masterwork. For more information, please visit www.oebss.org.

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.

Calpulli Coatlicue – Saturday, May 17, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue. Mayan festival with Mitotiliztli/Danza and a sunrise ceremony directed by Pascual Yaxon. For more information, please visit www.peraltahacienda.org.

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., Lake Merritt Bandstand, 666 Bellevue Avenue. The Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) hosts the annual March to End Poverty in effort 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 and the first 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 (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.fojimp.org.

Free Car Check Event – Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., vacant lot on Fruitvale Avenue, between I-880 and San Leandro Boulevard. The California Highway Patrol will be providing free vehicle inspections to ensure cars and trucks are in compliance with California laws. From exhaust to registration questions, CHP officers will help attendees get in compliance. No ID is needed and no tickets will be issued. For more information, please contact Luis Ortega at (510) 472-2013.

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.

14th Annual Malcolm X Jazz Arts Festival – Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., San Antonio Park, Foothill Boulevard at 18th Avenue. In addition to the Main Stage and Dance Stage, the event features local craft vendors and community organizations plus a Kids' Court and food. For more information, please visit <http://eastsideartsalliance.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.

The Man Who Biked Across America – Saturday, May 17, 1:00 p.m., Main Library, 125 14th Street. 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.

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.

Introduction To West Oakland Galleries Walking Tour – Saturday, May 17, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Transmission Gallery, 770 W. Grand Avenue. Come out and explore the West Oakland Art Scene. During this free guided walking tour, participants get the chance to visit Aggregate Space and Transmission Gallery to meet the curators. For more information, please visit <http://thetransmissiongallery.com/>.

Aeolian Day – Saturday, May 17, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Middle Harbor Shoreline Park, 2777 Middle Harbor Road. The festival will exhibit and celebrate musical instruments that are played by the wind, and feature instruments built by a collaboration of local artists and Oakland elementary schools. For more information, please visit www.thingamajigs.org/aeolianday/index.html.

Celebrating Elephants – Saturday, May 17, 6:00 p.m., Oakland Zoo, Zimmer Auditorium, 9777 Golf Links Road. Guest speaker Dr. Vicki Fishlock, Resident Scientist for the Amboseli Trust for Elephants, gives eyewitness accounts from the field describing the success and struggles of the magnificent elephants of the Amboseli plains. Enjoy a reception and silent auction. For more information, please call (510) 632-9525.

Bach & Brew Event – Saturday, May 17, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Linden Street Brewery, 98 Linden Street. Music, beer, wine and finger food will top the program for the inaugural Oakland East Bay Symphony's Bach & Brew event. Beers and artisanal wines made by members of the symphony will be featured. Enjoy great live music, including a few of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concertos with Music Director Michael Morgan on keyboard plus a fun, energetic mix of gypsy, dance and soul music from crossover group Dirty Cello. For more information, please visit <http://oebs.org/page/Bach&Brew.htm>.

Pacific Pathways: A Celebration Of Dance – Saturday, May 17, 7:00 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290. Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month through the artistic medium of dance. For more information, please visit <http://oacc.cc/pacific-pathways/>.

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.

Annual Youth Concerto Festival Concert – Sunday, May 18, 3:00 p.m., Valley Center for the Performing Arts, Regents' Theatre, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Boulevard. This concert features outstanding young musicians performing on piano and violin, accompanied by the HNU Orchestra with Dr. Steven Hofer conducting. Preparatory Music youth orchestras and piano ensemble classes will round out the program. For more information, please call (510) 436-1224.

Sean's Shadow Puppets and Musical Instruments – Tuesday, May 20, 4:00 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Branch Library, 6833 International Boulevard. Discover the joy of storytelling through shadow puppets. Sean Powers is an artist and musician with some unique talents. He will 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>.

CORE III Class A: Emergency Response Skills Training – Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Patten University, 2433 Coolidge Avenue. CORE III Class A provides classroom instruction on Fire Behavior and Suppression, Light Search & Rescue and Damage Assessment. 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). Prerequisite: completion of CORE I and CORE II. For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

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@paulrobsonaclu.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.

Meet Children's Author Yuyi Morales At The Library – Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 p.m., at César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th Street. Yuyi Morales is an award-winning author and illustrator whose books include *Niño Wrestles the World*, *Just in Case*, *Little Night/Nochecita* and *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book*. Born and raised in Mexico, she has been a children's book creator since migrating to the U.S. in 1994. Yuyi will read her work, and talk

about her personal history and Mexican children's folklore. She will be available to answer questions, and to autograph books, which will be for sale at the event. Although the library is closed for Memorial Day on May 27, it will open just for this event. For more information, please Contact Nina Lindsay, Supervising Librarian, at nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6706.

CORE III Class B: Emergency Response Skills Training – Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Patten University, 2433 Coolidge Avenue. CORE III Class B will feature classroom-style instruction about Disaster First Aid and triage. 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). Prerequisite: completion of CORE III Class A. For more information or to register for the CORE classes, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

Upper Broadway Pedestrian/Bike/Roadway Improvement Project Community Meeting – 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.

Ceasefire Oakland/LifeLines To Healing Night Walk – Friday, May 30, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., St. Louis Bertrand, 1410 100th 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.

Rotary Nature Center's Oakland Nature Club - Saturday, May 31, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Rotary Nature Center, 600 Bellevue Avenue. Children, ages 5 - 13, are invited to join the Rotary Nature Center and the Alameda County Beekeeper's Association for this month's Oakland Nature Club. Discover and learn all about the world of honey bees: queens, drones and workers; pollinating plants; honey creation and more. Cost is \$5. For more information, please contact Alexa Fulper, Recreation Leader II, at afulper@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3739.

Mayor's Town Hall Meeting For Spanish Speakers – Saturday, June 1, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., St. Anthony's Church, 1536 16th Avenue. Join Mayor Jean Quan, 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 Leaders Self-Care And Resiliency Workshop – Thursday, June 5 & Friday, June 6, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., First Unitarian Church's Wendte Hall, 685 14th Street. Community leaders are invited to attend a highly interactive workshop to learn how to use simple self-care resilience skills to increase their capacity to cope with ongoing life and work-related stresses to enhance personal and collective well-being. A special emphasis is in building resilience for the acute and chronic adversities resulting from climate change. Skills learned can enhance one's resilience to all types of challenges. To register, please visit <http://www.theresourceinnovationgroup.org/oakland-resilience>. For more information, please contact Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator, at gpastor-cohen@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2326.

Jack's Night Market – Friday, June 6, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., Jack London Square, foot of Broadway. Enjoy an eclectic mix of local artisans, 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, June 6, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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