



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Henry Gardner

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: January 16, 2015

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Upcoming Holiday Closure – On Monday, January 19, the City of Oakland's administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday. While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holiday. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak051131>. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service – On Monday, January 19, hundreds of volunteers will join Oakland City Councilmembers and Public Works staff as well as representatives from Urban Releaf, AmeriCorps, Golden Gate Audubon Society, schools and many local organizations for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. There are service projects at various sites located throughout Oakland and the East Bay. The main projects include gardening at Lakeside Park and beautification at Oakland Fremont High and Madison Park Academy. Volunteers and their families are invited to drop by and are also encouraged to register by logging onto www.mlkchallenge.org and/or by emailing sfpbayarea@gmail.com. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1AgJEIJ>.

Vote Daily For Oakland In The Miracle-Gro Competition – Through Monday, February 9, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is one of four finalists in the Inaugural Miracle-Gro1000 People's Choice Community Gardens Grant competition. The other finalists are Orlando, New York and Detroit. The city with the most online votes on February 9 will receive a \$40,000 grant. If Oakland wins, the grant will fund a community garden at Lowell Park. Contest rules indicate voters may vote once per day until February 9. To see an ABC7 news report on the competition, please visit <http://abc7news.com/society/oakland-community-garden-hoping-to-win-contest-for-funding/456125/>. To cast your vote for Oakland, please visit www.gro1000vote.com.

Experience Oakland's Diverse Culinary Scene During Restaurant Week – Through Sunday, January 25, more than 80 Oakland restaurants will celebrate Oakland Restaurant Week, presented by Visit Oakland and Discover[®]. With a growing list of restaurants receiving acclaim from national media, Oakland has become one of the hottest culinary destinations in the U.S. In ranking Oakland No. 8 on its roster of top 10 U.S. travel destinations, Lonely Planet described Oakland as an “incubator for adventurous restaurants.” Now in its fifth year, Oakland Restaurant Week runs over two weekends for residents and visitors to take full advantage of the dining deals. Participating restaurants will offer special prix fixe lunch and/or dinner menus at \$20, \$30 and \$40 per person, reflecting up to 25 percent off regularly priced a la carte items. Oakland's culinary growth continues to boom and the city reaps the benefits:

- Approximately 300 new restaurants and bars opened citywide since 2013
- Restaurants in Oakland's foodie districts (Downtown, Uptown, Jack London Square, Temescal and Rockridge) generated over \$200 million in sales in 2013, representing \$1.9 million sales tax revenue going into City of Oakland coffers

For a searchable list of participating restaurants and to make a reservation, please visit www.oaklandrestaurantweek.org.

OPD Accepting Applications For Police Officer Trainees – Friday, January 16, is the deadline to apply for the Oakland Police Recruit Academy to pursue a career as an Oakland Police Officer. The ideal candidate has an education and experience demonstrating personal motivation, cares about others, can deal effectively and fairly with residents and co-workers, can identify problems and resolve them quickly while under pressure, and wants to work in a fast-paced, urban environment. Applications are being accepted through 11:59 p.m., on Friday, January 16. To apply, please visit <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1035465>. This page also provides details and dates on the Practices & Actual Physical Ability Test, POST Entry Level Law Enforcement Test and Oral Board Interviews that are part of the selection process. For more information, please contact Acting Sgt. Juan Sanchez, Recruiting & Background investigations Unit, at jsanchez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3339.

OPD Accepting Applications For Police Communications Dispatchers – Friday, January 16, is the deadline to apply for the position of Police Communications Dispatcher with the City of Oakland. Operating a variety of telecommunications equipment, including telephone, two-way radio and Computer Aided Dispatch systems, dispatchers answer incoming emergency and non-emergency 911 calls and dispatch required personnel and equipment. Applications are being accepted through 11:59 p.m., on Friday, January 16. To apply, please visit <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=995233>. For more information, please contact Ms. Lisette Del Pino, Human Resource Analyst, at ldelpino@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3179.

OPD Is Hiring Lateral Entry Police Officers – Friday, January 30, is the deadline for Lateral/POST Academy Graduates to apply to serve as an Oakland Police Officer. Applicants must have been employed by a law enforcement agency as a police officer for at least one year within the past 36 months, and possess a current basic California POST Certificate. Applications are being accepted through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 30. To apply, please visit <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1039422>. This page also provides details and dates on the Practices & Actual Physical Ability Test, POST Entry Level Law Enforcement Test and Oral Board Interviews that are part of the selection process. For more information, please contact Acting Sgt. Juan Sanchez, Recruiting & Background investigations Unit, at jsanchez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3339.

In The Name Of Love MLK Musical Tribute, Oakland's Humanitarian Award – On Sunday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Libby Schaaf will present the Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award to Regina Jackson for her outstanding work on behalf of the Oakland community at “In the Name of Love,” the 13th Annual Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As CEO, Ms. Jackson has set the strategic direction for the East Oakland Youth Development Center's national youth development model for 20 years. The event will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive. Each year, the Human Services Department nominates the recommended recipient of the Humanitarian Award. The event is produced by Living Jazz, a non-profit Oakland-based organization committed to building community, cultivating community and enriching lives through the love of jazz. This year's featured artists will celebrate “Creative Achievements of Bay Area African American Female Musicians” highlighting four outstanding female vocalists including Linda Tillery, Faye Carol, Melanie DeMore and Gina Breedlove along with an exciting all-female backup band including Tammy Hall on piano, Kofy Brown on bass and Ruthie Price on drums. The tribute will also include performances by the 55-voice Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir and the 300-voice Oakland Children's Community Choir backed up by the Oaktown Jazz Workshops. Dana King, formerly with CBS, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. For ticket information, please visit www.mlktribute.com or call (510) 858-5313. To read the full media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak050941>. For more information, please contact Dana Perez-St. Denis, Assistant to the Director, at dperez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3247.

CORE Class Schedule For Winter 2015 Released – Through March, the CORE Program (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) will provide 17 free emergency preparedness training classes for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations throughout 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). In CORE I classes on home and family preparedness, participants learn how to reduce common household hazards, prepare a family disaster plan and emergency kits, develop evacuation plans and respond to earthquakes, fires, flooding, hazardous materials and more. In CORE II classes on neighborhood preparedness, participants who have completed CORE I can learn how to organize their neighborhoods, create emergency response teams and set up and operate a Neighborhood Command Post. For folks that have completed CORE I and II, CORE III classes offer emergency response hands-on training where they learn important

practical hands-on skills needed to deal with a disaster. Classroom instruction provides training in fire suppression, damage assessment, light search and rescue, disaster first aid, disaster psychology, neighborhood communications and how to address people with functional and access needs. Training includes a simulated earthquake functional exercise. This course is taught by Oakland firefighters at the OFD Training Division. Additional CORE advanced workshops are offered every third Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on a variety of topics including Command Post Operations, Disaster First Aid and Communications. Advanced registration is required. For more information or to register for CORE classes and events, please visit www.oaklandcore.org or call (510) 238-6351.

AAMLO Hosting MLK Movie Marathon on Martin Luther King Day – On Monday, January 19, the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO) will present its annual MLK Movie Marathon, a series of screenings of critically acclaimed documentaries. From 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., three films will be presented: “The March: The Story of the Greatest March in American History,” narrated by Denzel Washington, about the 1963 March on Washington; “4 Little Girls,” director Spike Lee’s acclaimed examination of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama; and “Freedom Summer,” about events from 1964, when student activists arrived in Mississippi to help with de-segregation efforts there. AAMLO is located at 659 14th Street. Admission is free. To R.S.V.P., please call (510) 637-0200. For more information, please contact Rick Moss, AAMLO’s Chief Curator, at rmoss@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0197.

Senior Needs Assessment Survey – On Wednesday, January 14, the City of Oakland Human Services Department (HSD) launched a survey to identify the needs, interests and concerns of Oakland residents aged 55 and older. Information gathered will help HSD better serve the senior community. There are several ways to participate in the survey:

- Take the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GLYQHFS>
- Download and print out the survey in multiple languages at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/DHS/s/aas/index.htm>
- Pick up a paper survey at one of the following four City-operated senior centers: East Oakland Senior Center, 9255 Edes Avenue; Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue; North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 MLK Jr. Way or West Oakland Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street

Completed surveys should be mailed to the Human Services Department, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4340, Oakland, CA 94612 or dropped off at one of the senior centers listed above. Your participation will help ensure that City services are meeting the needs of seniors living in Oakland. For more information, please contact Scott Means, Human Services Manager, at smeans@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6137.

Golden Gate Branch Library Reopens Following Restoration Of Windows – On Saturday, January 10, the Carnegie-endowed Golden Gate Branch Library, built in 1918, reopened with its historic windows restored. Funds for the restoration were from the City of Oakland District 1 Municipal Capital Improvement and a Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

To read the media release on the project, please visit <http://bit.ly/1xHm6tj>. The branch, located at 5606 San Pablo Avenue, reopened with a new Tuesday to Saturday schedule. For further details on the branch, please visit <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/locations/golden-gate-branch>. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Supervising Librarian, at mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3670.

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program Expands – On Friday, January 2, the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program expanded facility hours and services. The HHW facilities now accept electronic waste and will host mobile one-day drop off events. Additionally, multi-family property owners may drop-off hazardous waste from property maintenance work or from their tenants free of charge, a service formerly funded by and restricted to single family property owners. The HHW facility in Oakland is now open four days a week, adding Wednesday to the schedule, and the Hayward and Livermore facilities have added hours as well. Location and hours of operations for the HHW drop-off centers are:

- Oakland facility: 2100 East 7th Street, Wednesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Fremont facility: 41149 Boyce Road, Wednesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Hayward facility: 2091 West Winton Avenue, Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Livermore facility: 5584 La Ribera St, Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information about the HHW Program hours and services as well as tips for purchasing less toxic alternatives, visit www.StopWaste.org/hhw.

OPD Makes Arrests – On Tuesday, January 13, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) announced that three suspects had been arrested and charged for a homicide committed on New Year's Day. On January 1, 23-year-old Derrick Williams of Sacramento was fatally shot during a robbery in the 7200 block of Bancroft Avenue. OPD investigators were able to identify and arrest all suspects involved. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has charged Andre Poole, 24, of Sacramento; Marcus Mayfield, 19, of Oakland; and Dwight Hilton, 26, of Pittsburg with special circumstances murder. On Saturday, January 10, at about 6:30 p.m., OPD Communications received a call from a homeowner who had just arrived home and reported hearing noises indicating that an unknown person might be in the residence. The homeowner immediately left the house and called 911. When officers arrived on scene in the 4200 block of Suter Street, they conducted a search of the residence and located and arrested the burglary suspect. The homeowner did the right thing by stepping away from a potentially dangerous situation and calling for OPD from outside the home. The Oakland Police Department would like to remind you to program (510) 777-3211 into your cell phone to reach emergency dispatch more quickly. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Oakland Re-Create 2015 Art Contest & Traveling Exhibition – On Friday, January 23, the Oakland Public Works Department will host a public reception for the Oakland Re-Create 2015 Art Contest and Traveling Exhibition at the Pro Arts Gallery, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The free reception will feature announcement and presentation of prizes to this year's contest winners. Fifteen prizes consisting of art supply sets and theatre and museum passes will be awarded. Student artists in Oakland schools created the artwork entries from discarded materials while practicing the 4Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle and rot (compost). The Oakland Re-Create 2015 Art Contest and Traveling Exhibition is sponsored by the Oakland Public Works Department and produced by Pro Arts Gallery. For more information, please contact Ferial Mosley, Recycling Specialist, at fmosley@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7433.

Growth For Girls Skill Set Program – On Saturday, January 17, the weekly Growth for Girls Skill Set Program begins. This new Oakland Parks & Recreation program is an opportunity for girls, ages 7 to 12 years old, to develop basic fundamental skills in sports such as basketball, volleyball and double-dutch. The program will continue on Saturdays until March. This citywide program will be held weekly from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue, or the Ira Jenkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue. Cost will be \$10 per Saturday. Additionally, parents of participants may be eligible for a seven-day free fitness pass at the East Oakland Sports Center, located at 9161 Edes Avenue. For more information, please contact Ca'Ron James, Recreation Specialist, at cjames@oaklandnet.com.

Student Conservation Forum – On Saturday, January 17, Oakland youth, particularly high school students, are invited to attend the Student Conservation Forum from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in Hearing Room 3 at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Students will help inform what areas of Oakland are designated for habitat conservation, recreational areas, community gardens and urban greening. Presented by the City of Oakland, Oakland Climate Action Coalition and EarthTeam, the event will include breakfast. To R.S.V.P., please visit <http://tinyurl.com/oakscf>. For more information, please email madeline@earthteam.net.

Hip Hop Therapy Program For Oakland Youth – Monday, February 23, is the application deadline for the Spring Hip Hop Therapy program which runs from February to June. The Oakland Public Library and Oakland Parks & Recreation Department will partner with Oakland-based nonprofit, Beats Rhymes and Life, Inc. to offer a series of community workshops and Hip Hop Therapy programs to youth in Oakland. Young men of color between the ages of 12 to 19 are eligible to apply at <http://brl-inc.org/spring2015>. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Supervising Librarian for Teen Services, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

EveryOne Counts – On Thursday, January 29, a countywide homeless count will be conducted. To make this count possible, 350 volunteers are needed. Every two years, the City of Oakland's Human Services Department partners with EveryOne Home to recruit volunteers for its Homeless Count conducted in Alameda County to measure progress made towards ending homelessness and preserve \$27 million of crucial funding for homeless services. EveryOne Home is the non-profit organization that coordinates Alameda County's plan to end homelessness and conducts the Homeless Count. Volunteer training will be provided. To

register, please visit <http://vols.pt/ppkyM6>, email info@everyonehome.org or call (510) 862-0022. For more information about the work of EveryOne Home, please visit www.EveryOneHome.org. For more information about Human Services' homeless prevention work, please contact Chrishelle Chatman, Administrative Assistant, at cchatman@oaklandnet.com or (510) 986-2721.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of January 20, the Human sources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following positions:

- Executive Assistant to the Director – Exempt
- Sewer Maintenance Leader

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

Information Memorandums:

The following Information Memorandums were issued since the last report:

2015 Sewer Service Charge Increase Based on Consumer Price Index – The purpose of this Information Memorandum is to announce that Oakland's Sewer Service Charge will be increased by 3% effective January 1, 2015. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK050885>

Vehicle Accident Review Program – The purpose of this information memorandum is to follow-up to the City Council's request for information regarding the City's Vehicle Accident Review Program. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK050994>

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City's online calendar at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Events/index.htm>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>.

Respectfully submitted,

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