



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John A. Flores

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: January 30, 2015

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

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-Gro 1000 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 per device 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 read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK051352>. To cast your vote for Oakland, please visit www.gro1000vote.com.

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.

OPD Is Hiring Police Officer Trainees – Friday, January 30, 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 30. To apply, please visit <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1035465>.

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KTOP Premieres Bought & Sold – On Tuesday, February 3, the City of Oakland's television station, KTOP TV-10, will premiere *Bought & Sold* at 5:00 p.m. This 28-minute video produced by KTOP brings focus on human trafficking and sexual exploitation of youth in Oakland and the steps being taken by the Oakland Police Department to fight this epidemic locally. Among the programs highlighted are an innovative public information campaign conducted by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in partnership with Clear Channel Outdoor and local community based organizations. The video will be rebroadcast at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 5. For more information on the video, please contact Mike Munson, Acting Station Manager, at mmunson@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6565.

African American Literature Read – From Monday, February 2 to Saturday, February 7, the Oakland Public Education Fund is sponsoring an African American Literature Read In. That week, in support of the Read In, and in celebration of Black History month, all Oakland Public Library storytimes will highlight African American authors, illustrators and characters. To view the reading list compiled by Oakland children's librarians, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/blogs/childrens-services/african-american-literature-read-hits-oakland-next-week. For information, please contact Nina Lindsay, Supervising Librarian for Children's Services, at nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6706.

Studio One Poetry Reading Series – On Saturday, February 7, Oakland Parks & Recreation's Studio One Art Center will host a poetry reading featuring Aaron Kunin and Andrew Maxwell at 7:00 p.m. Located at 365 45th Street, Studio One hosts nationally recognized poets as part of a monthly First Friday Poetry Reading Series. Beverages and snacks will be served at this free event for folks 21 and older. Lagunitas Brewing Company is the event sponsor. For more information and upcoming reading schedules, please visit www.studioonereadingseries.blogspot.com or contact Alethia Walker, Program Specialist, at walethia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 597-5027.

Teen Inclusion Dance – On Saturday, February 7, Oakland Parks & Recreation's Inclusion Center and Studio One Art Center, located at 365 45th Street, will present Teen Inclusion Dance. Running from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., this event will be a night of fun and dance with a DJ and friends. The event is open to all teens. Parents and older siblings are encouraged to assist with special needs and enjoy the night as well. If a teen's needs require assistance, a family member should stay with the participant. Admission is \$10 per family at the door. For more information, please contact Joy Sledge, Recreation Specialist, at (510) 597-5064 or jsledge@oaklandnet.com.

SPCA Vaccination At Ira Jinkins – On Sunday, February 8, Oakland Parks & Recreation's Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, located at 9175 Edes Avenue, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) will be providing free vaccinations for pets. The event will run from

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open to all pet owners. For more information, please contact Donte Watson, Center Director, at (510) 615-5959.

Seismic Retrofit Of Soft Story Apartment Buildings – Throughout February, the City of Oakland will host community forums to gather feedback from tenants and property owners of soft story apartment buildings. The feedback will be used in developing soft story retrofit legislation for Oakland apartment buildings. More than 22,000 Oakland rental units are in potential soft story buildings. In the event of an earthquake, these units could be damaged, which could mean displacement of residents, destruction of possessions and loss of life. The following forums are scheduled. Interpretive services will be provided as noted.

- Thursday, February 5, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Lakeside Garden Center Garden Room, 666 Bellevue Avenue
- Saturday, February 7, 10:30 a.m. to Noon
FM Smith Recreation Center, 1969 Park Boulevard
Vietnamese and Chinese
- Monday, February 9, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church, 3700 Dorisa Avenue
- Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth's High School Gym, 1500 34th Avenue
Spanish
- Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Faith Presbyterian Church, 430 49th Street

In addition to the community forums, the public can provide input through an online survey at www.oaklandnet.com/softstorysurvey. To learn more about soft story buildings and seismic retrofitting, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/homeretrofit. For more information on the City's Soft Story Building program, please contact Victoria Salinas, Chief Resilience Officer, at vsalinas@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3487.

Senior Needs Assessment Survey – Through Friday, February 20, the City of Oakland Human Services Department (HSD) is conducting 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 locations: Oaklanders' Assistance Center, City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza; Human Services Department, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 4340; 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 locations listed above. Your participation will help ensure that City services are meeting the needs of seniors living in Oakland. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK051346>. For more information, please contact Scott Means, Human Services Manager, at smeans@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6137.

OPD Makes Arrests – During the week of January 19, the Oakland Police Department made three arrests for carjacking, armed robbery and burglary. On Wednesday, January 21, at approximately 3:10 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the intersection of Carroll Street and Ivy Drive to investigate a report of a carjacking. The victim was able to provide a detailed description of her car and the three suspects who had taken her car. While the officers were still on scene, they learned that a vehicle that matched the description of the stolen vehicle had been involved in an accident in Piedmont. One suspect was detained. OPD responded and arrested the suspect, who was responsible for the carjacking. On Thursday, January 22, at 4:37 p.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Covington Street to investigate a report of a residential burglary in progress. Witnesses provided detailed descriptions of three suspects whom they had seen enter the residence. The witnesses were able to direct the officers to the suspects. The officers arrested the three suspects and were able to recover the stolen items. On Thursday, January 22, at about 8:26 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the 3200 block of Suter Street to investigate a report of an armed robbery. When they arrived on scene, the victim was able to provide a description of the two robbery suspects who had fled the scene in a car. Officers checking the area located one of the suspects. The victim's stolen items were recovered. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcement – During the week of February 2, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following positions:

- Health & Human Services Program Planner (Selective Certification - Homelessness/Rapid Re-Housing)
- Loan Servicing Administrator

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 recently:

Appointment of Economic & Workforce Development Director – The purpose of this Information Memorandum is to announce the appointment of Mark Sawicki as the new Director of Economic & Workforce Development, effective February 23, 2015.

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak051208>

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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