



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** John A. Flores

**SUBJECT:** City Administrator's Weekly Report

**DATE:** April 3, 2015

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### **INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***OPD Graduates 35 New Police Officers*** – On Friday, April 3, the 171st Basic Recruit Academy of the Oakland Police Department (OPD) graduated at the Scottish Rite Center. The 35 graduates will be a welcome addition to our Oakland family and represent another step forward in OPD's efforts to grow the police department and increase public safety in Oakland. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***City of Oakland Partners with SPARK to Provide Apprenticeships***— This spring, the City of Oakland is continuing its partnership with the SPARK program to provide seven City apprenticeships to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who attend Bret Harte Middle School. SPARK is an award-winning national non-profit that combats the epidemic of disengagement and dropping-out among low-income urban youth by bringing in 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth into professional workplaces. SPARK serves the areas of Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and the San Francisco Bay Area. For the fourth year, SPARK will be providing various apprenticeships in City Hall as well as with organizations and businesses throughout Oakland. Each apprenticeship offered by the City will be managed by a mentor. For this spring, City SPARK mentors include:

Audrey Cortes – Office of Mayor Libby Schaaf  
Anil Comelo – Department of Human Resources Management  
Joseph Tanios – Oakland Public Works  
Marisa Raya - Economic & Workforce Development Department  
Gary Chan – Information Technology Department  
June Miller – Oakland Fire Department  
Jelani Killings – City Administrator's Office

The City will provide a status update on these City apprenticeships in a future edition of the City Administrator's Weekly Report. For more information, please contact Alexandra Orologas, Assistant to the City Administrator at (510) 238-6587 or [aorologas@oaklandnet.com](mailto:aorologas@oaklandnet.com).

***CORE 10th Annual Citywide Disaster Exercise*** – On Saturday, April 25, CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) will host its 10th annual Citywide Disaster Exercise from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. CORE groups in 40 neighborhoods will refresh, enhance and practice emergency response skills during the exercise. Individuals that live in neighborhoods without a participating CORE group may join in a simulated neighborhood exercise at the Oakland Fire Department Training Division at 250 Victory Court. Pre-registration by Friday, April 17 is required. To register, please visit [www.oaklandcore.org](http://www.oaklandcore.org). For more information, please contact Dena Gunning, Emergency Planning Coordinator, at [dgunning@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dgunning@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6068.

***Resilient Oakland Launches*** – On Wednesday, April 1, the Resilient Oakland Stakeholder Survey went live. This survey follows the launch of Resilient Oakland, a new citywide initiative aimed at positioning our city to better survive, adapt and grow amidst shocks like earthquakes, fires and sea level rise, and daily stressors such as crime, violence, poverty and environmental degradation. Oakland is undertaking this initiative as part of the global 100 Resilient Cities program pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. We want you involved. By taking this 10-minute survey by 5:00 p.m. on April 15, you can help Resilient Oakland partner effectively with you and your organization, and identify all the organizations that are already actively engaged in helping our city become more resilient. Over the next few months we will be engaging residents in identifying the city's top resilience priorities. Once these priorities are identified, we will be working across City departments, as well as with the public, private and non-profit sectors to develop and implement a Resilience Action Plan that delivers tangible improvements to the lives of Oaklanders in the short- and long-run. To take the survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/resilientoakland>. For more information, please contact Victoria Salinas, Chief Resilience Officer, at [vsalinas@oaklandnet.com](mailto:vsalinas@oaklandnet.com).

***City Seeks Input On Economic Development Strategy*** – Through Friday, May 1, public engagement continues on the City of Oakland's Economic Development Strategy, a short list of economic priorities and initiatives for the City of Oakland. The Economic Development Strategy will go to City Council for adoption later this year and will help inform City work plans and decisions over the next five years. As part of the public engagement for this effort, the City is using SpeakUp Oakland, a new public engagement portal for weighing in on civic issues. To learn more about the Economic Development Strategy and provide comment, please visit <http://speakupoakland.org/projects/economic-development-strategy>. Oakland residents are also asked to complete a short online survey at <http://speakupoakland.org/surveys/economic-development-strategy-residents>. A separate survey for Oakland workers and business owners can be found at <http://speakupoakland.org/surveys/economic-development-strategy-business-owners-and-employees>. For more information on the Economic Development Survey, please contact Marisa Raya, Special Projects in Economic & Workforce Development, at [mraya@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mraya@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6230.

***Oakland EarthEXPO*** – On Wednesday, April 8, the Oakland Public Works' Environmental Services Division will host its 20th annual Oakland EarthEXPO in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. Running from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the environmental fair is an opportunity to get in-person information and resources on sustainable products and practices

from more than 100 sustainable businesses, non-profits and environmental and community leaders. Approximately 2,000 people are expected to attend and learn about all things sustainable: water conservation, waste reduction, recycling, energy efficiency, alternative transportation and housing, volunteerism, urban nature and more. The goal is for Oakland EarthEXPO attendees to leave with information and resources for sustainable living. Come enjoy a delicious lunch from one of the sustainable food vendors, take part in energy and solar assessments, check out an electric vehicle, get a free bike route map and learn about socially responsible investing, community planning, job training, arts and crafts, recycling and composting, outdoor recreation, nature and more. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandearthexpo.com](http://www.oaklandearthexpo.com) or email [earthexpo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:earthexpo@oaklandnet.com).

**2015 Oakland Earth Day** – On Saturday, April 18, come out and help clean, green and beautify Oakland from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteer activities will include litter pickup, graffiti removal, weeding, planting and creek restoration at parks, recreation centers, creeks, commercial corridors and neighborhood locations throughout Oakland. Many of the Earth Day volunteer projects include additional fun activities and community celebrations. Volunteers may work in rugged terrain with varying disability access. For accessibility information or to request ASL disability accommodations, please call TTY (510) 238-3254 or email [adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com](mailto:adoptaspot@oaklandnet.com). While supplies last, volunteers will receive a commemorative button and giveaways from Chinook Book and Numi Tea. In 2014, 2,400 volunteers pitched in more than 7,600 hours at ninety sites across Oakland. In 2014, volunteers removed more than 1,000 trash bags and more than 2,800 bags of weeds and green waste. In total more than 575 cubic yards of trash and green waste were collected, enough to fill about 3,400 garbage cans. For complete project listings, an interactive map and project coordinator information, please visit [www.oaklandearthday.org](http://www.oaklandearthday.org). For more information, please call the Oakland Public Works' Events Hotline at (510) 238-7611.

**Premier of "DACA's Culinary Competition: The Bake-Off"** – On Thursday, April 16, KTOP-TV10 and the Digital Arts and Culinary Academy will present the premier screening of "DACA's Culinary Competition: The Bake-Off" at 7:30 p.m. Students from the Culinary Academy compete for the bake-off title and great prizes. The student chefs are judged by City officials and local celebrity Chefs, including Tonya Holland from Brown Sugar Kitchen. Tune in to KTOP-TV Channel 10 as the kitchen timer is set and the competition heats up. For more information, please contact KTOP at (510) 238-3566.

**CORE Offers Range Of Preparedness Classes** – Through June, the CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) Program will host a series of preparedness training classes for Oakland residents and business owners. During CORE I: Home and Family Preparedness Training, participants learn how to reduce common household hazards, prepare a family disaster plan and emergency kits, develop evacuation plans and learn how to respond to earthquakes, fires, flooding, hazardous materials and more. In CORE II: Neighborhood Preparedness and Response Training, participants learn how to organize their neighborhoods, create emergency response teams and set up and operate a Neighborhood Command Post for a neighborhood response utilizing volunteers following a major disaster. Prerequisite: CORE I. The CORE III: Emergency Response Hands-On Skills Training provides important practical hands-on skills needed to deal with a disaster. Classroom instruction provides hands-on 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. Prerequisite: CORE I and II. In addition, the CORE Program offers advanced workshops on a variety of topics, including Command Post Operations, Disaster First Aid and Communications. These workshops are held the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Advanced registration is required. For the complete roster of upcoming classes and events, please visit [www.oaklandcore.org](http://www.oaklandcore.org) or call (510) 238-6351. For more information about the CORE program, please contact Dena Gunning, Emergency Planning Coordinator, at [dgunning@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dgunning@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6068.

***Closure Of 29th Avenue Overcrossing*** – Starting Friday, April 3, Caltrans will close the 29th Avenue Overcrossing that provides access across Interstate 880 (I-880) between the cities of Oakland and Alameda for construction activities between Ford Street and E. 10th Street. The overcrossing will remain closed until October 2016. This closure will allow crews to complete the demolition of the existing 29th Avenue Overcrossing and rebuild a new overcrossing in the same location. Demolition and construction will result in intermittent night time and full freeway closures on both Southbound and Northbound I-880 near the overcrossing, with occasional on-ramp and off-ramp closures to remove the current structure. Detours for crossing over I-880 at this location between Oakland and Alameda are posted on the project's website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects/88023rd29thovercrossing/>. Advance warning changeable message signs and detour signs will be in place to assist motorists traveling in the area. Existing traffic signals and striping configurations have been upgraded to accommodate the increase in traffic due to this closure. For more information about this Caltrans construction project, please visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects/88023rd29thovercrossing/>.

***Improvements Coming To The Embarcadero Roadway And Bridge*** – Beginning in April, new improvements to enhance pedestrian, bicyclist and vehicle access to Embarcadero will begin. Staff is coordinating the City's Embarcadero Bridge seismic upgrade project with the roadway improvements planned for Embarcadero east of the bridge as part of the Brooklyn Basin Development Project. Through this coordinated effort, the work will take place simultaneously, limiting the impact to the community. The first part of the construction will begin in April along the roadway from 5th to 10th avenues. This project will improve both underground infrastructure as well as surface enhancements including landscaping and a signalized intersection at 5th Avenue. The project will be conducted by Brooklyn Basin Developer, Zarsion-Oakland Harbor Partners, LLC (ZOHP) and will take approximately two years. This project will require some traffic delays at certain key points of the project, but the Embarcadero roadway will remain open throughout so all businesses and residents in the area have access and egress. At the same time, so as to reduce the overall impact to citizens and businesses, the Embarcadero Bridge will undergo the long-awaited seismic upgrade funded by grants from the Federal Highway Administration and State Proposition 1B. The project, which is expected to begin in May 2015, will result in the Embarcadero Bridge being closed for two years. Advance notice signs are being put in place now alerting users that they will need to use the local detour when it is required. The Jack London Aquatic Center will remain open and accessible from the north via Oak and Jackson streets. Travelers who sometimes use the route to avoid delays on I-880 will not be able

to use this route during the construction period. Residents and businesses in the area have been contacted and a community meeting was held on Thursday, March 12. Public outreach to the community on both projects will be ongoing. To view the project information, construction updates and the local detour map, please visit <http://www.oaklandnet.com/Embarcadero>. For information on the Embarcadero Roadway project, please contact Catherine Payne, Planner, at [cpayne@oaklandnet.com](mailto:cpayne@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6168. For information on the Embarcadero Bridge project, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Works Public Information Officer, at [kshaff@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kshaff@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2966.

***OPR Youth Track Meet*** – On Saturday, April 11, Oakland Parks & Recreation will hold the Youth Track Meet, including both running and field events, at Castlemont High School, 8681 MacArthur Boulevard, at 9:00 a.m. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 8, at 11:59 p.m. The track meet is free and open to youth ages 7 to 14. For more information or to register, please contact Willie White, Recreation Specialist, at [girlssports@oaklandnet.com](mailto:girlssports@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 591-2585.

***Oakland Unite Quarterly All Grantee Meeting*** – On Thursday, March 26, the Human Services Department's Oakland Unite program hosted a quarterly Grantee Meeting at the West Oakland Youth Center. There were 41 attendees at the meeting representing 23 community-based organizations (CBO) funded by Oakland Unite. At the meeting, agencies heard updates and received information about the transition from Measure Y to Measure Z and Oakland's new minimum wage requirements as well as networked. There was also a presentation of videos that relate to the work being done by Oakland Unite CBOs, including "The Interrupters" and "Oakland Unite Voice: Jabari." To view the former video, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wS5Hjhy1RhM&feature=youtu.be>. To view the latter, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heB171gHtto>. The next grantee meeting will be held in the summer and will be a celebration of the hard work of Oakland Unite funded agencies and program participants. For more information about Oakland Unite, please visit [www.OaklandUnite.org](http://www.OaklandUnite.org). For further information, please contact Sara Serin-Christ, Program Analyst, at [sserin-christ@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sserin-christ@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3718.

***Cesar Chavez Day Of Service At Carmen Flores Recreation*** – On Tuesday, March 31, the Carmen Flores Recreation Center at Josie de la Cruz Park, located at 1637 Fruitvale Avenue, hosted a day of community service in honor of Cesar Chavez. Councilmember Noel Gallo spoke at the event and contributed tools and trash bags. Approximately 75 student volunteers attended from Arise High School and the Build On organization. Volunteers picked up trash in and around park as well as around the Fruitvale BART Station. Bushes in the park were trimmed and the center's back patio was cleaned. For more information, please contact Angelica Lopez, Program Director, at [alopez@oaklandnet.com](mailto:alopez@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5631.

***Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation*** – On Thursday, March 26, the Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation (OPRF) held its inaugural annual meeting as a new organization at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. OPRF recently formed when Friends of Oakland Parks & Recreation and the Oakland Parks Coalition merged. This merger allows all components of Oakland Parks & Recreation's needs to be addressed including encouraging stewardship

opportunities, raising funds for capital improvements, volunteer opportunities, recreation programs and park maintenance. For more information, please contact Ken Lupoff, OPRF Executive Director, at [oaklandparks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oaklandparks@sbcglobal.net) or (510) 465-1850.

***OPD Arrests Two Armed Robbers*** – On Monday, March 30, at about 12:18 a.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to 5th Avenue and International Boulevard on a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. Both victims provided a detailed description of the suspects to OPD Communications. As the officers were responding to the call they saw the two suspects who were still in the area and arrested them for the armed robbery. Officers recovered a replica gun and some of the victim's stolen property. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***OPD Arrests Knife Wielding Man*** – On Sunday, March 29, at about 7:02 p.m., witnesses who were patronizing local businesses along the 900 block of Washington Street saw a man wielding a knife. They described his behavior as aggressive, irrational and violent while he slashed a tire, stabbed purses, smashed smartphones and attempted to rob people. Officers responded quickly and were able to take him safely into custody and recover the knife. For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at [hjoshi@oaklandnet.com](mailto:hjoshi@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3131.

***City Seeks Feedback Via Survey On The Uptown Wayfinding Signage Pilot Project*** – Extended through April, the City of Oakland's Uptown Wayfinding Signage Pilot project is seeking feedback via an online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CDDKT8Z>. By completing the short survey, the public will help shape the final signage used. The pilot project's goal is to connect public spaces through better maps and signage. The improvements are part of a commitment by the City to ensure that navigating Oakland is easy and enjoyable for pedestrians, citizens and visitors alike. Pedestrian Wayfinding helps people orient themselves and makes it easier to connect between amenities and destinations. The project has brought together City staff and key stakeholders including Visit Oakland, the Lake Merritt/Uptown Business Improvement District (BID), the Downtown BID and the Jack London BID. Visit Oakland has already begun to use the system by creating their own visitors maps, using the City's pedestrian wayfinding map as a base. The pilot project is now its final design stage. Implementation is planned in phases, spread out over the coming years and is sensitive to the budget constraints and the grant limitations for the Uptown Wayfinding Signage Pilot Project. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2015. This project is funded by a State of California Infill and Infrastructure Program grant. To learn more about the project, please visit <http://bit.ly/1Bd2M7i>. For more information, please contact George Durney, Uptown Wayfinding Project Manager, at [gcdurney@oaklandnet.com](mailto:gcdurney@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6150.

***Five-Year Forecast Released*** – On Monday, March 2, the City of Oakland released the Five-Year Forecast, a planning tool developed every two years as required by the City's fiscal policy, which covered fiscal year 2015-16 through fiscal year 2019-20. The forecast informs the FY 2015-17 proposed budget as part of the City budget development process and guides budgetary decisions by anticipating future revenues and expenditures as well as highlighting anticipated fiscal risks and opportunities. The forecast found that growth in expenditures – particularly medical and retirement costs – is expected to outpace revenue growth. Without policy

intervention, the City of Oakland would face a shortfall of about \$18 million in FY 2015-16. As required by City Charter, the City Council will adopt a balanced budget by June 30. Upcoming key dates in the budget process include the release of the FY 2015-17 proposed budget by May 1, Community Budget Hearings to be held between May 1 and June 10 and Council Hearings in May/June. To view the entire Five-Year Forecast and factsheet that summarizes the forecast, please visit <http://www.oaklandnet.com/15-17budget>. Printed copies of the factsheet in English are available at libraries, recreation centers and senior centers. Copies in Chinese and Spanish will be posted online and distributed to the same outlets in about two weeks. To view the raw data used to produce the forecast, please visit <http://data.oaklandnet.com>. For more information about the Five-Year Forecast, please contact Kiran Bawa, Budget Director, at [kbawa@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kbawa@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3671.

***City Expands Public Access, Sheds Light On Legislative Proceedings*** – On Wednesday, March 25, the City took government transparency to the next level by becoming one of the first cities to prioritize full, open access to legislative data via the new version of software provider Granicus' Open API. The "open application programming interface" will allow developers to build programs that can communicate, integrate and use the information served on the Granicus platform for broader public dissemination. As a government leader with a strong dedication to transparency and efficiency, the City also upgraded its existing agenda management and civic involvement technologies to facilitate a deeper level of public access and input. This technology upgrade allows City government and City Council meetings to be as accessible as possible for residents. The eComment feature increases the public's comment ability beyond the usual two-minute time limit for speakers at meetings. The upgraded solution now boasts several new features to maximize transparency of legislative information on the City's website: API access, a flexible and integrated approval tracking of matters that move through Oakland's legislative process, a recent items dashboard, custom labeling and "configurable motion text" that allows the Clerk's office to state the actions of Council in plain language. In addition to the eComment tool, Oakland has also implemented a public engagement portal to allow residents to speak up. SpeakUp Oakland! (<http://www.speakupoakland.org>) facilitates various means of public engagement on City projects, forums, discussions and also allows the public to submit their ideas on improving Oakland. To submit feedback on featured projects, forums, discussions or meeting agendas, the public can go to [www.speakupoakland.org](http://www.speakupoakland.org) to register or log in using a Facebook account. Clicking the links at the top of the page allows users to comment on posted items. To comment on agenda items prior to a City Council meeting, click on the Meetings link at the top of the page, click on View Agenda for the meeting where your topic of interest has been scheduled and scroll to the agenda item and click comment. Users may also indicate whether they support, oppose or are neutral on a specific item. City Clerk LaTonda Simmons managed the project and worked with Granicus to seamlessly migrate 14 years of legislative history in a record-setting 24 days. To read the media release on the Granicus upgrades, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak052286>. For more information about the Granicus upgrade, please contact LaTonda Simmons, City Clerk, at [lsimmons@Oaklandnet.com](mailto:lsimmons@Oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3226.

***OPR Spring Day Camp*** – From Monday, April 6 to Friday, April 10, schools in the Oakland Unified School District will be closed for Spring Recess. Below is a list of available Oakland Parks & Recreation Spring day camps:

- 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, 9175 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5959, \$105 per week
- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue, (510) 535-5625, \$65 per week/\$25 per day
- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 E. 15th Street, (510) 238-7741, \$60 per week
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter Street, (510) 535-5635, \$60 per week/\$20 per day
- 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street, (510) 597-5042, \$40 per week
- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., East Oakland Sports Center Dance Camp, 9161 Edes Avenue, (510) 615-5838, \$200 per week

Please call the individual centers for details on scheduled activities, early drop-off or late pick-up options, drop-in costs and age requirements.

***OPR Citywide Girls' Sports Clinics*** – On Saturday, April 11, the kickoff for Oakland Parks & Recreation's (OPR) Spring Citywide Girls' Sports Clinics will be held at the Tassafaronga Recreation Center, 975 85th Avenue, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This eight-week-long program will occur every Saturday until June 3 at rotating OPR locations. This program promotes athletic skill strengthening, cross-training development and a healthy lifestyle for girls ages 6 through 13. The deadline for early registration is Saturday, April 4. The fee is \$70 for the full eight weeks or \$10 per session. Girls ages 16 and up with advanced athletic skills are encouraged to participate as leaders. To view the full schedule, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks). For more information, please contact Ca'Ron James, Program Coordinator, at [cjames@oaklandnet.com](mailto:cjames@oaklandnet.com).

***Clemons To Receive The Believe Award*** – On Friday, May 1, Estelle Clemons, a Human Services Department staff member, will receive the Believe Award during United Way of the Bay Area's annual benefit. The Believe Award honors a champion working with a corporation or government agency who advocates for initiatives that help cut poverty – often by shifting internal culture, processes and systems. The benefit will be held at the Terra Gallery, 511 Harrison Street in San Francisco. For information on the annual event, please visit <http://uwba.org/believe>. For information on the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership which is managed by Estelle Clemons, please visit [www.ac-ocap.com](http://www.ac-ocap.com). For more information, please contact Estelle Clemons, Health and Human Services Program Planner, at [eclemons@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eclemons@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-3597.

***Critical Repair Work Between BART's Fruitvale And Coliseum Stations*** – On Sunday, April 5 BART will begin a major track repair project that will halt weekend train service between Coliseum and Fruitvale stations. The work will continue for several non-consecutive weekends throughout the summer. A free bus bridge, provided by AC Transit, will operate between the two stations when the tracks are closed for customers who have no other mode of transportation

available. BART to OAK Airport service will continue even during the track shutdown between Coliseum and Fruitvale stations. The effort will ensure safer and more reliable service and is done as part of the "Building a Better BART" program. When the work is completed, BART passengers will experience a faster and quieter ride. To view the passenger bulletin with dates and service details as well as a map, please visit <http://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2015/news20150318>.

***Get Your Taxes Done Fast And Free*** – Through Wednesday, April 15, the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP), in collaboration with the Alameda County Earned Income Credit (EITC) Coalition, is pleased to offer free tax preparation for the 2015 tax season. City of Oakland's low-wage earner residents (those who earn \$53,000 annually or less) are encouraged to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and receive free tax preparation services - a \$200 value. Currently, there are more than 25 sites throughout Oakland where residents can get free tax preparation services. To get access to an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer and to find the location of a free tax site near you, please call 211. For more information, please contact Estelle Clemons, Health & Human Services Program Planner, at [eclomons@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eclomons@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2362.

***Celebrate The Season With OPR Spring Egg Hunts*** – Through Saturday, April 5, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is hosting Spring Egg Hunt events at participating recreation centers. Participants will enjoy candy, jelly beans, chocolate eggs and egg hunting fun. Egg hunts will be held on the following dates:

**Saturday, April 4**

- 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Sheffield Village Recreation Center, 247 Marlow Drive, (510) 638-7190
- 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center, 7701 Krause Avenue, (510) 615-5755
- 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oak Court, (510) 615-5555
- Noon to 2:00 p.m., Carmen Flores Recreation Center at Jose de la Cruz Park, 1837 Fruitvale Avenue, (510) 535-5631
- Noon to 3:00 p.m., Willie Keyes Recreation Center, 3131 Union Street, (510) 597-5042
- 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street, (510) 597-5038

**Sunday, April 5**

- 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Avenue, (510) 482-7812
- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Lincoln Square Recreation Center, 250 10th Street, (510) 238-7738
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 East 15th, (510) 238-7741

For information on a specific egg hunt, please contact the recreation center directly. For more information on OPR's Spring Egg Hunts, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks).

***Spring Book Sale At The Bookmark Bookstore*** – From Thursday, April 9 to Sunday, April 12, the Bookmark Bookstore, operated by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library (FOPL), is having its annual Spring Sale. The sale begins Thursday, April 9, for FOPL members only (non-members can join at the store to get the discounts). The sale is open to the general public April 10 through 12. All proceeds from the Bookmark benefit the library. Most of the store's 17,000 books are priced at \$3 to \$6, and even less during the sale. The store, located at 721 Washington Street, is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily during the sale. For more information, please contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations Manager, at [wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6932.

***AARP Tax Help*** – On Thursdays through April 9, AARP will sponsor free tax preparation assistance for taxpayers with middle and low incomes, with special attention to those age 60 and older. The assistance will be offered at the West Oakland Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street. For a list of things to bring with you, please call (510) 238-7016. For more information, please contact Dorothy Poston, Senior Center Director, at [dposton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dposton@oaklandnet.com)

***Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcement*** – During the week of April 6, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting a job announcement for the following positions:

- Automotive Equipment Mechanic
- Heavy Equipment Service Worker

For the most up-to-date information on City jobs, please view the Employment Information page on our website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. The Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job on-line 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:

***Cap and Trade Applications*** -- The purpose of this informational memo is to provide the Mayor and City Council with an update on the State Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant program, one of a number of funding opportunities included in the State Cap-and-Trade program. <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK052338>

**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,

/s/

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