



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Sabrina B. Landreth

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

**DATE:** July 1, 2015

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### **INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Libraries, Animal Shelter Closed On July 4*** – On Saturday, July 4, certain City services and sites will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holiday closure. Saturday, July 4, is a parking holiday. Motorists will enjoy free parking at metered spaces throughout Oakland. All library locations will be closed on Saturday, July 4, as will the Oakland Animal Shelter. For complete service impacts, please read the media release at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK053843>.

***\$2.4 Billion Oakland Budget Approved*** – On Tuesday, June 30, the Oakland City Council approved a \$2.4 billion two-year budget for fiscal years 2015-2017. The budget closes an estimated \$18 million annual funding gap without making any cuts to City services or staffing levels. The adopted budget includes funding for 40 new police officers, \$1 million to fund new Special Investigations to reduce gun violence and \$617,000 to create a new Race and Equity Department and equity agenda. Following the release of a proposed budget by Mayor Libby Schaaf on April 30, a series of Community Budget Forums were held to gather input from Oakland residents and business owners. For those who were unable to attend one of the forums additional engagement options allowed the public to provide input by email, phone, online or mail. Council President Gibson McElhaney proposed the final budget amendments, which were developed through careful analysis of Mayor Schaaf's proposal, as well as enhancements proposed by members of the public and fellow City Councilmembers. To view information on the budget engagement process, including fact sheets, informational videos and rosters of forums and Budget Hearings, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/15-17budget](http://www.oaklandnet.com/15-17budget). To learn some of the key highlights of the adopted budget, please read the media release at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak053848>.

***Friday Summer Nights Programs To Begin*** – On Friday, July 10, Oakland Unite's Messengers4Change will begin hosting the Friday Summer Nights Programs in East and West Oakland. These free events are open to the public and offer free food, games, entertainment and raffles for all ages. The Friday Summer Nights Programs aim to change community norms around violence through community engagement and empowerment. These programs will run every Friday for six weeks from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The East Oakland Friday Summer Nights

Program will be held at Willie Wilkins Park at 1100 98th Avenue, while the West Oakland Friday Summer Nights Program takes place on Brockhurst Street, between Market Street and San Pablo Avenue. These events are funded by Oakland Unite and the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFYC). For additional event details, please visit [www.OaklandUnite.org](http://www.OaklandUnite.org). For more information, please contact Jennifer Argueta, Community Engagement Coordinator, at [jargueta@oakladnet.com](mailto:jargueta@oakladnet.com) or (510) 238-2056.

**2015 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate To Be Announced** – On Saturday, July 11, the next Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will be announced at a free event at Pro Arts, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. The Oakland Public Library, Pro Arts, Youth Speaks and more than a dozen community partners are hosting a fantastic night of youth poetry from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., as part of BEAST CRAWL, Uptown Oakland's annual free literary event for all ages. Seven teen finalists from the Youth Poet Laureate competition will perform, and the 2015 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will be announced at the end of the evening. For additional details on the event, please visit <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate/>. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Supervising Librarian for Teen Services, at [ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-7613.

**Latham Square Construction** – On Monday, May 18, construction began on the Latham Square Project at Broadway and Telegraph and is expected to continue through winter 2015. The project will expand Latham Square Plaza (almost quadrupling in size); restore the fountain; provide landscaping, seating and decorative lighting; and make pedestrian and traffic improvements to provide more access and safety for all. Please remember the surrounding businesses are open during construction and continued patronage can really help them get through the construction period. While you are there, please be sure to abide by the posted signs and use the indicated crosswalks. To learn more about how this project is benefitting the neighborhood, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/lathamsquare](http://www.oaklandnet.com/lathamsquare). For more information, please Nick Cartagena, Project Manager, at [ncartagena@oaklandnet.com](mailto:ncartagena@oaklandnet.com).

**25th Annual Jazz On Sundays Concert Series** – Beginning on Sunday, July 12, the Friends of the Golden Gate Branch Library present the 25th annual Jazz on Sundays Summer Concert Series. The concert series features an impressive line-up of local jazz talent, with saxophonist Robert Stewart (July 12), vocalist Rhonda Benin (July 19) and guitarist Calvin Keys (July 26) performing with their ensembles. The series continues with Kenny Washington (August 2), Yancy Taylor (August 9), The Bryant Bolling Quartet (Mr. "B") (August 16), Junius Courtney Big Band (August 23 in the park at 61st Street between Hollis and Doyle Streets) and Denise Perrier (August 30). With the exception of the August 23rd performance, Summer Jazz Concerts will be presented at the Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. Jazz on Sundays is sponsored by the City of Emeryville and the Oakland Public Library. Admission is free (donations are welcome). Each performance begins at 3:00 p.m. and lasts about one hour. After each performance Randy Moore will lead a 30-minute history of jazz discussion followed by an open jam session from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Mary Schrader, Supervising Librarian, Branches, at [mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3670.

**Circus In The Park** – On Friday, July 3, Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street, will host a free Circus in the Park event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The evening's entertainment will

include performances by Prescott Circus Theatre and Circus Bella. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating. For more information, please contact Elena Bermeo, Program Director, at (510) 597-5038.

***An Intimate Evening Fashion Show*** – On Tuesday, July 7, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) will host a fashion show at A City Obsession Boutique, located in City Center at 500 12th Street. The event, which will run from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is a prelude to the An Intimate Evening (AIE) event on Saturday, July 25 at the Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate. The fashion show will showcase all white attire promoting the dress code theme for AIE. For more information, please contact Carol Jones, Special Assistant to the Director, at (510) 238-6648.

***Children's Play Day On The Plaza*** – On Friday, June 26, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) hosted its annual Children's Play Day on the Plaza in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. This free event was open to all children citywide and included activities such as double-dutch, rock-climbing, face painting, arts & crafts, tug-o-war, game truck and much more. Approximately 1,200 children came out to participate, including many OPR summer camp participants. This event was a kick-off for National Recreation & Park Month (NRPM) in July. For a schedule of July events, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks). For more information on Children's Play Day in the Plaza, please contact George Henderson, Program Director, at [ghenderson@oaklandnet.com](mailto:ghenderson@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5635.

***Video From Youth Panel On Library Services Aired On KTOP*** – On Friday, June 20, KTOP aired the full length video of the Library Advisory Commission's Public Hearing featuring an all-youth panel. The panel – moderated by Shanthi Gonzales, District 6 Director of the Oakland Unified School District Board – featured OPL Library Aide La Vonte Cockerham; Oakland's 2014 Youth Poet Laureate Sophie Elkin; Andrea Guzman, OPL's Ready, Set, Connect! Program Manager; and Youth Leadership Council Member Leanna Nguyen. The broadcast opens with a one-minute video celebrating the Oakland Public Library and its young leaders, and it closes with a reading by Elkin. To watch the video, please visit <https://vimeo.com/131702034>. For more information, please contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations Manager, at [wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6932.

***Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Recommendations To Public Safety Committee*** – On Tuesday, June 23, approximately 25 young people and youth leaders from the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission and various youth organizations presented their recommendations for improving police, youth and community relationships to the City Council's Public Safety Committee and Police Chief Sean Whent. Recommendations ranged from having youth serve on police hiring panels to using restorative justice practices to address community/police issues. Many of their recommendations align with the recommendations outlined in President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing's report released on March 2. To read the Commission's report, please visit <http://bit.ly/1RUjkH6>. For more information about the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission, please contact Chantal Reynolds, Program Analyst, at [creynolds@oaklandnet.com](mailto:creynolds@oaklandnet.com).

***Grand Opening Of New Verdese Carter Basketball Courts*** – On Friday, June 26, a grand opening was held for the newly refurbished basketball courts at the Oakland Police Activity League (PAL) Center at Verdese Carter Park. Members of the Oakland Police Department joined colleagues from the Oakland Parks & Recreation Department to mark the occasion. Thanks to the Warriors Community Foundation, in partnership with the Good Tidings Foundation and PG&E, two courts were resurfaced, two basketball poles were replaced and two new backboards were installed at Verdese Carter Park. Following the press conference, the Police Athletic League hosted a basketball clinic for about 125 Oakland youth. The Warriors provided jerseys and Warriors players James McAdoo and Festus Ezeli spoke at the event and tipped-off the basketball clinic. For more information, please contact Mark Hall, Capital Projects Manager, at [mhall@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mhall@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2389.

***Oakland Police Arrests Burglar*** – On Saturday, June 27, at about 1:33 a.m., Oakland Police officers were dispatched to investigate a suspicious person in the area of 220 Perkins Street. As they canvassed the area, the officers were contacted by a neighbor who told them that his house had just been broken into and several of his guns had been stolen. Soon after, the officers located four firearms and the suspect, who was placed under arrest for burglary. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Office at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***OPR Open Houses In Honor Of Park & Recreation Month*** – Through Friday, July 31, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) will host over 45 free open house events citywide. Since 1985, Americans have celebrated July as National Park & Recreation Month (NPRM) to recognize the important role parks and recreation plays in contributing and maintaining quality of life within communities. OPR is proud to celebrate NPRM with colleagues nationwide by providing open house activities for the public that range from free boating opportunities to free dance classes. For a roster of open houses, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks). For more information, please contact Jada Chiu, Marketing Coordinator, at (510) 238-3053.

***Oakland Fire Department 4th Of July Safety Information*** – On Saturday, July 4, the City of Oakland reminds you to celebrate Independence Day safely. The Oakland Fire Department and the Oakland Police Department would like to remind the public that fireworks are illegal in Oakland. If you are caught with fireworks, you will be fined up to \$1,000. The possession of large quantities of illegal fireworks carries fines of up to \$10,000 and imprisonment. The Oakland Fire Department has established drop off locations for residents to deposit illegal fireworks, with no questions asked. The drop off locations are:

- Fire Station 1, 1603 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
- Fire Station 3, 1445 14th Street
- Fire Station 4, 1235 International Boulevard
- Fire Station 5, 934 34th Street
- Fire Station 18, 1700 50th Avenue
- Fire Station 20, 1401 98th Avenue

You can also anonymously report the use of fireworks by calling the Oakland Police Department Tip Line at (510) 238-2373. Historically, the 4th of July holiday is one of the busiest times of year for the fire service, so it is important that we all do what we can to prevent accidental fires by reporting illegal fireworks activities. Let's make this an enjoyable and safe holiday for the residents of Oakland. For more information, please contact Cynthia Perkins, Oakland Fire Department, at [cperkins@oaklandnet.com](mailto:cperkins@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-4055.

***“Oakland Recycles” Launches Major New Trash, Compost And Recycling Services*** – On Wednesday, July 1, the Oakland Recycles program launched important new trash, compost and recycling services as Oakland takes a huge step toward its Zero Waste goals to keep all recyclable and compostable material out of landfills. The new services and features include: new natural gas-powered service trucks that run cleaner and quieter; new ways for all residents to easily dispose of mattresses, furniture and other bulky items; and for the first time ever, guaranteed compost service for condo and apartment residents. Effective July 1, California Waste Solutions will be the exclusive provider of recycling service to all Oakland residents. Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. will be the exclusive provider of trash and compost services for both residents and businesses. Commercial recycling will remain an open market in which businesses can shop around for the service provider they prefer. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak053766>. For service information, rate tables and FAQs for all customers, please visit [www.OaklandRecycles.com](http://www.OaklandRecycles.com). For more information, please call the Oakland Recycles Hotline at (510) 238-SAVE or email [recycling@oaklandnet.com](mailto:recycling@oaklandnet.com).

***Lineup Announced For 15th Anniversary Art + Soul*** – On Wednesday, June 24, the exciting lineup for the Oakland's beloved Art + Soul festival was announced. The City's flagship festival will host a big 15th anniversary bash celebrating the city's rich music heritage and its musical families on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2, from Noon to 6:00 p.m. The event kicks off Saturday with the return of the Blues & BBQ Blowout featuring the 2nd Annual Oaktown Throwdown BBQ Competition. Still smokin' after last year's wildly successful inaugural event, the contest is expected to draw 40 top pitmasters from all over California. The incomparable Sheila E. headlines an all-star Oakland lineup that also includes The Family Stone, Lenny Williams, West Coast Blues Society Caravan of Allstars and Edwin Hawkins' Gospel Showcase. Elevate Oakland, a local nonprofit that supports music in the schools, will host a dynamic stage featuring Kev Choice, Martin Luther, 34-56 Band, Ray Obiedo with Leah Tysse, Pacific Soul, Ashling “Biscuit” Cole, D Sharp and Ryan Nicole. Turning up the 15th anniversary heat are the return of the festival's three spell-binding dance shows: YAK to the Bay's high-flying Turf & All Styles Dance Battle, the Oakland! Let's Dance Stage produced by Carla Service of Oakland's Dance-A-Vision, and a special performance by the renowned, Oakland-based vertical dance company BANDALOO. Also on Saturday, Art + Soul Oakland continues its annual tradition of hosting a live Gospel Showcase, presented by famed Edwin Hawkins and the Community of Unity. Admission is just \$12 for Adults; \$7 for Seniors (65 and older) and Youth (ages 13-17). Children 12 & under enjoy free admission. For more information, please visit [www.ArtandSoulOakland.com](http://www.ArtandSoulOakland.com).

***Oakland Public Library Offers Beanstack, A Great New Tool For Families*** – Since Friday, May 29, the Oakland Public Library has offered the Beanstack service, a web-based book

recommendation app for adults with children. Beanstack users create a profile for each child, and receive weekly emails with recommended books based on their child's interests and age. Each title is linked to that book's record in the library catalog, so patrons can click the link in their email and place the item on hold. In addition to getting emailed recommendations, OPL patrons can visit the library's Beanstack page at <http://oakland.beanstack.org> and click "Discover" to see book lists, themed guides including activities and learning games, and recommended apps for kids. One of Beanstack's unique features is its focus on diversity in children's books. Give Beanstack a try by visiting <http://oaklandlibrary.org/Beanstack>. For more information, please contact Amy Martin, Children's Collection Management Librarian, at [amartin@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:amartin@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3847.

***BART Transbay Train Service To Be Temporarily Suspended For Critical Repairs*** – On Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2, BART will close the Transbay Tube and will not run trains between the West Oakland and Embarcadero stations. The West Oakland BART station will also be closed. The closure will allow BART to repair a critical section of track near the Transbay Tube. BART is encouraging travelers to plan ahead and to find alternate means of transportation from the East Bay to San Francisco. Service will be suspended all day Saturday and Sunday. Another closure is planned over Labor Day weekend with service suspended all day on Saturday, September 5; Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7. BART will offer lifeline bus service between the 19th Street Station in Oakland and the Temporary Transbay Terminal in San Francisco and from there back to the East Bay. The buses are intended only for those who have no other options. There will be no additional charge for the bus. Expect that the bus bridge will cause one to two hour delays for some customers. During the shutdowns, train service within the East Bay and within the West Bay and the Peninsula will be more frequent than during a typical weekend. For more information, please contact Molly M. Burke, BART Government & Community Relations, at [MBurke@bart.gov](mailto:MBurke@bart.gov) or (510) 464-6172.

***Dwele Featured At Sundays In The Redwoods*** – On Monday, June 22, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) announced Dwele as one of the featured artists in this year's Sundays in the Redwoods (SITR) outdoor concert series. Soul singer, songwriter and producer Dwele has worked with a host of artists such as Kanye West, A Tribe Called Quest, Slum Village and world-renowned producer J Dilla. A few of Dwele's hit singles include "Find a Way," "What Profit" and more recently "Drive the Future." SITR early bird ticket packages are still available and include four shows for \$80 or five shows for \$100. Individual tickets will go on sale beginning Wednesday, July 1. SITR is held at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, every Sunday from September 20 to October 11. To purchase tickets, visit the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street, or [www.sundaysintheredwoods.com](http://www.sundaysintheredwoods.com). For more information please contact Darin Hodges, Recreation Supervisor, at [dhodges@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dhodges@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7217.

***The Green Tee Golf Tournament*** – On Monday, July 23, the annual Green Tee Golf Tournament will be held at the Oakland Metropolitan Golf Links Course, 10051 Doolittle Drive. Tee time is 8:30 a.m. The tournament includes 18 holes of golf, a silent auction, driving range balls, lunch and entertainment. Registration is now open. Participants may register as a foursome for \$400 and as individuals for \$125. Tournament proceeds will benefit the Sundays in the

Redwoods outdoor concert series held at the end of summer. To register for the tournament, please visit [www.greentegolf2015.wordpress.com](http://www.greentegolf2015.wordpress.com). For more information, please Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at [kgriffin@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kgriffin@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7702.

***Summer Reading And Fun For Children, Teens, Adults*** – Through Saturday, August 8, the library is offering its annual Summer Reading Challenge at all Oakland Public Library locations. The challenge offers reading, fun and adventure for children, teens and adults this summer with various incentives designed to get people reading and visiting the library. Teens can participate in the Teen Summer Passport, a fun program that encourages teens to engage with their community while visiting cultural spots around the Bay Area. Free lunch for youth will be available at several library locations. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak053512>. For additional details, please visit [www.oaklandsummerreading.com](http://www.oaklandsummerreading.com). For more information, please contact Nina Lindsay, Supervising Librarian, at [nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6706 or Winifred Walters, Community Relations Manager, at [wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org) or 238-6932.

***Redwood Heights Recreation Movies In The Park*** – On Friday, June 26, Oakland Parks & Recreation's Redwood Heights Recreation Center, located at 3883 Aliso Avenue, will host the third movie in this year's Movies in the Park series. The featured film will be "Penguins of Madagascar" rated PG. This free movie begins at 8:30 p.m. and is open to all families and community members. For the film series schedule, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/parks](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks). For more information, please contact Breht Clark, Program Director, at [bclark@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bclark@oaklandnet.com) or call (510) 482-7827.

***Summer Food Service Provides Free Lunches For Youth*** – Through Friday, August 15, the City of Oakland's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will deliver free lunch and snacks to community organizations serving youth in Oakland. Approximately 20,000 children in the Oakland community depend on free and reduced-cost school meals during the school year. During summer break, most families struggle to replace those meals for their children. The Summer Food Service Program bridges the meal gap by providing access to nutritious lunches and snacks at convenient locations throughout the city while school is out. To find the nearest location offering free lunches for youth, please call the Alameda County Community Food Bank at 1 (800) 870-FOOD (3663). In 2014, more than 70,000 lunches were served. For 2015, the program anticipates serving between 80,000 to 100,000 lunches and snacks. The City is proud to have sponsored this service for 30 years. SFSP is one of the longest running programs within the Human Services Department and continues to expand its service year after year. Thank you to all of our partners for their commitment to the health and nutrition of Oakland's children and youth, ages 18 and under. For more information, please contact Carmela Chase, Program Analyst, at [cchase@oaklandnet.com](mailto:cchase@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7992 or Scott Kim, Program Analyst, at [skim@oaklandnet.com](mailto:skim@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2209.

### **Information Memorandums:**

The following Information Memorandum was issued recently:

**2016 Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan Call For Projects** – The purpose of this memo is to advise the Mayor and City Council of the schedule, strategy and content of planned submissions to respond to the Countywide Transportation Plan Call for Projects that was released by Alameda County Transportation Commission on June 2, 2015.  
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK053807>

**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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