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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Sabrina B. Landreth

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

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**INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Sabrina Landreth Announce Major Change in Leadership of OPD*** – On Thursday, June 9, Mayor Libby Schaaf and City Administrator Sabrina Landreth announced the resignation of Sean Whent as Oakland Police Chief and the appointment of Ben Fairow as Interim Chief of Police, on loan from BART while the City conducts a national recruitment for a new police chief. Interim Chief Ben Fairow returns to the Oakland Police Department from BART, where he serves as Deputy Chief of BART Police. The Oakland Police Department has our full commitment to provide them with whatever support, guidance and assistance is necessary to continue to serve this city as the professionals they are. The Oakland Police Department has made enormous, positive changes in the past few years under Chief Whent's leadership; there has been an unprecedented 39 percent decrease in shootings and murders since 2013, and a 46 percent year-to-date reduction in homicides. The Oakland Police Department is moving in the right direction, and we are confident that under Interim Chief Ben Fairow's leadership, that momentum will continue. For more information, please contact Karen Boyd, Citywide Communications Director, [kboyd@oaklandnet.com](mailto:kboyd@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6365.

***OPD 174th Basic Academy Graduation*** – On Friday, May 20, 44 officers were sworn in by Oakland Police Department's (OPD) Chief of Police Sean Whent at the Scottish Rite Center. Joining Chief Whent at the graduation were Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Sabrina Landreth, Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa, Deputy Chief Oliver Cunningham, Deputy Chief John Lois, Deputy Chief Danielle Outlaw, Oakland Police Officers Association representative Sergeant Barry Donelan, Personnel Resources & Training Division Commander Captain Drennon Lindsey and Training Section staff: Lieutenant Sekou Millington and Recruit Training Officers Rob Romero and Mario Bonilla. Most of new officers received their badges from Chief Whent, although six had the honor of being pinned by members of their own family who currently serve or have served in law enforcement. After thanking the graduates' families and loved ones for the fantastic support they gave as the officers attended the academy, Chief Whent encouraged the graduates to always take pride in the fact that they have been entrusted to guard the Oakland community. The diversity of Oakland is reflected in the class, which was made up of men and

women of African-American, Asian, Caucasian, Latino and Native American heritage. Several graduates are bilingual and 18 languages are represented in this class. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Office at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***Two Top Cops Honored For Excellence In DUI Enforcement*** – On Tuesday, May 10, Officer Hector Chavez and Officer Julie Yu were presented with the prestigious “Deuce Award” for having made a significant number of DUI arrests in 2015. The Deuce Award is presented by the California Office of Traffic Safety and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to recognize the efforts of police officers in DUI enforcement. Officers Chavez and Yu were honored at the awards luncheon held at Levi’s Stadium. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Office at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***OPD Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run*** – On Tuesday, June 21, members of the Oakland Police Department and their family and friends will participate in the 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run, benefiting Special Olympics Northern California. Since its inception in 1981, the Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$100 million worldwide. It is the largest grass roots fundraising program and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics. The Torch Run is vital part of a year-round fundraising and public awareness campaign that culminates every June at the Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games. For more information, please contact Sgt. Mike Reilly at [mreilly@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mreilly@oaklandnet.com).

***88th Annual OPD School Safety Patrols Celebration*** – On Tuesday, June 7, the 88th Annual Oakland Police Department (OPD) Safety Patrol Pass in Review took place at the Church of Latter-day Saints Temple (a.k.a. “the Mormon Temple”) in Oakland. Approximately 700 student crossing guards (3rd, 4th and 5th graders) from the Oakland Unified School District attended the Pass in Review. Parents, teachers and supporters were there to celebrate and cheer the young people’s dedication and hard work. The nationwide School Safety Patrol program is sponsored by AAA (formerly known as the American Automobile Association) in partnership with local law enforcement agencies and schools. In Oakland, OPD and AAA have been working together for over 90 years. Dignitary speakers included OPD Deputy Chief David Downing, OPD Chaplain Rufus Watkins, Mayor Libby Schaaf, Councilmember Noel Gallo, Schools Police Chief Jeff Godown and Marianne Campbell, AAA Vice President of Communications and Public Outreach. For more information, please contact Mr. Paul Cirolia at [pcirolia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:pcirolia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 777-8584.

***EOSC Spring Concert*** – On Saturday, June 4, the East Oakland Sports Center’s (EOSC) Introductory School of Dance and the Cultural Arts program hosted its 2016 Spring Concert at the neighboring Ira Jinkins Recreation Center, located at 9175 Edes Avenue. The concert featured a total of 50 dancers from beginning and advanced level classes showcasing a variety of disciplines including Jazz Dance, Ballet, Hip Hop, Martial Arts, Modern Dance, Swing Dance, Gymnastics, Zumba and Creative Movement in front of more than 200 spectators. For more information, please contact Claire Calalo, Program Director, at [ccalalo@oaklandnet.com](mailto:ccalalo@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5838.

***Programs Without Borders Swimsuit Drive*** – Through Wednesday, August 31, Oakland Parks & Recreation’s (OPR) Programs without Borders will be accepting swimsuit donations for children

ages 8 and older participating in its summer youth programming. Donations of new or gently used one-piece swimsuits, swim trunks, swim caps and rash guards can be dropped off at the OPR administration office located at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3330 or the East Oakland Sports Center at 9161 Edes Avenue. For more information, please contact Megan Seccombe at [mseccombe@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mseccombe@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 535-5608.

***Kidnapping/65th & Herzog Streets*** – On Wednesday, June 8, at 9:14 a.m., the Oakland Police Department (OPD) received a call of a possible kidnapping in the 1000 block of 65th Street. The caller advised that a man had just taken a woman. Oakland police officers responded to the area and conducted a preliminary investigation. Officers spoke with and gathered information from several witnesses in the area. Information obtained led the investigation to a residence in the area of Herzog Street and 65th Street. Officers established a perimeter around the residence. During the preliminary investigation, the victim, a female teenager, was safely located and advised the officers that she had been kidnapped. Soon after, the suspect, a male in his 20s, was located, identified and safely taken into custody. Currently, three young girls have been rescued and two arrests have been made. OPD Special Victims Section – Vice/Child Exploitation Unit investigators believe the incident is connected to human sex trafficking. Investigators have confirmed that three young girls, ages 14, 15 and 16, were rescued by police officers at the residence in the 1000 block of 65th Street where two suspects were arrested. The suspects are a 21-year-old male and a 22-year-old female from Oakland. This investigation is still on-going; anyone with information is asked to call the Special Victims Section at (510) 238-3641.

***Recent OPD Arrests*** – On Tuesday, May 31, at about 7:40 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the 1900 block of 10th Avenue on a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, the officers located one of the robbery suspects, were able to make an arrest and recovered loss. On Monday, May 30, at about 7:45 p.m., a person who had been robbed at knife-point two days earlier called the police to report that he saw one of the robbery suspects. Officers were directed to the suspect's location in the 5100 block of International Boulevard, where an arrest was made. On Saturday, May 28, at 10:30 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the 9800 block of MacArthur Boulevard on a report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, the officers obtained descriptions of the suspect and the vehicle used. Later, patrol officers located the vehicle and the suspects. A pursuit ensued and at the termination of the pursuit, four suspects were arrested. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Office at [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-7230.

***Summer Reading And Fun For Children, Teens, Adults At The Library*** – Through Saturday, June 11, the Oakland Public Library kicks off a summer of reading, fun and adventure for children, teens and adults with two special events:

- On Friday, June 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the 81st Avenue Library, 1021 81st Avenue, will host the Kids Summer Reading Kickoff, with Play-Well TEKnologies Legos<sup>®</sup> building, arts and crafts with the Museum of Children's Art and a special acrobatic performance by Coventry & Koluza. All children attending will receive a free book to start their summer reading.
- On Saturday, June 11, from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the Library's Youth Leadership Council will host Culture Fest, an all-ages event held at the Main Library, 125 14th Street. Turf

dancing, live band performances and poetry readings from finalists in the Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Program will be featured as well as a henna workshop and food from around the globe.

For kids and adults, the library is offering its annual Summer Reading, 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 earn digital badges and engage with their community while visiting cultural spots around the Bay Area. Summer Reading and the Passport program begin Saturday, June 11 and conclude on Saturday, August 6. Free lunch for youth will be available at several library locations. "Read. Create. Explore." is the theme for summer reading this year. Sign ups start on Saturday, June 11. Visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/summer](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/summer) or drop by your neighborhood library and pick up a reading log. For more information, please contact Winifred Walters, Community Relations Manager, at [wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:wwalters@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6932.

***National Night Out Registration Deadline*** – Through Friday, July 15, neighborhood and community groups are invited to register as a host for the annual National Night Out event to be held on Tuesday, August 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is America's night out and a time for neighbors to get together and have a block party, ice cream social, potluck or other outdoor event to build neighborhood spirit and unity. These efforts are a first defense against crime. Block parties can be hosted anywhere including townhouse complexes, apartment buildings or even in a park near a condominium. Caution tape may be provided upon request at registration and streets will be blocked off at no cost. For more information or to register, please visit [www.oaklandnet.com/mno](http://www.oaklandnet.com/mno) or call (510) 238-3102.

***Dads And Jazz*** – On Sunday, June 19, Oakland Parks & Recreation will host the Dads and Jazz live concert event at the Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. Relax and enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz in a peaceful, outdoor setting. Tickets, which include complimentary tours of the historic mansion, cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years of age. For more information, please contact Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, at [dcooper@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dcooper@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 615-5555.

***New "Shed" At MLK Branch Library Provides Space For Youth To Work On Bikes*** – On Saturday, June 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, the Original Scrapper Bike Team and Bike East Bay will unveil the first youth-led bike repair shop for the community. Informally known as "The Shed," it will be a facility where the community can learn how to repair, tune-up and decorate their bicycles in original scrapper-bike style every Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The Shed is located outside the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, at 6833 International Boulevard in East Oakland. The kick-off celebration will feature traditional and vegetarian barbeque, bike-blender smoothies (from a blender powered by bicycles), bike-streamer crafts, bubbles, games, prizes and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring out their best scrapper bikes. Bike enthusiasts can also join us for a pre-party group ride, starting at Noon from the 81st Avenue Branch Library, 1021 81st Avenue. The ride will proceed along the Bay Trail to MLK Library in time for The Shed's grand opening party. For more information, please

contact the Branch Library at (510) 615-5728.

***Great American Backyard Campout*** – From Saturday, June 25, to Sunday, June 26, Oakland Parks & Recreation invites families and individuals to turn off televisions, iPods, video games, computers and cell phones and connect with nature, family and friends by camping together in Joaquin Miller Park, 3594 Sanborn Drive. The Great American Backyard Campout is a nationwide event sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. The fee for the campout is \$15 for adults and teens, \$10 for youth ages 4 to 14 and free for youth under 4. Campers are provided with dinner, s'mores and continental breakfast. Participants are responsible for their own tents and camping supplies. A limited number of loaner tents and sleeping bags are available. To register, please call the Rotary Nature Center at (510) 238-3739. For more information, please contact Stephanie Benavidez, Supervising Naturalist, at [sbenavidez@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sbenavidez@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 867-0669.

***Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcements*** – During the week of June 13, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Business Analyst I
- Assistant Emergency Services Manager
- Program Analyst I, Selective Certification – Youth Development
- Project Manager III (Deputy Chief Information Officer)

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.

**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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