

El Debarge Performance at Juneteenth Picnic Offers Thousands of Oakland Residents a Free, Fun, and SOULful Time

Summer is officially underway and Oakland is abuzz with barbeques, sporting events, festivals, and of course- picnics! However, Councilmember Brooks may have just taken the crown for the most awesome-est picnic in Oakland of 2014. All the basics were there to begin with; Great sunny weather, a beautiful grassy park (Arroyo Viejo in District 6), good people, and tasty food...

But then it got *real good*...

A massive stage complete with a broad awning and full sound system was erected in the center of the park. Drums and keyboards and mics oh my!

And after a soulful set by local rock stars Kev Choice and Jennifer Johns, the incomparable and legendary 3 time Grammy nominated El Debarge took the stage! The crowd that had gradually swelled since the onset of the picnic from a sparse crowd to a mighty mass of thousands cheered and shouted a warm welcome for the icon in the park.



El Debarge wowed thousands of show goers at the Juneteenth picnic presented by Councilmember Brooks

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Yes, this was no ordinary picnic... There was even horse riding going on at one end of the park!

Oakland resident Stacey Monique commented:

"Words cannot express how proud I am to be born and raised in Oakland, the REAL Oakland. (The Juneteenth Picnic) was proof positive that there are still good things happening in EAST Oakland! Councilwoman Desley Brooks thank you for always doing what's best for the people of your district and for Oakland as a whole! You are a true champion for the City of Oakland..."

Small businesses and vendors were given a great opportunity and outlet to market and sell their business at the picnic, an added benefit to an event like this happening in District 6.

"I'm elated by the success of today's event. Over and over again our District reinforces the positive and resilient aspects of our community. I'm proud to be a conduit for an event like this and most of all, it's just big fun!" - Councilmember Desley Brooks



A sea of Oakland residents at this years Juneteenth Picnic at Arroyo Park in District 6

Thanks to Ken Houston of Turner Construction, East Side Arts Alliance, Bay Area Productions, Supervisor Keith Carson and Evelyn Hogan Jackson for their support in bringing this event to Arroyo Viejo Park!

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A New Beginning and More to Come!

The building of a NEW Play Structure in just one day at Burkhalter Park June 20th was a huge success. Every child deserves a safe place to play in their neighborhood. We now have a great area for the children in our community to safely play and create memories. This is an important step in providing for the health of our children and building community.



As part of a jam packed weekend that included the build out of a park in one day, a picnic and concert, and meeting with the press- Councilmember Brooks and community members from District 6 are celebrating the successful installation of a new park structure and play area at Burkhalter Park. The project drew about 200 volunteers over the course of the day, 71 of whom were people from the neighborhood! Gracious and helpful were volunteers from Bishop O'Dowd's basketball team, Men of Valor, Oakland Fire Department, Park and Recreation and Public Works. All these hands, feet, and smiles helped to bring forth a new children's oasis that will serve as great destination in our District! After the parks completion, Councilmember Brooks announced the build of another park in District 6. This time, it'll be Concordia Park that gets a facelift from Desley Brooks and KaBOOM!

GREAT NEWS! WE'RE BUILDING **ANOTHER** PARK IN ONE DAY IN DISTRICT 6!

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Friday
August 8
Concordia Park
2901 64th Avenue
Oakland, CA

Councilmember Desley Brooks does it again! She is building another new playground in your neighborhood in JUST ONE DAY!

Your help is needed to prepare for this exciting day in District 6

Councilmember Brooks competed for and was awarded to build a new play structure at Burkhalter Park, which is to be completed on June 20th. Now she successfully secured a play structure and garden build at Concordia Park! In partnership with KaBOOM!, the national nonprofit dedicated to giving kids the childhood they deserve by bringing play to those who need it most - Councilmember Brooks, community volunteers, City of Oakland, and OCCUR will build a great new place for kids to play in ONE day.

How it works/How to get involved

The play structure will be designed by kids from the community. A KaBOOM! build is like an old-fashion barn raising where the community comes out and builds the structure in one day! We need you to help us build this play structure on August 8th.

To volunteer to be a part of our play structure team you can:

- (1) Call Councilperson Brooks' office at 510.238.3971
- (2) Email us at dbrooks@oaklandnet.com

Help create positive change in your neighborhood.

Councilmember Brooks Cares!

Why build a playground?

Councilmember Brooks aligns and identifies with KaBOOM!'s assessment that there is a "play deficit" in America. More and more of our children trade in play time for staring at TV and iPad screens for hours. However, studies show that not only does playing increase a child's physical health, it is a major factor in developing social skills and reinforcing confidence and self esteem in young people. The more we encourage our children to be active and see having a safe place to play as a right, not a luxury, the more character and strength we build in our youth and future society.

Not Our First Project

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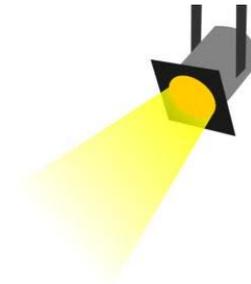
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Spot Light on Excellence



Shomari Smith is a Fremont High School graduate and phenomenal visual artist born and raised in Oakland. He recently produced and directed his first full length documentary- "Til Infinity", a biopic on the legendary Oakland rap crew Souls of Mischief. The film premiered on the big screen at this years Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles and continues to be a hit with audiences!

As part of this important retrospective, Smith spent two years traveling the country, conducting interviews with the entire Hieroglyphics collective and capturing intimate dialogues with hip hop notables such as A Tribe Called Quest's Phife Dawg, Dilated Peoples' Rakaa Iriscience, Talib Kweli, Yaslin Bey (Mos Def), Robert Bobbito Garcia, Award Winning Writer Thembisa S. Mshaka, Snoop Lion (Snoop Dogg), highly respected A&R rep Dante Ross and Radio/Television Icon Sway Calloway, to name a few. What results is not only an intimate and compelling portrait of one of Hip-Hop's most critically acclaimed groups but also an in-depth look at how the group's anti-record label approach helped to create a successful business model that has become part of the norm 20 years later.



As Oakland turns 100 we also celebrate the 100th birthday of an endeared resident



I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Maybell Broussard and her daughter. Ms. Broussard was at city Hall to celebrate the 100th birthday of the City of Oakland. Ms. Broussard also turned 100 years old this past March. She was born in West Oakland. She remembers coming to City Hall as a little girl. Her father worked at City Hall for 22 years as an elevator operator. Happy birthday city of Oakland and happy belated birthday Ms. Broussard!

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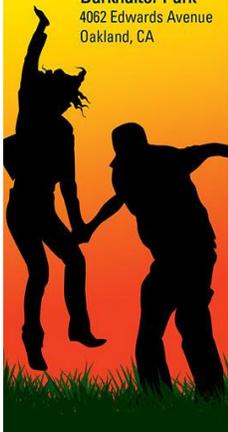


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June 20**

Burkhalter Park
4062 Edwards Avenue
Oakland, CA



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Morgan Stanley

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It's almost that time of year again! Summer is just around the corner and we are excited to announce this years 3 on 3 basketball competition! I am so grateful to the Golden State Warriors and Goodwin Sports Management for their support of such a fun, safe, and inspiring event in Oakland!

www.soyouthinkyoucanhoop.com

Councilmember Desley Brooks Presents...



Councilmember Brooks endorses: Early Oakland initiative



Studies have proven that enrolling children in Pre-K programming has long term positive affects on their academic achievement and self-esteem. There's an initiative in Oakland to support the enrollment of children in these programs

2014 Pothole Blitz for Oakland Streets May 12 - June 27

Your Oakland Public Works department will conduct an unprecedented campaign to repair potholes across our streets. Not only are potholes a nuisance when riding down the road, they can cause severe and expensive damage to vehicles and of course present great safety hazard to pedestrians and bicyclist. The office of America's Car Care Council reports on the damage potholes can cause on cars:

"Vehicles to roll or sways on turns, vehicle's front-end dives when braking, vehicles to bounces or slide sideways on a winding, rough road, leaking, and loss of directional control during sudden stops of the vehicle."

These of course increase accidents and dangerous breakdowns on our roads. So this initiative to repair our roads is of great importance.

"Residents of District 6 have been really good about filing street repair complaints with the city and voicing their concerns. I'm excited to see the city taking this action. I think it's great! On the week of May 19th when the crews are working in District 6 it will be especially exciting for me as a representative to see the needs of our residents met."

- Councilmember Brooks

The first week-long Pothole Blitz will commence on May 12, 2014 in East Oakland's City Council District 7. The week of May 19th crews will concentrate on District 6; May 26th crews will be in District 5; and the Streets & Sidewalks Maintenance crews will continue to spend one week in each respective Council district, progressing east to west across the City. The Blitz is scheduled to end June 27th in District 1 in North Oakland.

The strategy will focus on completing as many of the existing outstanding service requests as possible and to address 2,500 potholes by the end of the Blitz. Pothole repair is one technique to maintain more than 2,300 lane miles of streets throughout Oakland.

"One of the issues we get the most calls about is residents wanting to see potholes fixed on the roads they drive the most, and this is one of our biggest efforts each year to answer those requests," Mayor Jean Quan said. "I want to thank our dedicated Public Works crews for all their work year round to fix potholes and other driving hazards, and this annual blitz is a great opportunity to take a before-and-after look at the impact of the work they do," said Mayor Jean Quan.

To report a problem with damaged sidewalks, streets, or other public damage Call 510-615-5566.



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