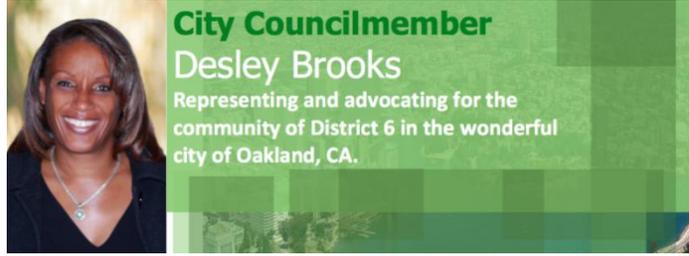


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A New Beginning and More to Come!

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.

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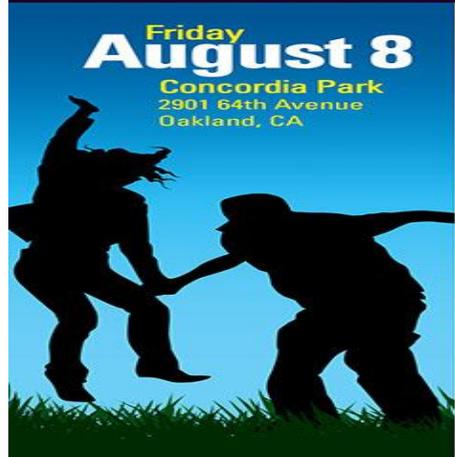


As part of a jam packed weekend that included the build out of a park in one day, a picnic and concert, and meeting with the press- Councilmember Brooks and community members from District 6 are celebrating the successful installation of a new park structure and play area at Burkhalter Park. The project 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



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
 Councilmember Brooks established the first partnership between KaBOOM! and the Oakland City Council. She is the only councilperson who has brought six KaBOOM! builds to her District and the City!




KaBOOM! is a national non-profit dedicated to saving play for America's children. Their mission is to create great playspaces through the participation and leadership of communities. Ultimately, KaBOOM! envisions a place to play within walking distance of every child in America.

To learn more about KaBOOM! visit www.Kaboom.org

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National Public Parks Tennis Championships 2014 is coming to Oakland!

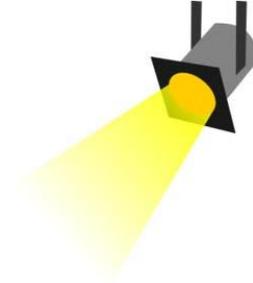


Through Wednesday, August 6, tennis players can register for the 88th annual National Public Parks Tennis Championships. The nation's most prestigious municipal tennis tournament will be held on August 16 to 24 at four venues in and around Oakland. The City of Oakland is the first Northern California site selected to host this prestigious event in its 88-year history. Players can register to compete in one or more divisions. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for the event are available.

For additional details and to register, please visit www.npptc2014.com.

For more information, please contact Marc Weistein, Program Director, at (510) 444-5663.

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Spot Light on Excellence

*Celebrating Oakland Community Members
Building Great Things*



Emilio Marco Bejarano Penn

-169th Academy Graduation Includes Eight-Year-Old Honorary Officer -

On Thursday, July 3rd, the 169th Oakland Police Recruit Academy graduated at the Scottish Rite Center. The addition of these 34 graduates increases the total number of OPD Officers to 680 as of today, which is an important accomplishment in our continued efforts to grow the Oakland Police Department (OPD) and increase public safety in Oakland. Standing with the 169th Academy to be named an honorary officer was a very special little boy, Emilio Marco Bejarano Penn, proudly dressed in his own miniature OPD uniform. Emilio was saluted by Chief Sean Whent, who pinned an honorary badge on his chest. Emilio, age eight, dreams of growing up to be a police officer catching all the bad guys. Unfortunately, last year he was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Emilio's passion, unselfishness and bravery make him a great honorary police officer for the OPD.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.

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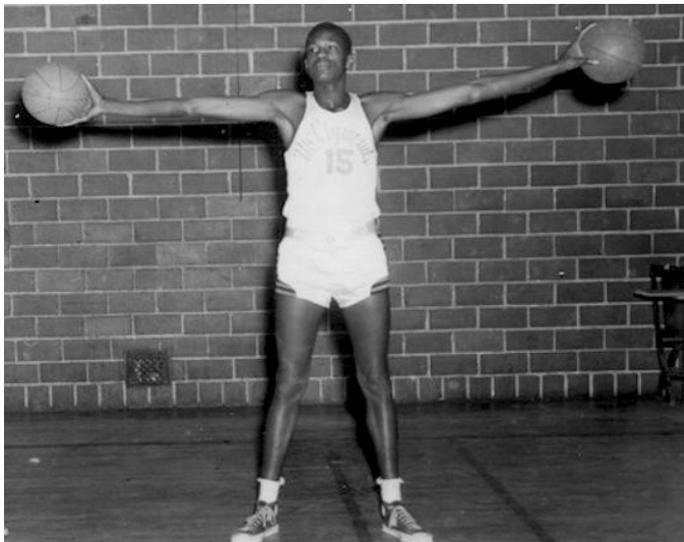
Councilmember Desley Brooks' Annual 3 on 3 Basketball tournament taps into Oakland's rich NBA Legend Spirit

July means heat in our city but it also means hoops! Particularly because of the Bay Area's number one 3 on 3 basketball tournament happening at the end of the month (July 25-27) at the Oracle Arena, sponsored by Councilmember Desley Brooks.

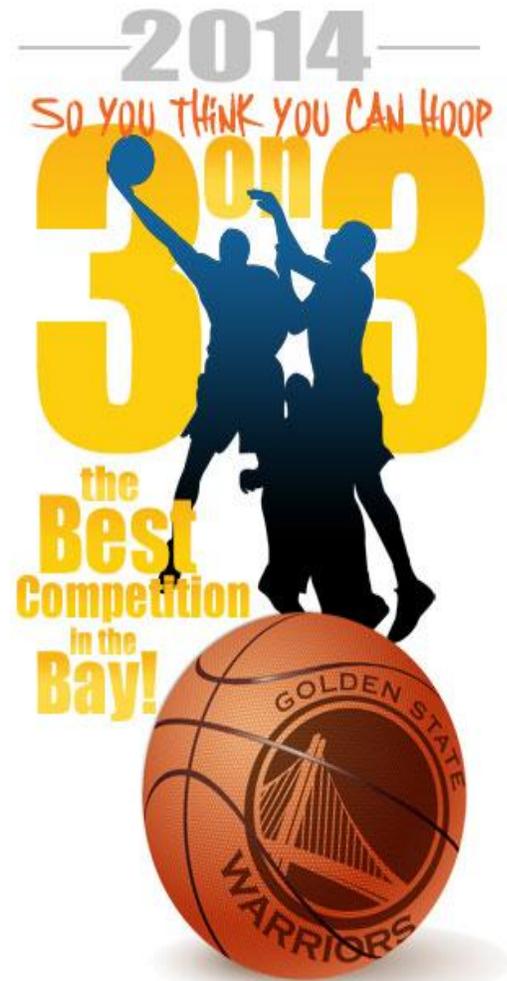
3 on 3 basketball is a fast paced street culture rendition of the standard 5 on 5 game. It's full of flair and strategy along with a fierce competitiveness that makes it big fun for players and spectators alike.

When preparing for the biggest 3 on 3 competition in the Bay Area, it's natural to reflect on Oakland's strong B-Ball heritage. In fact, there may be no other city in the country responsible for the amount of NBA legends as Oakland!

Beginning with NBA Hall of Fame-er Bill Russell who graduated from McClymonds High School in 1951. Russell would go on to win 11 NBA championships and five MVP seasons.



Bill Russel photographed here at McClymonds High in 1950. Russell is in the argument for the greatest NBA player of all time.



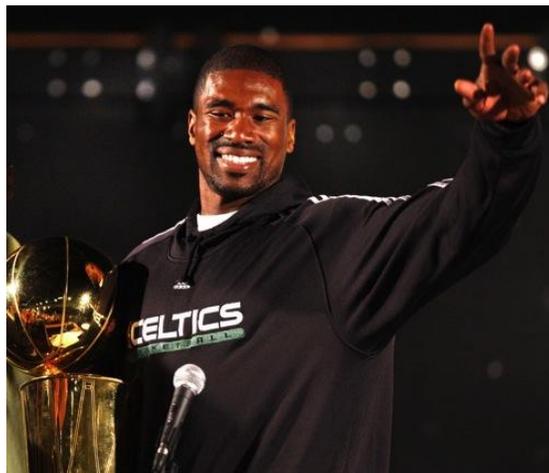
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By the 1990's it seemed like almost every new big time NBA star had Oakland roots, from Gary Payton, to Jason Kidd, to J.R. Rider.



Gary Payton and Jason Kidd are absolute Oakland pride. Photographed here in 1997 at the height of their careers.

In total there are 23 NBA players from Oakland that have been in the league. New champs include Leon Powe who graduated from Oakland Tech and after playing at Cal went onto play for the Boston Celtics where he when won a championship in 2008.

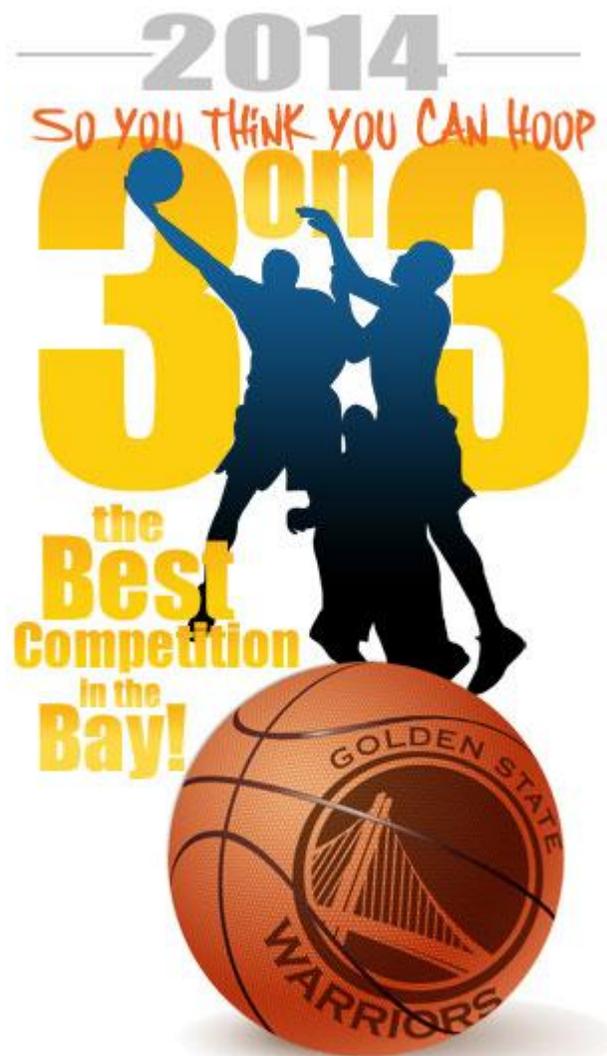


Oakland Tech graduate Leon Powe wins NBA title

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The upcoming 'So You Think You Can Hoop' 3 on 3 tournament draws on Oakland's bold basketball culture and draws hundred of players and onlookers each year.

"I love basketball and connecting with my community here in Oakland, bringing us all together for a good time. So this is a natural thing for us. To me the 3 on 3 event is violence prevention, health, community involvement, and a good time all wrapped into one", said Councilmember Brooks."



www.soyouthinkyoucanhoop.com

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City Council Approves FY 2014-15 Midcycle Budget

On Tuesday, July 1, the Oakland City Council approved millions of dollars in investments Mayor Jean Quan and the City Administrator's Office proposed for public safety, job creation, restoring City services and increasing reserves.

The proposal was a midcycle revision, coming at the halfway point in a two-year budget passed in June 2013. Rising revenues and prior fiscal year's savings gave the City more than \$29 million in additional funds to decide how to either spend

or place in reserve. To learn more about the specific amendments, please read the media release at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak047931>.

For more information, please contact Sarah Schlenk, Interim Budget Director, atsschlenk@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3982.



BLOCK PARTY

Register Your Block Party For *National Night Out 2014*

Through Friday, July 25th, organizers can register their block parties for National Night Out by visiting this link at our city site: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/nno>

National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, is "America's Night Out Against Crime."

In 1984, it began as a nationwide effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods

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are organized and fighting back. This year, Oakland's goal is to have more than 675 block parties citywide. For more information, please contact Brenda Ivey, Police Service Technician, atbivey@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3091.

Improvements Unveiled At The Oakland Police Department Dispatch Center

Oakland Police Department Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa and top City Dispatch and IT officials held a press conference to unveil improvements at the OPD Communications Section Dispatch Center. Changes included new-and-improved dispatcher workstations and a more efficient ShotSpotter system. This project is the result of a \$750,000 investment made by the Mayor and City Council into infrastructure and technology upgrades that make real-time communication between dispatchers and police officers clearer, easier and faster. The project, completed on budget and ahead of schedule, represents collaboration among City departments including OPD, the Information Technology Department and the Public Works Department.



For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.



OPD Launches Human Trafficking Webpage



OPD launched a new section on the department's website to serve as a prevention tool for sex trafficking. The Human Trafficking webpage can be viewed by clicking this link:

Protectoaklandkids.org

The site was created to keep our community informed about the

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realities of sex trafficking in Oakland. The page displays photos of individuals arrested and charged with profiting from prostitution.

You may have seen billboards like the one below around your neighborhood and city. A number of individuals and agencies are partnering with city officials to address this urgent and greatly important issue.



The community plays an important role in combating trafficking. An informed community is an empowered and safer community.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, at hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3131.



I highly encourage Oakland residents to be informed on the issues being discussed on your behalf at City Hall.

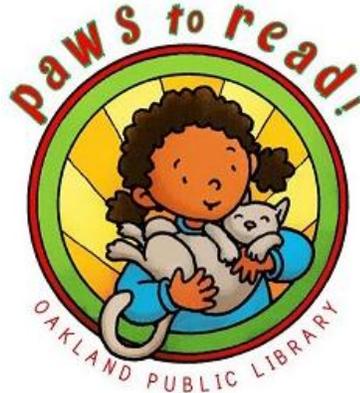
You can always visit the city's website and view upcoming agenda items.

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www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/cityclerk

Every newsletter issue from me will highlight important issues and items that we are currently discussing and or voting on currently.

Councilmember Desley Brooks Presents...



Children's Summer Reading Program Kicks Off June 14 at the Oakland Public Library Oakland, CA

"Paws to Read" is the theme of the 2014 Summer Reading Program.

Taking place at all branches of the Oakland Public Library until August 9th, the Summer Reading Program encourages children to maintain their reading abilities after school is out. All library locations will feature live entertainment and fun activities to lure kids in. As added incentive, prizes will be given to all children who reach reading goals.

Visit <http://www.oaklandsummerreading.com/> for a details about performers, activities, prizes, free lunch, and summer challenges for teens and adults.

For information, news, and events in District 6 and Oakland wide "Like" me on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Desley-Brooks/135189713236208>

