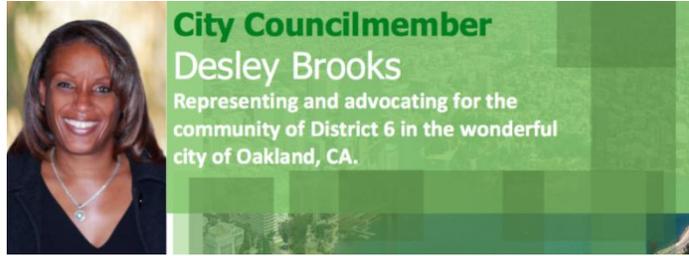


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Digital Art and Culinary Academy founded by Desley Brooks is Thriving and Empowering Young People



At first thought it seems like an odd combination; Digital Art and Culinary Arts. Mainly because essentially what it brings to mind is a video camera with a plate of pasta on top of it... But to put it cleverly (and factually), students and staff at the Digital Arts and Culinary Academy (DACACA) are "cooking up media and film production", literally.

Located at 5818 International Blvd in East Oakland, this jewel in our city is a phenomenal resource that not only teaches fundamental and advanced skills in culinary and digital arts, but also provides professional employment for students and a diverse staff made up mostly of young people.

One of the DACACA's Co-Directors, Claytoven Richardson, expresses a deep pride in the center and it's outcomes:

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"I feel like the best thing about DACA is that we are providing these young people with things that they are not getting in school.

Real education in media and culinary arts."

DACA was founded via a vision of Councilmember Desley Brooks to maximize the potential of this space connected with the Rainbow Recreation Center, and community response was vibrant from the very beginning.

"I just want to say how vital Councilmember Brooks has been in this center. From the very beginning the furnishing and completion of the center, it wouldn't have been possible without her", said Richardson.

Program sessions at DACA move forward in 5 week blocks, serving about 20-30 youth per cohort.

In its third year of operation, DACA has really begun to take form and hold true to its said mission at onset. The pedagogy of the programming at DACA sees youth participants as "family rather than members", and aims to cultivate a sense of collective contribution to the victories of the center.



Claytoven Richardson began as a music instructor at DACA and now serves as Co-Director

DIGITAL ART AND CULINARY ARTS PROVIDES HIGH STANDARD LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH IN EAST OAKLAND



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EXPRESS Yourself

LEARN HOW TO

- Create your own music
- Shoot & edit your own videos
- Cook restaurant quality meals
- Grow fruits and vegetables

The complex block features a collage of images. At the top, a person is shown using a blender, with the word "EXPRESS" in large green letters overlaid. Below this, the word "Yourself" is written in a large, grey, sans-serif font. To the right of "Yourself" is a photograph of a young boy holding a professional video camera. Below the main text, there is a green box with the words "LEARN HOW TO" in white. To the right of this box is a list of four activities, each preceded by a red bullet point.

DACA is open weekdays 12:00pm to 7:00pm (During the Summer) and 2:30pm to 6:30pm (During the school year). If you would like to set up an appointment to see the facility, please call [\(510\) 615-5807](tel:5106155807), or email us at info@dacaoakland.com

Visit online at www.dacaoakland.com

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This Weekend

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

"I am so excited to keep our annual 3 on 3 basketball competition tradition alive and thriving. This weekend will be big fun and a meaningful event rooted in sportsman/womanship, positivity, and the power of the community togetherness that is so vital as we continue to become the best district and city we can be." -Councilmember Brooks

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.

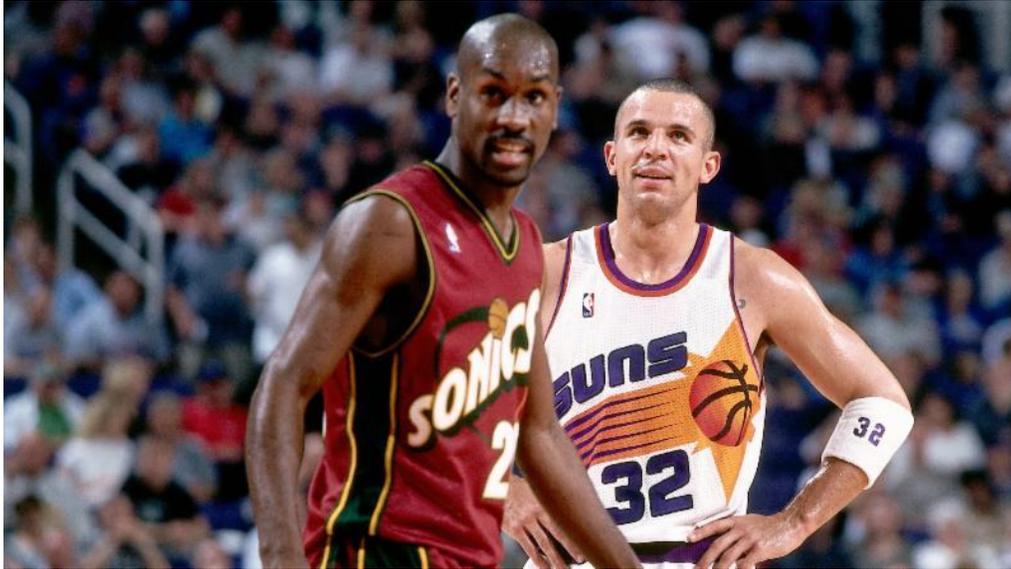


www.soyouthinkyoucanhoop.com

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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."



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 championship in 2008.



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

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"There has been a recent spike in car break ins and theft in Oakland. I want to encourage all of us to take preventative measures to protect our property, as well as be informed on what to do should you experience a car theft or break in."

-Councilmember Brooks



All auto break-ins usually have one thing in common: there's something left in the car worth stealing. Most larcenies from cars are "crimes of opportunity" that could be prevented by taking some preventative steps. Most Police departments recommend the following:

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle: You'd be surprised how often this happens, but individuals leave valuable items in plain sight all the time. If you leave items in your vehicle and they're visible, the chances your vehicle will get broken into, increase greatly.
- Place items out of sight BEFORE reaching your destination: Someone may be watching when you put your valuables under a seat or in the trunk and the moment you're gone, a thief could break into your car. So place those items in a safe place before you get to the park, beach, baseball game, etc. Valuable items that thieves target are GPS units, MP3 players, credit cards, money, packages and so forth. If you can't take the items with you, secure them in a safe place in your vehicle, like a locked glove compartment or your trunk.
- Avoid leaving packages or shopping bags out in the open: Lock them into your trunk, if you have to leave the vehicle unattended. Never open a trunk, fill it full of valuables, close it, and then just walk away.

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- Lock ALL of your vehicle's doors: This is true even if you plan on only being gone for "just a second". Remember, it only takes seconds to steal items from your car. It's not uncommon, for thieves to walk down a row of parked vehicles, looking for unlocked doors. Also, make sure car windows aren't left open.
- Park in busy, well lit areas: Pick a parking spot where there is a lot of activity. Auto thieves prefer breaking into cars in isolated areas.
- Don't leave a trace: Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables "out of sight" in your vehicle. For example: the suction cup on your dashboard, might tell thieves, that you have a GPS system in your vehicle. Leave nothing in plain view. Very few auto break-ins are "random". The thieves usually see something out in the open or hints of possible hidden valuables.
- Alarms or anti-theft devices work: Thieves are usually looking for the "easiest" target. If your car has an alarm, it could act as a deterrent. But don't make this common mistake: Just because you have an alarm, doesn't mean thieves won't break-in, IF you leave valuable items in plain sight.
- Don't leave spare keys in your vehicle: An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Store spare keys elsewhere, possibly your wallet or purse.

One of the "hottest" items that thieves are targeting both locally and nationally, is the GPS system in your vehicle. It's very simple police say: "if you leave a GPS system in your car, the chances are it will be stolen". Here are few tips to prevent your satellite navigation system from being taken:

- Take the whole unit out of your vehicle including the mounting bracket. Don't leave your vehicle unattended with the GPS system in plain sight.
- wipe the windscreen so that the suction marks left from the system are wiped away.

If your vehicle is stolen or property is taken from the vehicle there are number of things you can and should do:

- Call police immediately. provide a complete description of the items taken. Also provide license plate number, make and model of vehicle, year and color, plus VIN number and insurance company.
- Etch your driver's license number on all removable valuable items. Items such as audio equipment.
- Don't leave your driver's license or title in the vehicle.
- Keep a record of the VIN number, license plate number, and insurance information in your wallet or purse.
- Install a vehicle tracking and location system that can be activated after the vehicle is reported as stolen.

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City of Oakland Pothole Blitz 3037 Potholes in 7 weeks!



Seven weeks of filling potholes, surface patching and "milling and filling" Oakland streets, staff from the Oakland Public Works Streets and Sidewalks Maintenance Division have completed their annual Pothole Blitz. The goal of filling 2,500 potholes was reached - and exceeded by 21% - with more than 3,037 potholes filled. In addition, a total of 11 city blocks were addressed, utilizing the "mill and fill" process. Milling and filling is a longer-term solution consisting of removing two inches of deteriorated asphalt and replacing with hot asphalt. While the cost is higher, the repair is more permanent in nature. From May 12th to June 27, 2014, staff concentrated efforts Council District by Council District to ensure safe travel for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Streets & Sidewalks crews worked very hard to improve Oakland neighborhood roadways and thoroughfares. Many locations were identified by service requests submitted by citizens to the Public Works Call Center. Staff also focused on high-priority areas such as main corridors, schools, hospitals, high-use pedestrian areas and bike routes.

"The Pothole Blitz is a great effort where resources are highly focused but the City continues to seek funding to expand these efforts to improve Oakland's streets and roadways," stated Assistant Director Jason Mitchell.

The public is encouraged to report potholes and other infrastructure needs through any of these methods:

Online: www.oaklandpw.com

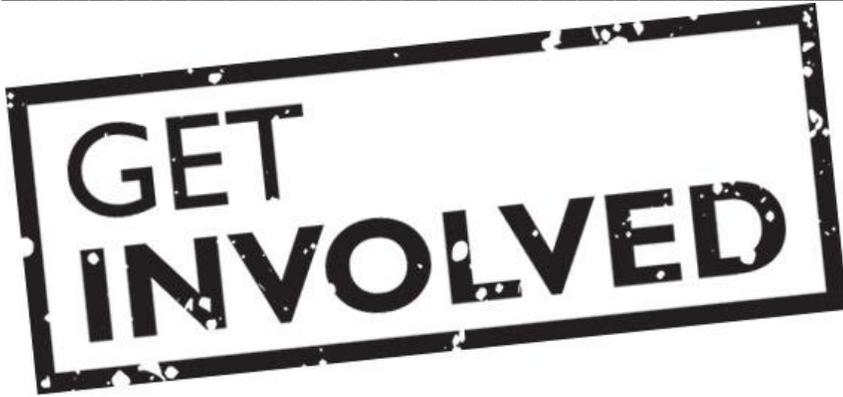
Call: [\(510\) 615-5566](tel:5106155566)

Email: opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com

Mobile app: seeclickfix

Please watch out for our crews when they are working in the roadways, to keep them safe! Your assistance is much appreciated. For more information about Oakland Public Works, visit www.oaklandpw.com.

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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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Click on the Government tab

Every one of my newsletters will highlight important issues and items that city council is currently discussing and or voting on.



On July 15, 2014 City Council will deliberate regarding establishing a city minimum wage

Subject: Establishing A Minimum Wage

Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution, Pursuant To An Initiative Petition, Submitting To The Electors At The November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election, A Proposed City Ordinance "Establishing A City Minimum Wage, Sick Leave, And Other Employee Rights"; Consolidating The Election With The Statewide General Election.

This meeting we be held on the 3rd floor of City Hall in City Council chambers at 5:30pm.

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On July 17, 2014 Rules and Legislation Committee will address making solar energy more accessible

Subject: Support For AB 2188 - Simplifying Solar Energy Permitting Process:
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution In Support Of Assembly Bill (AB) 2188 (Muratsuchi) - State Legislation That Would Make California Statewide Permitting Process For Rooftop Solar Systems Simpler And More Efficient And Help Advance Goals Outlined In Oakland Climate Action Plan

This meeting will be held in City Council Chambers on the 3rd Floor at 10:45am.

**National Public Parks Tennis Championships
2014 is coming to Oakland!**



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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.nptc2014.com.

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



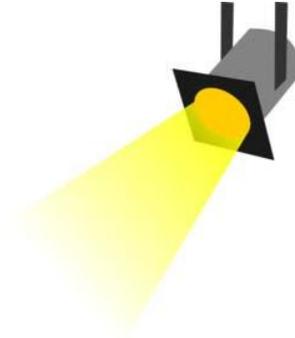
Register Your Block Party For *National Night Out 2014*

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 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.

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Spot Light on Excellence

*Celebrating Oakland Community Members
Building Great Things*



Jayson Daniel

**19 year old East Oakland musical phenom accepted into
prestigious Berkeley School of Music!**

Focus and real love for music has provided a young man from East Oakland the opportunity of a lifetime. 19-year old Jayson Daniel has been accepted to a summer program at Berkeley College of Music, one of the country's premier music schools.

We commend this young man for his dedication to making a successful path for himself.

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

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