



DISTRICT ONE NEWSLETTER – AUGUST, 2014

ZERO WASTE Garbage & Recycling Contract

Oakland City Council voted unanimously on July 30th and seven to one on August 13th to accept a new 'Zero Waste' franchise proposal for recycling and garbage collection and disposal. Effective July 2015, the new provider of zero waste services will be California Waste Solutions (CWS), an Oakland-based company that currently handles about half of the recycling services in our city.

Over the past 10-15 years, Oakland residents have enjoyed relatively low garbage collection rates with only negligible cost-of-living increases each year. Given the history of low rates and our need for increased services, it was clear from the beginning that rates would go up to reflect real costs. This was a lengthy and fair process that resulted in the best deal available for Oakland residents.

The initial bids for the contract came in at an unacceptable increase in rates of over 75%. After extended negotiations with the two leading companies, the proposed rates were reduced, but from the Council's point of view, were still way too high. After further negotiations at the Council's direction, we were provided with contract proposals with more reasonable rate increases. The good news is that all in all, the new franchise contract with California Waste Solutions (CWS) will provide increased services for the city at the lowest possible rates coupled with long-term environmental benefits.

Effective July 2015, we will have increased services when it comes to picking up illegally dumped trash, composting of green waste for *all* Oakland residents—including those at multi-family buildings, processing of green 'organics' waste from restaurants and other sources at an Oakland-based state-of-the-art waste-to-energy facility operated by East Bay MUD, and more collection of bulky wastes for all residents. Additionally, CWS has committed to work with the Oakland nonprofit Civicorps to continue and expand their job skills training program that employs Oakland disadvantaged young adults to collect organics green waste from commercial establishments. Moreover, due in part to Councilmember Kalb's insistence, CWS is on the hook to achieve aggressive diversion rates that are beneficial to the environment for the life of the contract. Diversion refers to the amount of recycling and green organics materials that get diverted from going to a landfill and instead are processed and reused.

Ramping up for July 2015 is not a simple task. Fortunately, CWS has received commitments in writing and developed back-up plans to get us to a smooth transition next summer. Meanwhile, councilmember Kalb intends to ask Public Works staff and CWS management to present clear timelines and regular updates over the next year so the Council can monitor progress on preparing for the July 2015 changeover. When fully implemented, this will be a green, cost-effective, and beneficial zero waste garbage contract for the City and all Oakland residents.



City officials tout new Zero Waste franchise agreement with representatives from CWS and Civicorps

Smartphone Kill Switch Legislation

We're thrilled to report that SB 962 (Leno), the Smartphone 'Kill Switch' bill that we've been working on for months, has passed the State Assembly and State Senate with votes to spare. Councilmember Kalb was in Sacramento last Tuesday lobbying uncommitted Assembly Members to support the bill. Here is Councilmember Kalb's statement:

"The State Legislature made a smart move on smartphones today by passing the 'Kill Switch' public safety and consumer protection bill, SB 962 (Leno)," said Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb, who was robbed at gunpoint for his phone in October of 2012.

"This has been one of my top priorities and I look forward to Governor Brown signing this into law so we can deter and reduce the violent armed and strongarm robberies that afflict Oakland and our entire state." Kalb has been to Sacramento numerous times this year to lobby and testify in support of this bill.

In addition to Senator Mark Leno, kudos also to Assemblymember Nancy Skinner, SF District Attorney George Gascon, and Mayor Jean Quan for making this public safety bill a top priority. Contact Governor Brown now to urge him to sign this important bill.

District One Picnic – Huge Thanks!

Our District One Community Picnic was yet another success thanks to all of you who attended and, of course, thanks to our Oakland Firefighters and local businesses!

[Genova Delicatessen](#), [Piedmont Grocery](#), [Mariposa Baking Company](#), [Dorseys Locker](#), [Rockridge Café](#) and neighbors donated and brought delicious and plentiful food and drinks and a team of firefighters cooked for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! District One team is looking forward to seeing you and your friends and neighbors next year!



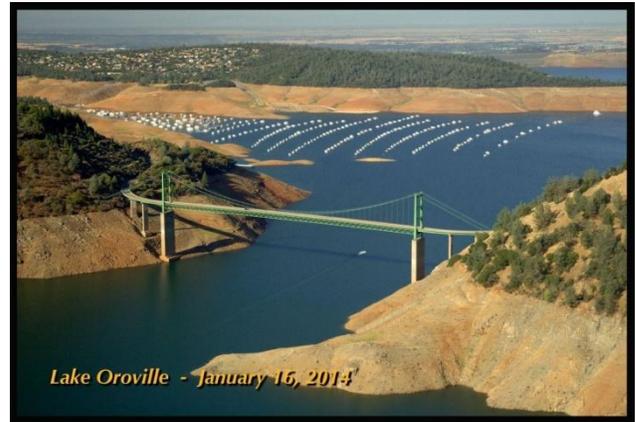
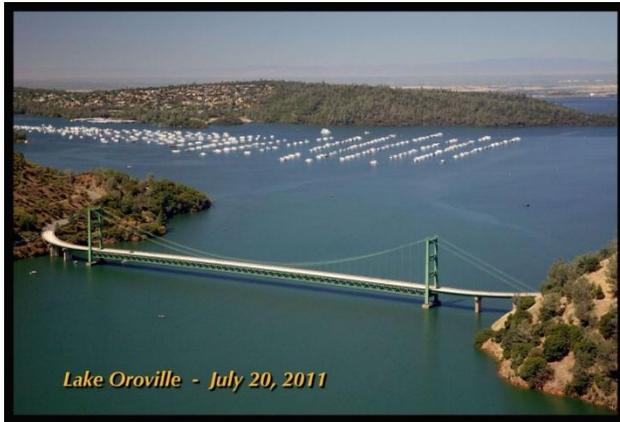
Staff Transition

Last month, Jamila Brooks joined our staff as our new Community Services Coordinator. Unfortunately, she is leaving us as of August 8 to take an exciting position with the San Francisco Unified School District. Though we will miss her, given her background in education and children's advocacy, we understand that the position at SFUSD was too great an opportunity for her to pass up. She is extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to work with many of you directly and support some of the exciting events in District 1 this summer. We appreciate her service and good work over the past few weeks and wish Jamila the best in her new position.

We have hired a part-time community services associate for the next two months while we look for a permanent replacement.

Conserving Water During the Drought

As we all know, California is facing one of the most intense droughts on record. According to the *U.S. Drought Monitor*, as of last month, 58% of California was facing “exceptional drought,” the worst category on the Monitor’s scale. And according to the Association of California Water Agencies, this is the third consecutive year that California has been too dry.



In January of this year, Governor Brown called on Californians to reduce their water consumption by 20%. Since then, a survey of water providers has shown that Bay Area consumption dropped 5%, compared to the 2011-2013 average, but water consumption has not decreased statewide. Last month, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted [new statewide rules](#) that took effect on Friday, August 1. The new rules ban:

- ✓ Washing cars without a nozzle on a hose;
- ✓ Washing down driveways or sidewalks;
- ✓ Using potable water in ornamental fountains without recirculation;
- ✓ Over-watering landscapes so that water flows on to roads or adjacent properties.

Each of us can do our part to help conserve water. The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has reported that, since February, EBMUD users have cut their usage by 10%. However, we still have another 10% to go to get to the 20% reduction goal. [EBMUD has provided the following recommendations for conserving water:](#)

How to cut ten percent

- ✓ **Slow your flow.** Use (EBMUD’s) WaterSmart Home [Survey Kit](#) to evaluate your home’s water use and find leaks and inefficient fixtures.
- ✓ **Find and fix leaks.** Toilet and irrigation systems contain some of the biggest and [sneakiest leaks](#).
- ✓ **Watch your watering.** Summer water use can double or triple. The best way to save water in the summer is to cut back outdoor watering. When you turn on your irrigation system, look for signs of leaks, overspray and run-off. Remember your lawn needs water only two days a week, and shrubs and trees only one day this time of year.
- ✓ **Upgrade appliances and plumbing fixtures** to more water efficient models. EBMUD currently offers water conservation rebates to customers for [toilets](#) and [washing machines](#).
- ✓ **Convert your thirsty lawn** to a sustainable landscape and upgrade your irrigation equipment to efficient drip systems and self-adjusting controllers. [Rebates](#) are available for single- and multi-family residences and commercial customers.

Visit the EBMUD [WaterSmart Center](#) for more tips to guide all customers in conserving precious water and fixing water-wasting leaks.

Many other resources for reducing your water consumption can be located online. For example, nonprofit [Planting Justice](#)'s Transform Your Yard program, located in North Oakland, can be hired to install a grey water catchment system, allowing you to water your yard using recycled water from your own home. [Dry Garden Nursery](#), also in North Oakland, specializes in drought tolerant plants.

Best of the East Bay Winners from North Oakland!

Congratulations to the *East Bay Express*'s "[Best of the East Bay](#)" winners. Many of the winners are located in North Oakland's District 1, including:

[1-2-3-4 Go! Records](#) – Best Record Label

[Dick Blick Art Materials](#) – Best Arts and Crafts Supplies

[Beauty's Bagel Shop](#) – Best Bagels & Best Fried Chicken Sandwich

[Temescal Alley Barbershop](#) – Best Barbershop

[Manifesto Bicycles](#) – Best Bike Shop

[Pegasus Books](#) – Best Bookstore

[Piedmont Springs](#) – Best Spa

[Pretty Penny](#) – Best Used or Vintage Clothing

[The Wine Mine](#) – Best Wine Shop

Temescal – Best Neighborhood

[The Institute of Urban Homesteading](#) – Best Place to Learn DIY or Homesteading Skills

[Café Colucci](#) – Best African Restaurant

[Fentons Creamery](#) – Best Dessert Place

[Lo Coco's Restaurant](#) – Best Italian Restaurant

[Zachary's Chicago Pizza](#) – Best Pizza

[Marica Restaurant](#) – Best Seafood

[Burma Superstar](#) – Best Southeast Asian Restaurant

Jennifer Lynch at [Game Changer Fitness](#) – Best Fitness Instructor

[Recreational Adult Dodgeball League](#) – Most Unusual Athletic Event

[Tip Top Bike Shop](#) – Best Bike Shop Customer Service

[Pizzalolo](#) – Best Cronut Substitute & Best Service at Restaurant

[Piedmont Grocery](#) – Best Grocery Store

Gaylord's Caffe Espresso – Best Late-Night Coffee

[Temescal Community Foundation](#) – Best Neighborhood Thrift Shop

[Crimson Horticultural Rarities](#) – Best Place to Buy a Unique Houseplant

[Elder and Pine](#) – Best Place to Shop for an Urban Explorer

[Adesso](#) – Best Breakfast Torta

Couyon Cajun and Po'Boys at [Eli's Mile High Club](#) – Best Cajun Food in the Back of a Punk Club

KangNam Pho House – Best Fast Pho

[Good Bellies](#) – Best Laptop Cafe

[Homestead](#) – Best New Restaurant

[A16](#) – Best Place to Eat Alone

Arbor Café – Best Place to Find a Revolution Brewing

[Box and Bells](#) – Best Restaurant for Carnivores with Gourmet Tastes

Holy Molé at [Baja Taqueria](#) – Best Veggie Burrito

Monday Night Flow at [Flying Studios](#) – Most Relaxing Workout

I am honored that the E.B. Express also gave me an award for [Best Good-Government Politician](#).

Featuring North Oakland Organizations

North
Oakland
Village



The mission of North Oakland Village, like the Village movement nationwide, is simple. We help seniors keep living in their homes and familiar communities as they age, with confidence and peace of mind. We understand the importance of offering senior adults an alternative when deciding how and where they would most like to

live as they grow older.

Instead of having to depend on agencies or public services, our members and volunteers lean on each other to keep mundane tasks manageable – things like rides to the store, changing out batteries on a smoke detector, going to the doctor and understanding what’s said, or having regular companionship at home. We also have various events and activities for members to stay socially engaged, from monthly potlucks, to informal talks and outings, to regular classes that members choose (qi gong, memoir-writing, and conversational French are recent examples). And for professional help we have pre-screened service providers to recommend.

Along the way, we find our volunteers discovering that their efforts are as gratifying to themselves as to the members they help, with opportunities to build new friendships, develop new interests, and use skills and knowledge in ways that strengthen our community.

*North Oakland Village is a 501(c)(3) organization. PO Box 21573, Oakland 94620, 510-547-8500.
www.northoaklandvillage.org*

District One Events

August 12th – Restorative Justice for District 1 (North Oakland)

When: Tuesday August, 12th 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Where: Location TBA

RSVP with Northoaklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com

Free! Meal will be provided.

For more information please visit:

[Restorative Justice: Intro Training for North Oakland Neighbors.](#)

Restorative Justice is “a philosophical framework and worldview, and it is also an approach to justice that emphasizes bringing together all affected by harm to address their needs and obligations and to heal the harm as much as possible”

A introductory training for District 1 Problem-Solving Officers, NCPC leaders/activists, and neighborhood groups on how to use Restorative Justice with North Oakland youth to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. OPD Captain Toribio is planning on attending this workshop.

Fact: In Alameda County Recidivism Rates for Youth “Offenders” is 11% when using Restorative Justice Practices and 75% when using Punitive Practices through the correctional system

Presented by RJOY, Community Works West, and the North Oakland Restorative Justice Council.

August, 2014 – Jazz on Sundays at the Golden Gate branch Library

When: August 17 – Terrance Brewer & Group
August 24 – Junius Courtney Big Band (at Doyle Park on 61st street)
August 31 – Ed Reed & Group

Where: 5606 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland • 3:00pm

Hosted by the Friends of the Golden Gate Library • Admission free, donations welcome.

August 16th – Shattuck NCPC Annual Garage Sale

When: Saturday, August 16th, 8am to 5pm

Where: Bushrod Park (Shattuck Ave. between 59th and 60th streets), Oakland, CA

As in years past, the Shattuck Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council is holding its fund-raising sale. If you have things you want to get rid of and they are sales worthy, please bring them to the sale.

At the end of the day, the Salvation Army picks up what is left over so that everything donated goes to a good cause.

We hope you can join us by donating things to the sale and buying items that day. The Shattuck NCPC relies on this once-a-year source for its operating expenses. All work at the sale is performed by volunteers from the community.

Thank you for your help, it benefits the entire community.

For more information please email at cpbeat11x@aol.com

August 16th, 2014 – The Town Half Marathon

When: Saturday, August 16st, 7:00am

Where: Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA

Half marathon starts at 7:00am, family funK starts at 7:15am and the festival begins at 8:15am. All events at Frank Ogawa Plaza. For more info: <http://runoak.com/>

August 24th – North Oakland community Backpack giveaway

When: Sunday, August 24th, 1:00pm - 6:30pm
Where: 44th Street nr. Linden, Oakland, CA

North Oakland community Backpack giveaway for school kids in need of a backpack for books and school supplies. There will be food and friendly youth basketball tournament as well. Thanks to Mistah FAB for providing support for this important community-based effort.

Contact MsDandell@gmail.com for more info.

August 31, 2014 – Oakland Pride

When: Sunday, August 31st 10:30am to 7:00pm
Where: Broadway & 14th Street, Oakland, CA

Oakland Pride PARADE kicks off 10:30am at Broadway & 14th Street. Oakland Pride FESTIVAL opens at 11:00am and ends 7:00pm at Broadway & 20th Street. For more info: <http://www.oaklandpride.org/>.

September 6, 2014 – Dan’s District One Community Office Hours

When: *Saturday*, September 6th, 10:00am to 12:45pm
Where: Broadway Terrace Café, 5891 Broadway Terrace, 94618

Councilmember Kalb has Community Office hours usually the first Saturday morning of each month. Any District One resident can sign up for a 20-minute slot by emailing Olga Bolotina at obolotina@oaklandnet.com. The last 25 minutes, from 12:20-12:45, are for drop-ins for 5-10 minutes per person on a first-come, first-served basis. Feel free to include the topic of your inquiry or issue when you reserve a spot.

Next Community Office Hours will be on **October 4, 2014**, 10:00am - 12:45pm, at Nomad Café located at 6500 Shattuck Ave, Oakland, CA

September 11th & 13th – Telegraph Avenue as a Safer Street Public Open House

Pick a date that is convenient for you (the same materials will be presented at both events):

When: **Thursday, September 11th**, 6pm - 8pm
Where: Beebe Memorial Cathedral, 3900 Telegraph Ave (@ 40th Street)

When: **Saturday, September 13th**, 11am - 1pm
Where: Gogi Time Restaurant Banquet Hall, 2600 Telegraph Ave (@ 27th Street)

Drivers, Bicyclists, Bus Riders & Pedestrians the City of Oakland has DRAFT recommendations for redesigning Telegraph Avenue as a safer street. The recommendations were created based on your ideas as well as technical design requirements, and we want your input. Come to a Public Open House to see the designs and provide feedback on our plan for improving transportation safety and comfort for all people.

For more information, including reports and project timeline, please visit the project website: www.oaklandnet.com/TelegraphAvenue

September 20, 2014 – CORE Training for North Oakland residents



A 6.9 earthquake occurs on the Hayward fault.

What would you do? Do you have a plan? Are you ready?

The Oakland Fire Department offers **free** emergency preparedness training classes through its **CORE** program (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies) that enables citizens to better prepare and deal with an emergency should one occur. **CORE** promotes the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor by teaching self-reliance skills, team building, and instilling confidence. All of which are geared towards organizing a neighborhood response to a major disaster. **CORE I:** Home and Family Preparedness, **CORE II** Neighborhood Preparedness and Response.

No one knows when the next disaster will strike!

Get ready. Get prepared. Get CORE trained.

Join the **Public Safety Committee of Santa Fe CAN** for these upcoming CORE classes:

CORE I	Saturday	September 20	9:00 am	North Oakland Senior Center 5714 MLK Jr. Way, Oakland
CORE II	Saturday	September 20	1:00 pm	

For more information or to register:

Contact: [Cathy Leonard](mailto:Cathy.Leonard@pubsafety.santafecan@gmail.com)

call: [\(510\) 473-7898](tel:5104737898)

email: pubsafety.santafecan@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Santa Fe Community Association & Neighbors
Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Dan Kalb, District 1,
The Longfellow Community Association, and Beat 10Y NCPC

When: Saturday, September 20th 9:00am to 3:00pm

Where: North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA 94609

CORE is a free training program provided by the Oakland Fire Department for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. The underlying premise is that a major disaster will overwhelm first responders leaving many citizens on their own for the first seven to 10 days after the emergency.

CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood until professional emergency personnel arrive.

Hosted by Council District One, Longfellow Community Association and Santa Fe Community Association & Neighbors.

For more information or to register please contact Cathy Leonard at pubsafety.santafecan@gmail.com.

October 12, 2014 – Rockridge Out and About:

When: Sunday October 12, 12:00pm to 6pm

Where: College Avenue from Manila to Alcatraz, Oakland, CA

A day of live music, street entertainment, gourmet food, and more.

For more info: <http://rockridgeoutandabout.com/>

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