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OPR hosts Children’s Play Day on the Plaza

Oakland, CA – Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) hosts its annual Children’s Play Day on the Plaza on Friday, June 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The free event will transform Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, located at 14th Street and Broadway in front of historic City Hall, into a playground for children from across the city to come together and build new friendships. Activities will include double-dutch, a rock-climbing wall, arts & crafts, games such as tug-o-war and much more. The Oakland Public Library’s bike library will provide children some take-home reading materials, while mobile art activities offer a creative outlet. If that’s not enough, a video game truck will be present for gamers to enjoy.

“OPR invites all children citywide to Come Out and Play the OPR way during Children’s Play Day on the Plaza,” said Audree V. Jones-Taylor, OPR Director. “It will be an exciting day to see all of our babies at play!”

Last year, more than 650 children attended the event and organizers expect an even larger crowd this year.

Since 1985, Americans have celebrated July as National Park & Recreation Month (NPRM), giving recognition to the important role parks and recreation play in establishing and maintaining a high quality of life within communities. Children’s Play Day is the kick off for this year’s NRPM in Oakland. OPR continues to take pride in joining colleagues across the nation in celebrating NRPM by scheduling over **45 FREE and unique Open House events throughout the month** for all ages. The full roster of events can be viewed at oaklandnet.com/parks.

OPR also offers activities for the over-21 crowd including the annual “An Intimate Evening” at Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate. This year’s event occurs on July 25 with live entertainment featuring Club Nouveau. For more information please visit Dunsmuir-hellman.com.

OPR strives to serve the dynamic and diverse community of Oakland with a purpose – to expose, enlighten, empower and encourage educational excellence through recreational experiences. OPR is committed to extending recreation beyond just physical activity by heavily focusing on programs which cultivate personal growth and skill development in a safe and healthy environment while simultaneously fostering community ownership. Children’s Play Day is the perfect opportunity to see what OPR is all about. So be sure to Come Out and Play the OPR Way, where we play with a purpose.

For more information on Children’s Play Day on the Plaza and OPR’s other programs and events, visit oaklandnet.com/parks.

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