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Because of Public Works...

National Public Works Week 2013

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland’s Public Works Agency joins thousands of other agencies this week in marking the 53rd annual **National Public Works Week**. Public Works Week is a special opportunity to increase public awareness and understanding about the importance of a well-maintained infrastructure for public health, community wellbeing and safety and the essential role public works plays in the stewardship of the city. The purpose of the week is to bring attention to the work of public works and to honor employees who care for the infrastructure day in and day out.

The American Public Works Association (APWA) has selected “**Because of Public Works...**” as its theme for 2013’s **National Public Works Week**. The theme is about the quality of life brought to communities around the world. We are able to have clean water, safe streets and neighborhoods, efficient traffic and safe clean communities “Because of Public Works”.

Oakland Public Works plans, builds and maintains Oakland’s physical and environmental infrastructure making it a sustainable and desirable place to live, work, invest and visit for the residents, businesses and visitors. The mission of Oakland Public Works, and our sole reason for existing, is to serve the public. We are proud to be of service to our beautiful city.

An official resolution acknowledging the dedication of Public Works staff will be presented by Oakland City Council on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Throughout the week of May 20-24, exhibits of selected Public Works projects will be on display at City Hall and 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, including a special exhibit on the latest Intelligent Transportation System technologies that detect and facilitate traffic flow and improve safety for all modes of transportation, including cars, trucks, buses, bicycles and pedestrians.

At a creek clean-up event on May 21, 2013, Public Works staff will join in with pre-school children to address routine maintenance tasks at Arroyo Viejo Park. The group will remove litter and graffiti, replenish soil, weed the community garden and repair picnic facilities to enhance the park and recreation activities.

The more than 700 employees in Oakland Public Works are proud to do our jobs in support of all Oakland neighborhoods and residents. Help us help you by reporting any infrastructure problems. Simply call the Public Works hotline at (510) 615-5566, send an email to pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com or use our latest communication tool, the mobile app, SeeClickFix, whichever you prefer!

For more information on Oakland Public Works, please visit our website at www.oaklandpw.com

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