

The Brooks Blotter

A summary of news & events from the Office of Council Member Desley Brooks

Foods Co. Supermarket coming to 66th Avenue/San Leandro Blvd --

My office has been working with CEDA staff to bring the first National Chain Grocery store to District 6 in over 20 years. The 72,000-square-foot stores will bring quality, affordable food to new outlets at 66th Avenue & San Leandro Street and Foothill Square Shopping Center, 10700 MacArthur Boulevard.

A former cannery owned by the Oakland Redevelopment Agency (ORA), the 66th Avenue/San Leandro Blvd. location, in District 6, is one of 10 sites for which proposals were solicited from developers last fall. For this site, ORA is negotiating with Foods Co. for an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement. The existing structure on the site would be demolished over the next several months prior to property transfer to Foods Co. In addition to improving residents' access to fresh food which will improve their health, the new stores will bring employment opportunities and tax revenue. Each store is expected to provide more than 100 jobs and generate \$50,000 in sales tax revenue. The store is expected to open by the end of 2012. Kroger will benefit from pent up demand and you as my constituents will finally have access to a quality grocer.

Institution of Higher Education Proposed at Foothill Blvd. & 73rd Ave –

Several years ago I had the City purchase the old Tire Center at the corner of 73rd and Foothill at Eastmont Mall. I wanted to bring the Library, which is currently located inside the mall, outside the Mall. Approximately 8 months ago I began talking with Peralta Community Colleges about building a joint use Library and Educational Complex at this site. I have secured Council approval authorizing an exclusive negotiating agreement with Sunfield Development, L.L.C, for the development of a mixed use city library, Community College Educational Learning Center and community retail component. The proposed projects will definitely enhance. New retail space will also provide opportunities for new businesses and the proposed new educational center uses will provide more accessible learning opportunities and educational resources for East Oakland residents.

Stop signs at Ney Ave.& 75th Ave, and Holway St. & 57th Ave. –

At the July 13th Public Works Committee meeting, the committee approved the installation of stop signs at various street intersections in the city; followed by Council approval at the July 20th meeting. At the request from concerned citizens, the City's Traffic Engineer conducted

investigations which indicated that the installation of stop signs at certain intersections would enhance safety for all road users. The Traffic Engineer found that installation of stop signs, according to traffic engineering standards and practices, to be the most appropriate solution to improving right-of-way understanding and reducing vehicle speed at key intersections. Stop signs will be placed on both approaches of Ney Avenue at 75th Avenue; and a stop sign, stopping the eastbound approach of Holway Street at 57th Avenue. Thank you for voicing your concerns on traffic safety.

Construction of streetscape projects to beautify your neighborhood-

It is important to feel safe as you walk the streets of your neighborhood. I have been working closely with the Community and Economic Development Agency to make sure that the proposed sidewalk repair, curb ramp and streetscape projects in District 6 are under construction. These projects, which have already been approved by City Council, are related to replacement of tree-damaged sidewalks, wheelchair ramps that currently do not conform to Americans with Disability Act, construction of streetscape projects to beautify your neighborhood. These projects are part of the City's efforts to create a safe path of travel for pedestrians and comply with Americans with Disabilities Act. If you would like to know if your sidewalk is being repaired, please contact the City's Engineering Design and Right-of-Way Management office at (510)238-6257 or muzebgu@oaklandnet.com.

Brooks Appointed To Serve on the City-Port Liaison Committee –

My colleagues appointed me to serve on the City-Port Liaison Committee. My first official meeting will be Sept 2nd. To learn more about what this committee's role is click [City Port Liaison Committee](#) .

Comedy on The Green at Arroyo Viejo Park –

Sunday, August 29th – Mark Curry and Friends will make you laugh until you cry. Bring your lawn chair, sun hat and plenty of laughter! Come and enjoy four hours of comedy on the green at Arroyo Viejo Park, 7701 Krause St., 2pm – 6pm. There will be surprise guest comedians. This is a FREE summer event for the whole family! See you there!

Volunteers needed for Bancroft Median Clean Up –

Saturday, August 14th, 8:30-1 pm - Dear District 6 resident, due to budget cuts in Oakland, our medians have received no routine maintenance. Consequently, waste-high weeds have invaded these areas and are choking out the landscaping. Some medians have benefited from the loving care and attention of local groups but one of those that was newly landscaped just a few years ago has grown wild. It is the Bancroft Median; the wide avenue that connects District 6 and

7, and which spans 67th Avenue to 106th in the Elmhurst and Eastmont neighborhoods. Medians, as opposed to parks, are highly visible, especially to motorists. The Bancroft median was only recently a healthy, flourishing attractive one, but now, it is in need of immediate care to prevent a downward spiral. Public Works has begun a clean-up but, with a limited amount of staff, cannot do the job on its own. We need at least a hundred volunteers to clean up 8 blocks of this median so that means we need you! Please read the details of this project below and then sign up to do your part to help bring Bancroft Median back to clean, green stage. **Check in at 8:30am at Bancroft Ave/82nd Avenue (parking is best on side streets)**. Register at the Oakland Parks Coalition (OPC) table on Bancroft in front of the grocery store parking lot on the west side of Bancroft. You will be given an assignment in one of the 8 blocks of Bancroft that we have designated for the cleanup, instructions and some tools (bags, pickup sticks, vests) but, we recommend you bring the following things with you: a sunhat and sun protection, water in bottles (refill your bottles at the registration desk), bring weeding and pruning tools with your name on them, and tennis shoes. Please RSVP to oaklandparkscoalition@gmail.com with the number of people in your group and any questions you may have.

OUSD FREE Summer Meal Program continues -

Free meals will be still available for all young people up to 18 years old (excluding infants) at Oakland schools this summer. In other words, in addition to our summer school students, young people throughout the community can come to one of these sites for a free meal. AM Snack is served for 15 minutes and lunch for 30 minutes. Meals are not be served Saturday or Sunday, and meal times are subject to change. If you have any questions, and would like to know the school sites, dates, and serving times that the program is available in your neighborhood, please contact Nutrition Services at **(510) 879-8345**.

East Oaklander representing USA in Singapore –

One of my key interests in supporting my community is to provide opportunities for Oakland youth. This summer, we have an Oakland teenager who will be representing the United States on the [first inaugural Youth Olympics in Singapore](#) this August. **Trinity Wilson** is a 15 year old East Oaklander representing the US in 100M Hurdles, thanks to her training under the East Oakland Youth Development Corporation (EOYDC). Trinity is one of only two Californians on the USA Team. Her first race is set for **August 17**. You can help fund her trip to Singapore by logging on to: www.paypal.com.