The Brooks Blotter

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

Meet Me at the Corner of Meet me at the corner of Macarthur & High at 7:15 am on May 13th to Bike To Work.

Bike To Work Day May 13, 2010 -- The annual Bike to Work Day event is held statewide to encourage bicycling as a non-polluting and healthy commute option. Bike to Work Day is part of the City of Oakland's strategy to promote cycling to provide affordable transportation, improve public health, and fight global warming. Besides being fun, biking to work is good for your health and for the environment.

- If every person living within 5 miles of their workplace pedaled to their job on Bike to Work Day, more than 60,000 vehicles would be off the road, reducing tailpipe emissions by more than 150,000 pounds.
- Twelve bicycles can fit in the space needed to park a single car freeing up parking spaces.
- Bicycling to work is a great way to get a little bit of exercise everyday.
- With gas prices rising and unlikely to decline in the long term, bicycling makes more financial sense than ever; a bike's annual operating cost is estimated to be \$120 (vs. \$5,000-12,000 for a car).
- The well-documented obesity epidemic contributes to heart disease, cancer, stroke and type 2 diabetes, which, together, constitute 40% of the leading causes of death in Oakland.
- For short trips, bicycling is an important tool to combat global warming: up to 70% of
 emissions from a 10-mile trip occur within the first mile. In the Bay Area, 43% of trips are
 two miles or less. For longer trips, bicycles can be successfully combined with transit.
 According to Oakland's recently adopted Bicycle Master Plan, 85% of Oakland residents
 live within two miles of a major transit station.

For more information about Bike to Work Day go to http://www.oaklandpw.com/page125.aspx.

Captain Ersie M. Joyner, III, leads Police Service Area 3 – Captain Joyner was born and raised in Oakland, he joined the Department in 1991 as a beat officer. Over his career, he served as a member of the Special Duty Unit III narcotic enforcement team in the Special Operations Division, a sergeant of police in the Criminal Investigations Division, an investigator in the Homicide Section, a supervisor in the Targeted Enforcement Task Force. In 2006, he was promoted to Lieutenant of Police and assigned command of the Homicide Section. In 2009, he was made Watch Commander in Patrol. In January 2010, he was assigned Acting Captain for Area 2. On March 20, 2010 he was assigned Acting Captain of Area 3. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations of service in Area 3.

Good Work by Area 3 Oakland Police Department Personnel -- Your officers and civilian OPD employees continue to do outstanding work in Area 3. Here are some recent examples from the month of April:

- Officer Robert Rosin has an eye for armed suspects. During the first week of April, Officer Rosin arrested five separate individuals, all armed with firearms. In one case, a suspect was apprehended in a carjacking vehicle, still armed with a firearm.
- Officers Andy Barton, Marcus Midyett, and Chris Marie apprehended four armed robbery suspects on April 2, 2010 moments after the suspects had committed a violent robbery. Officers Barton, Midyett and Marie used their keen abilities and tenacious investigative prowess to locate the suspect vehicle and successfully apprehend the suspects without incident. Everything that had been stolen was recovered and returned to the owner.
- Officer Richard Coglio responded to a call of a baby not breathing. When he got to the scene,
 Officer Coglio found a 1-year-old baby boy who was unresponsive and not breathing.
 Officer Coglio quickly administered lifesaving CPR and the baby began to breathe. Due to
 Officer Coglio's quick response and action, a tragedy was averted. The baby was rushed to a
 local hospital and is alive today.

Zoning Mapping Proposals coming to District 6 - The City of Oakland invites residents, property owners, business owners and developers to attend one of three upcoming workshops on the draft residential and commercial zoning regulations and maps. At these workshops, City staff will highlight proposed residential and commercial zoning changes for different areas throughout the City. Each workshop will focus on distinct areas of Oakland as noted below. This effort is the first comprehensive update of zoning regulations since 1965. The resulting zoning regulations will determine how Oakland is developed and built in the future.

1. Date: Thursday, May 13

Time: 7pm

Location: Laura Dunn's House, 13095 Skyline Boulevard

2. Coliseum NCPC (Beat 26Y)
Date: Thursday, May 20

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Eastmont Police Precinct, 2651 73rd Avenue

3. Rainbow NCPC (Beat 27Y)

Date: Thursday, May 27

Time: 6:30

Location: Eastmont Police Station

4. 66-82 NCPC (Beat 30X) Date: Thursday, May 13

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Eastmont Mall Police Substation, 2651 73rd Ave.

5.Eastmont NCPC (Beat 30Y)
Date: Wednesday, May 26

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 7711 Mac Arthur Blvd

6.Burbank-Millsbrae NCPC (Beat 29X)

Date: Wednesday, May 26

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Andrew Kim Catholic Church, 3200 62nd Ave.

7. The Webster Tract Neighbors Assoc.

Date: Tuesday, June 1 Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Eastmont Mall Police Substation, 2651 73rd Ave.

Also, a large community workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 10 at Frick Middle School Auditorium, 2845 64th Avenue from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to give residents a chance to learn about and comment on the most up-to-date commercial and residential zoning proposals (text and mapping). For more information visit the zoning update website at www.oaklandnet.com/zoningupdate. Hope to see you then!

City Hall Hearing Rooms Renamed to honor Fallen Officers – The Council adopted a Resolution regarding a tribute to Sgt. Daniel Sakai, Sgt. Mark Dunakin, Sgt. Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege, who lost their lives in the line of duty on March 21, 2009 by naming each of the Hearing Rooms in City Hall after the fallen officers.

Increase in Parking Fines – Council adopted two ordinances amending the Oakland Municipal Code "Schedule of Parking Fines". The first ordinance refers to an increase in fines for the misuse or abuse of distinguishing placards and special license plates. This fine will be increase to \$1,100; the fine for improper parking in a disabled person parking space will be raised to \$368. The second ordinance makes reference to the section on "Valid Parking Receipt Not Displayed." The fine for not displaying parking receipts on the vehicle's dashboard will be increase from \$35 to \$55.

Make Every Weekend An Earth Day – Robin Jones, a dedicated resident of District 6 invites you to join him in keeping his neighborhood clean. Every Saturday & Sunday from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, volunteers are needed to pick up litter along Seminary Ave., from HYW 580 to MacArthur Blvd. For more information contact Robin at (510) 501-6179. Thanks Robin!

Adopt-A-Spot or Block- Oakland is one of the top cities in the nation in acres of parks per citizen. We need your help in keeping our parks and medians clean and beautiful. Please consider adopting your local Median Strip, Park, or Block. The Keep Oakland Clean And Beautiful staff will give you advice, lend you equipment and arrange for garbage pick-up for more information go to www.keepoaklandbeautiful.org or call 238-7630.

PG & E offers Appliance Program and Weatherization Assistance- Qualified low-income customers can receive rebates on energy efficient appliances and free weatherization measures from PG&E to help them reduce gas and electricity usage. Contact FLT2@pge.com or visit www.pge.com/energypartners.