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Take A Fresh Look at Oakland

News from Mayor Jean Quan & Friends

Dear Bruce:

This publication is not produced at public expense.

Want to follow events as they happen?

*During the week, I also post to my Facebook page: **Facebook.com/mayorjeanquan**.*

Send This To A Friend

Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa greets the 168th Police Academy, the third of the year.

Continuous Police Recruitment

Thanks to the improving economy and the passage of my public safety budget, this is our third academy this year and **we are recruiting continuously for the next three academies.** This week I

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joined Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa in welcoming 57 new police trainees to the 168th Academy, just a week after the 167th hit the streets. Please help us share this information.

We are especially seeking Oakland residents, currently only about 11% of our applicants are Oaklanders: http://www.opdjobs.com/

An SF officer (left) and graduates of the 167th Academy last month.

The increased number of officers on the street has helped the Oakland Police Department (OPD) to complete the reorganization of the Bratton Plan -- the division of the city into smaller geographic areas where officers are assigned to and are responsible for specific areas. New graduates also allow each area to have Crime Reduction Teams (CRT) that can be reassigned to "hot spots" or emerging issues.

The recent rapid arrests of robbery suspects in the case where commuters were held up in a carpool line were possible because the Captain was able to assign CRT officers and investigators to follow up immediately.

In their recent report on the first 4 months of the reorganization, the five area Captains reported on crime trends in their areas and what they have been doing in response. Since the reorganization, citywide crime has started to trend down -- fewer shootings, 13% fewer murders, and 18% fewer home burglaries.

Robbery/Burglary Prevention Workshop

As in most big cities, the robbery rate is still up, although slowly declining. Cell phones and electronics are still the main target. Apple phone owners can now download new operation systems with improved security software. New Apple phones will

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have "kill switches" which allow owners to to make their phones inoperable. We are continuing to lobby all phone manufacturers to put kill switches into phones.

We have asked the OPD to increase the Burglary/Prevention workshops for citizens, here is one this week:

- **Oakland Asian Community Safety & Awareness Fair, Saturday, October 5, 10am - 2pm:** Safety exhibits and safety presentations. Enjoy a free lunch. Explore a fire truck, SWAT armored vehicle and OPD's moblie command post. Meet the K-9 unit. Presented by the Oakland Asian Advisory Committee on Crime, Oakland Asian Police Officers Association and Asian Youth Services Committee.

Alaysha Carradine Arrests

Some crimes touch the hearts of the community in a way that unites us and breaks our hearts. Alaysha Carradine's relatives came to one of our Peace in the Parks events in East Oakland; they gave me one of her photos and it sits on my desk. When the 8-year-old was shot and killed, law enforcement agencies quickly focused efforts to find the killers and community groups organized to urge residents to step up with information.

During the last months we have kept silent while a far reaching investigation and search for the location of murderers was underway. Police knew early that the shooting was not random and the family had been targeted callously by the murderers in a gang retaliation.

Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, California Department of Justice Chief of the Bureau of Investigations Kent Shaw, and I broke the news that members of a gang operating in Berkeley and Oakland had been arrested. Some of the individuals were also charged with an additional Berkeley murder.

Oakland Police Department (OPD) Homicide investigators partnered with the OPD Gang Unit, the Berkeley Police Department, the California Department of Justice, and the District Attorney's Office to conduct a long-term investigation into this case. During the course of the investigation, OPD developed information that several related suspects were conspiring to commit an additional murder, which OPD was able to prevent. I am proud of the work of the Police Department and grateful for the growing partnership of law enforcement of agencies at all levels.

proposed maps now circulating
Barbara Grady, Oakland Local
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Much needed help on its way for Oakland police
KTVU
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In the face of criticism, OPD's Ceasefire strives to move forward
Max Levenson and Susan Cohen, Oakland North
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Oakland passes ban on "tools of violence" at protests
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Mattress surcharge: Statewide plan has roots in Oakland dumping
Matthew Artz, Oakland Tribune
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Oakland Military Institute Receives $100,000 Project Connect Donation from Sprint to Help Youth Succeed in Digital World
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Local East Bay Programs That Support the Working Poor Receive Over $22,000 from Strive for Change Foundation
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Crematorium project likely to move forward
Shelby Carpernter, Oakland North
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TECH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I take every shooting in this City personally. Every family touched by violence in this city is owed the same effort. Over the last year, the additional resources from county, state, and federal agencies has helped Oakland take on our most violent criminals. Just as important, the stepped-up cooperation of the people of Oakland has helped us solve more and more violent crimes. The message is: if you kill anyone -- particularly a child -- we'll do everything we can to find you. When we work together, we can start reducing crime and violence.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Homicide Section at 238-3821.

A's Oaktober Rally -- Let's Make a Wall of Sound!

A's fans have chants, dances, and/or music for every player. This is the Balfour Rage for our closer Grant Balfour, demonstrated at the City Hall rally.

The City of Oakland and my office -- in partnership with the Oakland Athletics and many fan organizations -- hosted an "A's Oaktober Rally" this week for the 2013 MLB American League West Champions as they head into the playoffs here at home on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All the tarps are off and all 62,000 seats are sold out!

We want to thank Athletics hostess Kara Tsuboi, Stomper, and the entire Athletics organization for partnering with us to make the rally a success.

Conference Recognizes the Demographic Shifts in 2013 As an Opportunity for "Building a More Inclusive Economy"
Darlene Crane, Oakland Local
Sept. 19, 2013

Proposal calls for overhauling Rockridge Shopping Center
Maggie Sharpe, Oakland Tribune
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The Latino Coalition Announces 2013 West Coast Economic Summit (coming to Oakland Oct. 8 & 9)
Hola-Arkansas.com
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Revolution Foods' Quest to Pack More Nutrition Into Kids' Lunchboxes
Nick Leiber, Bloomberg Businessweek
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Oakland end of the line for 'Station to Station'
Lyndsey Ellis, SF Chronicle
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New on College Ave: Bourbon and Beef
Jonathan Darr, Oakland Local
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Home Cooking Elevated to High Art
Luke Tsai, East Bay Express
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Sausage Is the New Bacon
Elly Schmidt-Hopper, East Bay Express
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Oakland Social: Couyon brings Cajun to Eli's Mile High Club
Bonnie Chan, Oakland Local
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JUST FOR KIDS

The hero of the day was Right Fielder Josh Reddick, the mascot of the Right Hand Bleacher fans. Not only did he come on his own time and answer questions from the fans, but he wore the Oaklandish "A's Dynasty T-Shirt" ! Josh was American League Right field Gold Glove Award Winner last year and finished 2012 with 32 home runs and 85 RBIs.

The Playoff tickets are SOLD OUT, but if you don't have tickets many of the sports bars and restaurants around town are going to have the game on big screens, so you still can get out and cheer on our team! The Oakland A's have, bar none, the greatest fans in baseball. The dedication and excitement that A's fans showed the team in their astonishing season last year is on full display again this year. I can't wait to help celebrate the team, the fans and the great city they call home! Let's go Oakland!

As champs

Coliseum City Investor Makes It Real

When I became Mayor, I faced many issues that had languished for years or decades and we were in the midst of a deep recession. Sports facility deadlines all landed on my watch. Saving our teams is not just an issue of city pride, but is part of our city economy. There are at least 5,000 direct jobs associated with professional sports and there are large multipliers in our tourism, hotel, and entertainment economies.

Million Book Event

Saturday, October 12, 1-4pm
Mosswood Park
3612 Webster Street

Join us for a free, family-friendly event sponsored by Oakland Parks & Recreation and the East Bay Children's Book Project.

We will be giving away our millionth book!

Entertainment will be provided by the Prescott Circus, Stephanie Pepatone, Team Leap, and Mykah Montgomery.

Featured guests at the event will include local children's book authors and illustrators. The artists will read to children and be available to talk about their work and demonstrate their art.

The celebration will include literacy-based activities, clowns from Prescott Circus, and the rock band Ariel. Families with children are invited to attend. Each child attending will be able to earn books and a book bag. A special gift will be given to the child receiving the one-millionth book in the book give-away.

For more info, click here.

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An architectural rendering of one of many possible plans for Coliseum City.

I am the first Mayor to take on the issue of building new sports facilities. We need to accomplish these projects in a way that doesn't require public general fund revenues and that builds more than stadiums. Over a year ago we announced a plan for Coliseum City -- development of the entire 300-plus acre Coliseum area and possible development across the freeway of another 200-plus acres. We envisioned a hotel near the BART/Airport Connector and new stadiums built to also host convention and other entertainment venues, retail, restaurants, and housing.

Over the last year we moved ahead with economic and environmental studies that were necessary. We focused on working with the Raiders who made it clear they wanted to stay. As the numbers became clearer, we knew we needed to have a private partner to fill the funding gap for an NFL stadium. This week we announced that we have a partner; the Bay Investment Group is composed of the Colony Capital and Dubai investor Rashid Al Malik. Colony, which is estimated to have $40-60 billion in assets, owns the Fairmont & Raffles Hotels, Miramax Films, entertainment venues, and previously owned the Paris Saint-Germain soccer team and the Fukuoka Hawks baseball team Japan.

Next week we will take to the Council a proposal to add the investors into the Coliseum team and to give the staff up to one year to finalize negotiations on the project. Our goal is to have the main deal points on a Raider stadium complete by spring.

MAYOR'S MONTHLY WALK AND AN AMAZING WEEKEND OF ACTIVITIES

This weekend is so packed full of exciting events; everyone needs to get out. Tonight is First Friday. We have A's baseball playoffs and a Raiders game. I will be leading a monthly walk in West Oakland in honor of the Black Cowboy Parade. President Carter will speak at a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. There are several amazing neighborhood festivals: Oaktoberfest in the Dimond (which I helped start as a Council member), the Arts Festival in Montclair, Out and About in Rockridge. And there is so much more in Section #1 below. This is a great weekend to show off our City's diversity and assets!

California Minimum Wage Increase Coming Next Year

I was very happy to see that legislation to increase California's minimum wage has been

PET SPOTLIGHT

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Meet Sweet Miso

Miso is a medium-sized, 1-year-old pit-bull mix with a wiggly, warm and playful personality. She's mostly white with chocolate-brown ears and a smattering of freckles near her nose (translation: ADORABLE!). She loves other dogs and walks well on lead. And the good news continues: This sweet girl is sponsored, which means that her adoption fees are covered. The only thing missing at this point? YOU! Please **take a look at her photos and videos** and then come to visit and see for yourself.

Like OAS on Facebook.

Oakland Animal Services
1101 29th Ave.
535-5602
oaklandanimalservices.org

Click here to jump to info about how to volunteer for OAS.

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VOLUNTEER Opportunity

min wage

enacted. The new law, AB 10, was authored by Assemblyman Luis Alejo, D-Salinas, passed by the state legislature and signed last Wednesday by Governor Jerry Brown. It will raise California's current minimum wage of $8 per hour by one-dollar increments:

- To $9 per hour effective July 1, 2014; and
- To $10 per hour, effective January 1, 2016.

The state minimum hourly wage has been $8 since January 1, 2008.

Oakland, much like California itself, has an incredibly diverse workforce and population. Many of our residents and workers are new immigrants and low-income families living below the poverty level. For them this modest increase can make a critical, life-changing difference. I'm proud of the Oakland community's work for this cause, and I'm grateful to the legislature and Governor Brown for taking this important step forward.

Mayor Jean Quan

CHECK THESE ITEMS OUT RIGHT AWAY:

- Some cool upcoming events

- How Health Care Reform Will Affect You

- CeaseFire Walk -- Friday evening

- Free Financial Planning Day -- Saturday
- OPC Parks Survey -- Saturday

- AC Transit Line 51 Public Meetings -- next week
- Disaster Preparedness Safety Tips #3
- OPD now has a FaceBook page!

...and don't forget to check out the items in the sidebar at right!

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FREE Financial Planning Day -- THIS WEEKEND

6th Annual Mind Your Money Free

OPC Needs Your Help to Survey Parks

Saturday, October 5
8:30am-12noon
Start at the Garden Center in Lakeside Park
(666 Bellevue Ave.)

www.oaklandparkscoalition.org

Oakland Parks Coalition is conducting its 8th annual Love Your Parks Day survey Saturday, October 5, 8:30am-12noon and we need the help of citizens concerned about the viability of their parks. This survey of park conditions is used in the OPC annual report to City Council to assess budgeting for park needs.

We need team drivers but will be glad to team you up if you don't have a car so please join us at the Garden Center in Lakeside Park (666 Bellevue) where we will train you before assigning your team 3-6 Oakland Parks to survey. If you have a smart phone or a camera, please bring them with you. High school students are especially welcome and will receive community service credit.

Visit our website to see last year's report. Send us your questions and RSVP to let us know you are coming.

For more info and to RSVP, click here.

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Here's to Your Health

Financial Planning Day

Saturday, October 5, 9am-4pm
City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

www.FinancialPlanningDays.org/Oakland

Participants can meet with certified financial planners and experts to learn how to plan for a successful financial future.

credit counseling foto

Information is free and tailored to your needs. The volunteer financial planners are not allowed to sell products and services or hand out business cards or marketing materials. In other words, there are no strings attached.

The objective of the Financial Planning Day is to help people experience first-hand how financial planning can improve their lives and bring the expertise of professional financial planners to people who may not normally have access to reliable and ethical financial planning information.

Any attendee who wishes to follow-up with a volunteer financial planner will have access to the volunteer's name and contact information in the information package provided at registration.

Information will be provided on a pro-bono basis by experts from the Financial Planning Association and highly qualified CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professionals.

You'll able to seek information and advice on a wide range of topics, including:

GENERAL FINANCIAL PLANNING
- Buying a Home - Debt Management
- Building a College Fund - Savings Goals

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
- Job Loss and Job Change - Foreclosure Assistance
- Change in Marital Status

INVESTMENT PLANNING
- Investment Strategies - Asset Accumulation
- Generating Investment Income

RETIREMENT PLANNING
- Building a Retirement Fund - 401(k) and 403(b) Plans
I- RA Accounts - Social Security

INCOME TAX PLANNING

The Affordable Care Act is Coming -- Are You Ready?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) goes into effect in January 2014, with open enrollment beginning October 1. Whether you are an employee or an employer, the law is sure to affect you, and the **Oakland Public Library**, along with many other public service agencies, is offering free assistance and informative programs to help you navigate the changes.

Affordable Health Care Act- Your Questions Answered!

Wednesdays, 1pm, Main Library, Computer Lab, 125 14th St.
Every Wednesday, a certified enollment counselor is available to answer your questions and assist with the application process. This program will continue through the end of the year.

health care forum

Grow Your Business Series: The Impact of Healthcare Reform on Your Business

Tuesday, October 22, 5pm, Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Ave.
Presented by the Alameda County Small Business Development Center, this is the second seminar in a six-part series. This seminar provides a general overview of the Affordable Care Act and how it impacts small businesses. During this session you will learn about key provisions of the Act, individual mandates, employer shared responsibility, reporting requirements, penalties, costs, taxes and fees, and state exchanges.
For more information or to

- Tax Reduction Strategies
- Charitable Contributions -
Small Business Taxation

Mayor Quan & Deputy Mayor Swanson at last year's Financial Planning Day

ESTATE PLANNING
- Building an Inheritance - Wills and Trusts
- Estate Tax Strategies

INSURANCE PLANNING
- Life Insurance Coverage - Disability Insurance
- Long-term Care Planning

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
- Managing Health Insurance - Health Savings Accounts
- Pension Benefits

In addition to personalized advice, Oakland Financial Planning Day will also feature a series of classroom-style educational workshops addressing popular personal finance topics.

For more info and to register: 877-861-7826 or **info@financialplanningdays.org** or **www.FinancialPlanningDays.org/Oakland**

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NEWS from the NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

New District 4 School Board member Anne Campbell Washington has just launched her new newsletter for parents, grandparents, teachers, principals, and others concerned about our schools. She will be publishing the newsletter twice a month -- prior to school board meetings so you can keep abreast of upcoming items that impact your schools. She will also provide details about specific issues that affect your students and schools -- and provide links to useful resources should you seek additional information.

Many of you know that Anne is my chief of staff

register: Rebekah Eppley, 482-7844

The Library's website also has information and resources: www.oaklandlibrary.org/coveredca

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YOUR VOICE

Please Take the OPD Survey

The Oakland Police Department is dedicated to enhancing public safety through community policing strategies. We believe that an active and invested community is essential to the success of our mission, which is to provide the people of Oakland an environment where they can live, work, play and thrive free from crime and the fear of crime.

We believe that our dedication to community policing should be evident both in our everyday interactions with the public and in the crime strategies and police policies we create, develop and use. Creating policies and strategies that are citizen-informed and building relationships of trust between officers and community members are priorities for us.

The heart of community policing is collaboration. To know whether our efforts are successful, we need to hear from you.

Please take a moment to take a brief **survey** regarding your personal satisfaction with the Oakland Police

and she has been assigned to many school coordination projects. She holds my former school board seat, chosen for her many talents and love of children when my long time colleague Gary Yee became interim superintendent.

To sign up for the twice monthly newsletter, click here.

To receive this week's newsletter, click here.

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SUNDAY FUN

SOLD OUT

Sundays in the Redwoods Concerts Continue This Sunday

Sundays thru October 13
Woodminster Amphitheater
3300 Joaquin Miller Rd.
Doors open at 1pm; concerts begin at 2pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION: SUNDAYS IN THE REDWOODS

I've been proud to partner with the Office of Parks & Recreation to bring you this annual celebration of Oakland and the Bay Area's rich musical heritage in one of our most beautiful open spaces. Over the years, Sundays in the Redwoods has grown to be one of the most highly acclaimed Fall musical events in the East Bay, drawing thousands of first-time visitors to Joaquin Miller Park's shaded trails through the Redwoods. **We have been amazed at the response to our website; the last two concerts were SOLD OUT quickly. If you have tickets to the last two concerts and cannot come, please pass them onto friends because there are many who wanted to come.**

Sunday, Oct 6 -- The Rhythm Section, Featuring: **Eric Benet** **SOLD OUT**
Sunday, Oct 13 -- Talking All That Jazz, Featuring:
Lalah Hathaway and Kindred & the Family Soul **SOLD OUT**

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1. DISCOVER OAKLAND -- Activities this week

Editor's Note: Remember to check both the **UPCOMING** and the **RECURRING**sections, way down at the bottom, for additional events.

ART ANTICS: IT IS FIRST FRIDAY!

The Art Murmur
Every First Friday year-round, 5-10pm: Various art galleries in Uptown. **www.oaklandartmurmur.org**

For today's gallery talks, exhibits, etc.

Try exploring Oakland Art Murmur exhibition details - download this new free phone app and use it to explore the galleries and gallery districts on First Friday.
http://www.fieldtripper.com

Saturday Stroll
Every Saturday, 1-5pm: Uptown Art Galleries:
www.oaklandartmurmur.org/calendar/saturday-stroll

First Thursday Art Walk,
Every First Thursday of the Month, 6-9pm, Grand Avenue from LakePark to Piedmont border.
The Grand Avenue Business District hosts a monthly art event with special discounts from merchants and galleries.
For more info, click here.

Friday Nights at the Oakland Museum with Off the Grid Food Trucks, every Friday, 5-9pm, Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St.
Join OMCA and Off the Grid Food trucks on 10th Street every Friday for a family-friendly take on a festive night market. Savor California beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages around the Koi Pond at the Blue Oak café pop-up. Bring the whole family to OMCA for a sampling of the best in Bay Area curbside cuisine!

museum Fri nite

- **DJ Aware spinning hits** from 5 to 6:30 pm
- **Family-friendly drop-in workshop** doing animal printing on bandannas from 5 to 8 pm
- **Makers & Tasters Series** ranging from beer brewing and coffee roasting to recipe sharing and gardening how-tos from 6 to 8 pm
- **Hooping class** with Nicole Wong in the amphitheater from 6:30 to 7 pm
- **OMCA Pub Trivia** with Senior Curator of Natural Sciences, Douglas Long, from 7 to 8:30 pm
- **Rock and roll band** Hot Einsten performing live from 7 to 9 pm

COST: Half-price gallery admission for adults; ages 18 and under are free. Admission for Members is always free. Cash bar. Prices vary for Off the Grid food trucks. Event parking is available at the Museum for a $5 flat fee after 5 pm. For more info, **click here.**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

black cowboy logo

39th Annual Black Cowboy Parade and Heritage Festival,

Saturday, October 5, 10am-5pm, deFremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street.
Highlighting the contributions made by African American cowboys in the West, the parade and festival provides a day of fun and a taste of the Old West with cowboys, trick riders, food, entertainment, line dancing, pony rides and fun activities for the entire family.
For more info:www.blackcowboyassociation.org

6th Annual Oaktoberfest in the Dimond, Saturday, October 5, 11am-6pm.

4 blocks of fun branching out from the intersection of
Fruitvale Ave. and MacArthur Blvd.
Oaktoberfest in the Dimond returns for its 6th year of fun, community-building, and festivities. This event is FREE to the public. Oakland Mayor Jean Quan taps the first keg at 10:45 am in a traditional Munich style Oktoberfest kick off. Highlights include:

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- the Bill Brand Biergarten (at Fruitvale Ave. and MacArthur Blvd.) with 20 local craft breweries;
- the Mad Zymurgist Homebrew Competition hosted in the HopTech Homebrewers' Alley;
- the Family-Friendly Rootbier Garten;
- the Wells Fargo Bank Family Stage filled with fun for the entire family;
- the Main Stage with traditional German and modern Oakland entertainment; and
- plenty of food and vendor booths in-between, including beer-food pairings, German inspired artisan entrees, cooking demos, alongside traditional favorites to satisfy everyone.

Plan your weekend around this great Community Festival - with all proceeds benefiting neighborhood improvement.
Tickets on sale at www.Oaktoberfest.org
Volunteers always welcome!
For more info, to volunteer, sponsor, vend, or advertise:
www.Oaktoberfest.org or 452-7392

61st Annual Armenian Bazaar & Food Festival, **Friday, October 4, 5:30pm-12midnight &**

Saturday, October 5, 12noon-12midnight, St. Vartan Armenian Church
650 Spruce Street (off MacArthur).
Friday night features DJ Raffy Senekeremian (starting at 9pm)
Saturday night live music features Khatchig Jingirian (starting at 9pm)

Authentic Armenian cuisine, music and dancing!
Games for kids, cultural displays, church tours, live music Saturday afternoon
Full meals available until 8:00pm; authentic Armenian food served all night

bazaar

Cost: Adults $3; Kids Under 14 $1; Kids under 6 free
For more info: **www.stvartanoakland.org**

Bites Off Broadway -- Mobile Food and Family Fun,

Fridays, now thru October 11, 5:30-8:30pm,
in front of Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street.

last chance

Featuring affordable and delicious food from rotating trucks, such as Fist of Flour, Tina Tamale, Taco Evangelist, Roderick's BBQ, Annakoot, Suzie Q's Lunch Box, Sanguchon, Go Streatery, Doc's of the Bay, Two Mammas Vegan Kitchen, Blue Saigon, Sunrise Deli and more. Lawn seating: bring a chair or a blanket plus your friends, family and neighbors. Hula-hooping, ping pong, live music and movies at dusk.
For more info: **www.bitesoffbroadway.com**

MOCHA Grand Opening, **Saturday, October 5. 1625 Clay Street.**

More details to come.
Check here for updates.

Plant-Powered Health & Fitness Expo, **Saturday, October 5, 11am-5pm, Kaiser Center RooftopGarden, 300 Lakeside Drive.**

plant powered health

Come to Oakland's first and only plant-powered health and fitness expo. Learn from leading experts in rapid weight loss, Cross-Fit, yoga and posture and enjoy delicious healthy food that doesn't taste healthy. This event is ideal for those who are curious about becoming healthier and those who already live active healthy lifestyles.
For more info: **vegfoodevents.com/health**

8th Annual Love Your Parks Day Survey, **Saturday, October 5, 8:30am-12noon, Starts at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave.**

The Oakland Parks Coalition (OPC) is seeking volunteers for its annual survey. Results from the survey of park conditions are used in the OPC annual report to City Council to assess budgeting for park needs. Each team will survey between three and six parks. High school students are especially welcome and will receive community service credit.

For more info: **www.oaklandparkscoalition.org**

19th Annual Sidewalk Fine Art & Crafts Fall Fest, **Saturday, October 5,**

10am-6pm & Sunday, October 6, 10am-5pm, Montclair Village, Mountain Boulevard at LaSalle.
This fine art festival will feature paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, graphics, and jewelry.
For more info: **www.montclairvillage.com**

Rockridge Out & About Street Festival, **Sunday, Oct 6, 12-6pm, on College Avenue between Alcatraz and Kales.**

Sponsored by the Rockridge District Association, the event will feature gourmet food and drink from local restaurants and food trucks, live music, wellness activities, kids' activities, and a chef stage.
Beer and wine will also be sold and folks can eat comfortably at tables and chairs at four food courts.
The event will feature 3 mostly jazz stages, including 57th St Gallery jazz stage, Toast Jazz stage and Musically Minded Academy stage. Other highlights include Kinetic Arts Center (circus arts) Zydeco Flames performing from 2:30-5:30 at the Rockridge BART Plaza and Soja Martial Arts and Drumming Crew. Find comfort and beauty in the Wellness Area, or shop local craft artists and retail booths by local merchants.

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Zydeco Flames at Rockridge BART Plaza 2:30-5:30

Fun and festive for the entire family. Children will have a blast with a Claremont Middle School kid's stage, Climbing Wall, face-painting, pumpkin carving, bicycle stunts, Berkeley chess club and hula hooping. Valet bike parking by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition.
For more info: **www.rockridgeoutandabout.com** or 604-3125.

Rockridge Market Hall Annual Picnic in the Street, **Sunday, October 6, 12-6pm, College Avenue at Rockridge BART.**

Market Hall merchants take to the street, offering succulent foods, comparative tastings, demos, a pop-up pantry, and a cookbook exchange. Bring a used cookbook and take another. Children's activities include a prize wheel and pumpkin painting. The fair coincides with the Rockridge Out & About street festival, where the chef state alternates live music with demos and tastings. Enjoy dancing and live music throughout the day. No charge, except for purchases.

Jack's Glow and Fire Show,

Wednesdays, October 9 to 23, 6:30-7:30pm, Jack London Square, Pavilion Stage, foot of Broadway.
Experience a fusion of fire dance and flow art with fire hoopers, fire spinners and fire jugglers.
For more info: 645-9292

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FOR SENIORS

Board Game Days,

Every Wednesday, 11am-4:30pm, Hall 2, Downtown Oakland Senior

Center, 200 Grand Ave.
Join others in rousing board games including Monopoly, Scrabble, Boggle and many more.
For more info: Jennifer King, Senior Center Director, jking@oaklandnet.com or 238-3284

FOR ADULTS

carter gala

En Vogue Concert to Benefit Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, October 6, 6:30pm,
The Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway

This Sunday Habitat for Humanity is hosting a special performance at the Paramount Theatre to kick off the 2013 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project.
The event will feature:

- President Carter
- En Vogue
- Miko Marks
- Tajai (of Hieroglyphics)
- Iron Triangle Urban Ballet
- Emcees Renel Brooks-Moon and Mark Curry

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Carters take the stage at 7:30pm.
Tickets start at $35. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley.

Purchase tickets at: Ticketmaster or the Paramount Box office (no convenience fees).

For more info about Habitat: www.habitatebsv.org
For more info about the show: www.HabitatEBSV.org/CWP/Opening-Ceremony

FOR KIDS

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DANCING

steppin dance

Chicago Steppin' classes,

Thursdays, 8-10pm, Ira Jinkins Rec Center, 9175 Edes Ave.
The classes will be held every Thursday through August. Participants will enjoy great music, dancing and conversation while learning the art of the "Chicago Step."
For more info and to register: Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, **dwatson@oaklandnet.com** or 615-5959

Dancing Under the Stars,

Friday evenings, 8:30-10pm, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway.
The incredibly popular dancing event returns to Oakland's waterfront. Kick up your heels and enjoy a free dance lesson provided by the Linden Street Dance Studio. Each week will feature a different type of dance followed by a dance party to practice what was learned. For more info: 645-9292.

MUSIC

Piedmont Piano Company Concert Series, 1728 San Pablo Ave.

Located in the Uptown, half a block from the Fox Theater, Piedmont Piano Company doesn't just sell beautiful, high-end pianos. Every month, they present music from local and international musicians. Here's a list of some upcoming concerts:

Saturday, 10/5 -- Mon David & Socorro de Castro, presented in association with the SF Fil-Am Jazz Festival
Thursday, 10/9 -- Bria Skonberg Quintet
Costs vary, but typically range from $15 to $25

Piedmont Piano exterior

For more info: www.piedmontpiano.com

MOVIES

little shop

Sing-along Cinema, Friday, October 4, Sundown, Ferry Lawn, Jack London Square, foot of Clay Street.
Come out and join in the fun with an outdoor sing-along movie. Enjoy the movie "Little Shop of Horrors." Come dressed as the theme of the movie and be prepared to sing with your favorite songs. Costume contest, games, prizes and more.

For more info: www.jacklondonsquare.com

movies

Movie Night at Redwood Heights Rec Center,
Friday, October 4, at dusk, Redwood Hts Rec Center, 3883 Aliso Ave.
A great way to spend a Friday night is to come over to Redwood Heights Rec Center, bring a small lawn chair and/or blanket, some warm clothes, and watch a fun movie under the evening sky. Movies start at dusk, which changes as the days get longer. There will be popcorn, hot chocolate, drinks & hotdogs this year. No alcohol, drugs or dogs allowed. All of the money goes towards scholarship fund for summer day camp and after school Rockets program.
Free screening of "Goonies"

goonies

For more info: Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, **bclark@oaklandnet.com** or 482-7827
For the summer schedule, click here.

$5 Movie Day Every Sunday & Tuesday, Regal Cinema Jack London 100 Washington St.
Tired of shelling out $10 - $12 for movies in a theater? Then take advantage of the Regal, Jack London's all day $5 movie deal!
For more info: www.regmovies.com

Parkway Theater logo

The New Parkway, 474 24th Street
658-7900 or www.thenewparkway.com
If you haven't yet been to this movie theater, you really must go. Comfy (clean) couches, good food, and all sorts of themes. Check the website for all the specifics.

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AT FAIRYLAND

fairyland.org

Special Events -- Friday

12:30pm -3pm: Pollinator Party: Come celebrate the butterflies, the bees and our new pollinator garden with us! At noon we will have an educational speaker discuss butterflies and their lifecycles, followed by fun hands-on activities from 12:30 to 3pm. Also, learn more about what you can do in your backyard to help our local pollinator friends!

Regular Events -- Saturday & Sunday

11am, 2pm, & 4pm: Puppet Show: Tashi, A Boy From Tibet. This is a tale about helping each other and caring for animals. Tashi doesn't want to be a hunter, because it hurts his animal friends. In order to learn the lessons of life, his father sends him out into the world. On the way he meets a magical monk, and saves a village from a wicked demon, all through the help of friends.

12pm-2pm: The Marilynn O'Hare Arts & Crafts Center is open with activities geared toward children and their families.

12:30pm & 3pm: Children's Theatre Presents: Nesruddin's Donkey. From Turkey to China to Africa to America, people tell stories of the Mullah Nesruddin, or Nesruddin Hoja, as he is commonly known. A wise fool who triumphantly bumbles his way through life, Nesruddin stands with other tricky heroes from Anansi to Coyote to the Baal Shem Tov. In our story, he has all sorts of adventures and misadventures on his way to the market, and his donkey more often than not has the last laugh.

1pm-1:20pm: Animal of the Day!
Come up close and learn about one of our animal friends. Which one of Fairyland's feathered, furry or wooly creatures will it be today? Find out at the Humpty Dumpty wall.

1:30pm & 2:30pm: Owen Baker Flynn with his "World Premiere," a lively show featuring juggling, fire eating and a multitude of surprises.

AT THE ZOO

9777 Golf Links Rd
For more info: www.oaklandzoo.org

Animal Encounters, **Sundays, 11:30am and 12:15pm (for about 20 minutes)**

Docent led live animal presentation: Wild animals need your help, come find out what you can do.
Learn about and meet some of our amazing animals close up. Our Program Animals are presented with fun facts and important messages; spend 20 minutes with us in the WildLife Theater! **This program is free with regular Zoo Admission.**

Peanut Shells & Primates - Ugandan Wildlife and Oakland Zoo, **Sunday, October 13, 6:30-9pm.** Rebecca Goldstone and Michael Stern speak on how farm

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waste can save Uganda's wildlife. The New Nature Foundation has been working to protect Uganda's Kibale National Park in various capacities since 2002. With long-standing support from Oakland Zoo, the Kibale Fuel Wood Project and Kibale Eco Char Initiative focus on the fuel wood crisis, the largest threat to Uganda's wildlife.
Click here for more info.

AT CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER

10000 Skyline Blvd.
For more info, click here.

Let's Talk About Space, Baby!, Saturday, October 5, 6:30-9:30pm

Begin your evening with a live planetarium show from the Cosmos 360 series, The Story of H. After the show, join the discussion in the Saturday Night Space Talks. This session soars into the inner-workings of a Boeing 747 in A Monkey on Your Back! including the extraordinary skills of the crew. This iconic airplane and the Space Shuttle were meant for each other (just like you and your date!).

After the talk enjoy a private cocktail hour in one of Chabot's engaging exhibition spaces and explore the rest of the museum, including Chabot's historic telescopes on your own. Dinner can be purchased in the Space Café. Includes admission for two to the museum. The Story of H begins promptly at 6:30 and runs about 35 minutes with 10 minutes of Q&A. A Monkey on Your Back! is a 45 minute discussion.
Click here for more info.

Dinner, a Movie, and the Universe, Friday & Saturday evenings.

The perfect date night experience is back! By popular demand, our unique after-dark offering has returned. Join us for a full-course dinner in our Skyline Bistro, enjoy our live-narrated Planetarium show Cosmos 360, and view the night sky through our telescopes (weather permitting). Reservations are not required, but strongly encouraged.
Costs (includes Admission, Dinner, and Planetarium Show)
Guests: $23 Adults / $16 Children
Members: $15 Adults / $11 Children
*Dinner only walk-ins welcome: $17 Adults / $13 Children
*Price does not include admission to the Center
For more info, click here.

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OAKLAND MUSEUM

At the Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak Street

For more info: museumca.org

The Tree of Life and Death: Dias de Los Muertos 2013, Wednesday, October 9 through Sunday, December 8, Various Hours.

DOD at omca

The museum's 19th annual Days of the Dead exhibition features installations by guest artists fusing the themes of life, death and remembrance with ecology. Topics explored include empathy, knowledge and habitat and species loss, conservation and restoration.

Showcase Series: Days of the Dead, Saturday, October 12, 1-2:30pm

This exciting new series features artists from the 19th Annual Days of the Dead exhibition, The Tree of Life and Death: Dias de los Muertos 2013, presenting their work in the brief and illuminating format known as a lightning talk. Artists will share examples of their work and discuss the fusion of Mesoamerican traditions with themes in the Gallery of California Natural Sciences including indigenous knowledge, empathy, habitat and species loss, and accountability for preventing such losses through conservation and action. The showcase lecture will be followed by a brief artist- and curator-led tour.
Click here for more info.

Peter Stackpole: Bridging the Bay, now thru Jan. 26, 2014

bridges

Featuring stunning black-and-white photographs chronicling the original San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge construction in the 1930s by American photographer Peter Stackpole, the exhibition continues OMCA's ongoing series exploring contemporary topics in California through photography.

On view in the Gallery of California Art during the opening of the new San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in fall 2013, the exhibition of 22 of Stackpole's works from OMCA's collection connects visitors back in time to the bridge's first iteration and serves as a complement to the Museum's major exhibition on the San Francisco Bay, opening in concert with the new bridge and America's Cup.
Click here for more info.

ART

Warehouse 416 & Refined Arts present Town Business State of the Art Hustle.

w416 town biz 0913

A group exhibition exploring the current state of the Oakland Art Market, as represented by creative entrepreneurship of emerging artists. Learn more about this exhibition at oaktown.biz.
The Opening reception was last Saturday, but there is also a **First Friday reception: Friday, October 4th 6-10pm,** featuring Scrivani Productions Handcrafted Cocktail Bar.
Gallery Hours: Saturday, 1-5pm
Artists: Ralph Carlile Browne, Nancy Cato, Erin Crawford, Lauren Crew, Gregorio de Masi, Unity Lewis, Andy Littlefield, Adam Mitchell, Dough Rhodes, Danielle Schnur, Dominic Treatunice Villeda

ART Exhibit at Oakland City Hall

Speak Beauty to Power
Hannah Woebkenberg and Karen Balos will have an exhibit on display on the 3rd floor Rotunda of Oakland City Hall from October 22 - November 22. The opening will be on Thursday, October 24 from 5:00-8:30pm.

SFMOMA Acoustic Sound Art Installation Hosted in Frank Ogawa Plaza

through Sunday, November 17, Frank H. Ogawa Plaza will host "Occasional Music," a sound installation by Oakland-based Zarouhie Abdalian.
Beginning in early September, brass bells are programmed to ring simultaneously at a specified time each day from rooftops in and around Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. For several minutes, each bell will play a randomized

bells ringing

rhythmic structure of accelerandi and ritardandos that will sound different each time. The installation is part of SFMOMA On The Go program that has the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art hosting exhibitions at various locations throughout the Bay Area while the museum is closed for construction.The time of the once-a-day pealing of the bells will vary. The complete schedule will be posted here and available in Oakland City Hall shortly. The installation was developed in coordination with the Oakland Public Art Program.

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For more info: Steven Huss, Cultural Arts Manager, **shuss@oaklandnet.com** or 238-4949 or Kristen Zaremba, Senior Public Art Project Manager, **kzaremba@oaklandnet.com** or 238-2155 or **www.sfmoma.org/secaaward**

ART Exhibits at Oakland Public Libraries

Rockridge Group Photography Show, October 1 - 31, Rockridge Branch, 5366 College Ave.
The Rockridge Community Photography Group takes "safaris" through the neighborhood, capturing images of our place and time. This exhibit includes photographs by Martha Snider, Robert Hofmann, Jamie Pillers, Chuck Fisher, Charles Lucke, Robert Firehock, L. Tipler Ubbelohde, and Irving S. Wiltshire.

Haiti: I Will Keep Standing, October 2 - 30, Lakeview Branch, 550 El Embarcadero.
Opal Palmer Adisa exhibits her photos of Haiti, taken one year after the devastating earthquake. She has captured the immense resilience, love, and determination of a people who will never be destroyed. Join us for an artist's reception on October 12.

Oakland! 100 Years of Boosterism and Image-making, through October 31, Main Library, Oakland History Room, 125 14th St.
A great variety of historic photos, news articles, publicity brochures, and ephemera illustrates how Oakland civic and business leaders have marketed the city throughout the years. Learn the amazing story of how Oakland has gone from boom to bust to boom again.

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AT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Many library events are recurring. Some are highlighted here temporarily, but be sure to check the last section (RECURRING EVENTS) for items no longer listed in this section and click here for a link to all library events.

Library events page: www.oaklandlibrary.org/events

Library Introduces Free Online Magazines

The Oakland Public Library recently began providing Zinio, a digital magazine service, to patrons through its website. With this service, Library patrons can browse from a long list of popular and specialized magazines - Newsweek, Dwell, the Utne Reader, Esquire, Juxtapoz, Lowrider, Mother Jones, O, Yoga Journal and dozens more.

To use the service, go to **their web page here** and click on "Zinio for Libraries" under "Magazine & Journal Articles."

For more info: Tamar Kirschner, Collection Development Librarian, **tkirschner@oaklandlibrary.org** or 238-4704

A SAMPLE OF THIS WEEK's EVENTS

Editor's Note: *In the interest of space, we're removing the regular, recurring items we usually have below this section. There are so many events the libraries offer -- best that you just go check out their website for all the details:* **www.oaklandlibrary.org/events**.

Affordable Health Care Act: Your Questions Answered,

every Wednesday through 2013, 1-4pm, Main Library, 125 14th Street.
Come and learn about the Affordable Health Care Act. A certified enrollment counselor will be available to answer your questions and assist with the application process in the Main Library computer lab.
For more info: Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, **mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org** or 238-6611

Mural Workshop, **Thursdays, 3:30-5pm, 81st Avenue Branch, 1021 81st Ave.**

Join acclaimed muralist Lisa Nowlain in creating a mural for the branch's TeenZone.
For more info: 615-5812

Zumba!, **Saturdays, 2:15-3:15pm, 81st Ave Branch Classroom, 1021 81st Avenue (at Rudsdale).**

Join the library for Zumba, dance, and other exercises! Each class is led by an instructor and a video, making it easy to follow along. Classes are for Teens and Adults, or join for Family Dance Classes at 1pm.
Click here for more info.

Do the Write Thing and Publish!, **Saturday, October 5, 1:30pm, Main Library, 125 14th St.**

Join local authors Denise Michelle Harris and Alicia Young for a dynamic workshop packed with tips for the aspiring writer. They will share insights from the worlds of fiction and nonfiction writing as well as traditional and independent publishing. In the workshop, you will get an overview of the process, tactics for defining your writing project, coaching in the writing and editing process, ideas about getting your work published and marketed, and a chance to meet authors who have successfully navigated the process.

Elmhurst Book Club, **2nd Tuesdays, 6pm, Elmhurst Branch, 1427 88th Ave.**

Call ahead to find out what book will be discussed this month. **Click here for more info.**

¡Conozca sus derechos! / Know Your Rights! **Training, Tuesday, October 8, 6-7:30pm, César E. Chávez Branch, 3301 East 12th St.**

Aprenda sobre los derechos de emigrantes, como defenderlos, y los servicios legales y sociales que están disponibles a la comunidad emigrante. / Learn about immigrant rights, how to defend them, and the legal and social services available to the immigrant community.
Haz clic aqui para obtener mas informacion. / **Click here for more info.**

Halloween Costume Exchange, **Thursday, October 10, 11:30am, Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Ave.**

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For Information About City Council Meetings

CITY NEWS

Latham Square Grand Opening

Saturday, October 12, 2pm, Latham Square, Broadway at Telegraph Avenue.
The City of Oakland, in partnership with the Downtown Oakland Association and Popuphood, will host a grand opening for the new

Latham Square. Enjoy the new plaza, listen to music and shop at several small-scale mobile vending stations. The plaza is a temporary pilot project designed to increase foot traffic and walkability at the intersection of Telegraph and Broadway, and will remain in place for six months to one year. The success of the pilot project will inform permanent improvements to the intersection by the City to create a new public space. In addition, the plaza design incorporates space for mobile vending, offering a chance to pilot retail and complementary event programming to activate the heart of Oakland's downtown. **For more info: www.oaklandnet.com/LathamSquare**

City Launches New Public Records Request Application: RecordTrac

This week the City's Code for America fellows unveiled a project designed for the City that will be available to other jurisdictions, designed to help users track the progress of their requests and help the city satisfy the requests more efficiently. Information provided in response to requests will be stored in a searchable archive for users seeking similar data.

The new system can be found at http://records.oaklandnet.com.

40th Street/MacArthur BART Bicycle Access Project

To improve east-west bicycle access between MacArthur BART, the Piedmont Ave neighborhood, Kaiser Hospital and Emeryville, and connect to the bicycle and pedestrian path across the new eastern span of the San Francisco Bay Bridge (which opened in September 2013). Since 2009, the following projects have been constructed:

- **40th Street (Adeline Street to Martin Luther King Jr Way and Telegraph Avenue to Webster St):** An experimental bikeway featuring green pavement and shared roadway bicycle markings (sharrows) was installed in September 2013. See Discussion below for details.
- **41st Street (Webster St to Piedmont Avenue):** bikeway striping (sharrows and bike lanes) was installed in March 2012.
- **W. MacArthur Boulevard, Telegraph Avenue to Broadway):** bike lanes were installed in September 2012.
- **40th/41st Streets (Adeline Street to Piedmont Avenue):** bike wayfinding signs were installed in May 2010, in collaboration with BART.
- **40th Street (Martin Luther King Jr Way to Telegraph Ave):** bike lanes were installed in April 2009. Needed width was provided by narrowing the center median.

Discussion: At MacArthur BART, the number of bicyclists increased by 123% from 1998 to 2008, making it the fourth busiest for bicyclists out of the 43 stations in the BART system. Another big increase in bicyclists is anticipated with the completion of the MacArthur Transit Village - now under construction - which includes a new bicycle parking facility. To address the existing and projected demand, the 40th Street/MacArthur BART Bicycle Access Project has been under development since 2006, when the City studied the feasibility of installing bike lanes on 40th Street by removing a travel lane in each direction. Input from transit operators led the City to conduct more detailed study. A recommendation to narrow the planted median on 40th Street to create the necessary width for bike lanes was opposed by some in the local community who had invested time and energy caring for the planted medians**.**

40th Street Bike Lane

With the road diet and median narrowing found infeasible, the City is now conducting an experiment with shared roadway bicycle markings (sharrows) highlighted by green color located in the travel lane. While green color is now approved for standard use in dedicated bike lanes, the 40th Street project is innovative for using green color in a lane shared by both motorists and bicyclists. Such experiments require approval by state and federal regulators. Oakland Public Works is conducting the experiment with the Federal Highway Administration and California Traffic Control Devices Committee.

The goal of the experiment is to enhance safety by addressing common problems where bicyclists and motorists share lanes. Bicyclists often ride in the "door zone": the area immediately adjacent to curbside parking into which car doors open. Motorists often squeeze by bicyclists, passing too closely. The California Vehicle Code allows bicyclists to use the full travel lane where the lane is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side. The 'green' treatment will assist bicyclists and motorists in sharing the road. Here are suggestions for both:

- **Bicyclists:** Ride in the middle of the travel lane so you are visible, predictable and clear of the door zone.
- **Motorists:** Be considerate of bicyclists riding in the lane - they are doing so legally and for their own safety. When passing, change lanes, leaving at least three feet of space between your vehicle and the bicyclist, and merge back into the lane only when you have safely cleared the cyclist (you can see the cyclist in your rear view mirror).

For more information visit our website.

FOR KIDS -- Hacker Scouts To Open Headquarters in Oakland

hacker scouts

On September 19, Hacker Scouts signed a new lease for its headquarters at Telegraph Avenue and 61st Street. The company will offer the Bay Area's first independent Maker space dedicated to children. Its innovative program focuses on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) education, skill building and community engagement. Founded less than a year ago by local residents, Hacker Scouts has expanded across the country and quickly outgrown its temporary shared space in Oakland.

To help fund the new space, the company has also launched a **Kickstarter campaign**. Their efforts are part of the broader Maker movement that seeks to foster a technology-infused DIY culture. The new headquarters will serve both as the hosting location for multiple groups as well as the prototyping lab for its nationwide curriculum. The lease cements the company's ties to Oakland, which is becoming a hub of the Maker movement.

To learn more about Oakland's industrial arts and Maker movement, please view recent articles **here** and **here**.

For more info: Margot Lederer Prado, Senior Economic Specialist, **mprado@oaklandnet.com** or 238-6766.

City Seeks Citizen Input on Council Redistricting

City Council map

On Thursday, October 3, the Rules and Legislation Committee of the Oakland City Council reviewed the staff report on the Council Redistricting process which began in June. The Oakland City Charter mandates the review of City Council District boundaries every 10 years to equalize each district's population according to U.S. Census data.

To view the reports, resolution and video of the Oakland City Council meeting on June 4 where the Council established the criteria to be used, **click here**.

In July and September, a series of seven Redistricting Town Hall Meetings were held throughout Oakland. The three meetings in July educated the public about Redistricting while the four meetings in September presented 13 proposed maps, including 10 submitted by the public. Public input is encouraged and can be provided by:

- Using the interactive mapping software **here**
- Emailing suggestions and comments to **strategicplanning@oaklandnet.com**
- Leaving a voice message on the redistricting hotline at 238-3079
- Visiting the City's newly launched open data platform, **http://data.oaklandnet.com** , to explore and visualize population data
- Engaging in the discussion online at **http://www.EngageOakland.com**

Later in October, the City Council will begin holding public hearings to deliberate on the proposed redistricting maps. The Council is expected to make a final selection of the Council District boundaries in November.

Do you know what Council District you live in? Click here for a map of Council Districts and locator tool.

For more information on Oakland's redistricting process including a map of current Council Districts, redistricting-related legislation, upcoming Council meeting dates and more: Devan Reiff, AICP, Planner II, **dreiff@oaklandnet.com** or 238-3550 and **www.oaklandnet.com/redistricting**

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TRANSPORTATION NEWS & MEETINGS

Public Meetings -- AC Transit Line 51 Corridor Delay Reduction and Sustainability Project

Tuesday, October 8, 6-8pm, City Hall (Hearing Room 4) 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Thursday, October 10, 6-8pm, Rockridge Public Library (Meeting Room 2) 5366 College Ave

AC Transit, in coordination with the City of Oakland Public Works Department, invites the public to community meetings to discuss potential improvements to the AC Transit Line 51 Bus Corridor.

ac transit

Lines 51A & 51B are two of the most heavily used bus routes in the East Bay, carrying a combined 19,000 passengers a day to Berkeley, Oakland, and Alameda. Service has been unreliable due to bus bunching, late vehicle arrivals and overcrowded buses. AC Transit has received a $10 million grant to design and implement infrastructure modifications along the route that would increase reliability and on-time performance, decrease travel time, and improve safety for AC Transit riders and pedestrians.

Improvements being considered include:

- Bus stops improvements (lengthening, improved landing areas)
- Bus stop relocation or elimination
- Intersection and traffic signal improvements
- Transit priority signal timing improvements
- Shared Bus/Queue Jump Lanes
- Left Turn Pockets
- Bus Bulbs

Community members who are unable to attend a meeting may submit written comments by Friday, October 25 to Tammy Kyllo, Administrative Coordinator, AC Transit, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94612 or by email at **planning@actransit.org**.

For more info, click here.

Parking Lot and Plaza Changes at MacArthur BART Station

BART logo

On Thursday, September 19, construction began on Phase 2 of the MacArthur Transit Village at the MacArthur BART Station. Phase 2 is a new 90-unit affordable housing community developed by BRIDGE Housing. The project is located in the southeastern section of the existing parking lot.

Completion is planned for spring 2015. Construction of the new housing structure and new streets will close a large section of the existing parking lot. BART riders should use other means to reach the MacArthur BART Station rather than driving, such as free shuttles or AC Transit

A brochure with information on alternatives is available at the MacArthur BART Station or get it **here**. In late October, a portion of the BART Plaza will close for reconstruction. The reconstruction will include a new bike storage facility and additional security features. The closed area will not block access to or from the BART Station.

For more info, click here.

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CITY BOARDS and COMMISSIONS

Boards and Commissions are a wonderful way for residents to participate in city government, and currently we are recruiting for several openings.

- The **Emeryville-Berkeley-Oakland Transit Study Advisory Committee** has a vacancy for a West Oakland resident to join its newly forming committee. The purpose of the study is to examine the establishment of a multi-city transit corridor to supplement and enhance existing public transportation for the support of residents and new job-producing commercial enterprise in Wes t Oakland, West Berkeley and Emeryville. **For more info: www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=944**
- If your interest is in arts and culture, there are vacancies on the **Public Art Advisory Committee**.
- The **Commission on Persons with Disabilities** has some vacancies, looking for someone who wants to make a difference in Oakland. This hardy group of volunteers advises the city on its compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It works hard to advocate on behalf of the community to the mayor, council members, city staff, and affiliated agencies and organizations. If you are a resident of Oakland and are interested, visit **www.OaklandMCPD.org** to apply.
- The **Citizen's Police Review Board** has two vacancies for alternate positions and one is specifically for a youth candidate. The Citizens' Police Review Board is committed to ensuring that Oakland has a professional police department whose members behave with integrity and justice.
- The **Civil Service Board** has a vacancy for someone who has interest in participating in the enforcement of the City's personnel system.
- The **Measure Z - Cannabis Regulatory Committee** has an opening**.**
- The **Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight Committees** are looking for one or two excellent candidates.

Due to the term limits that pertain to most Boards and Commissions, vacancies in nearly all of them are continuously occurring. **If you are interested in being considered for any of these Boards and Commissions, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Hatzune Aguilar Sanchez at haguilar@oaklandnet.com .**

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3. Community Policing

OPD Robbery and Burglary Prevention Workshops

The City is hosting a series of workshops to help residents learn how to protect yourself and your home from crime. You will hear from experts on personal safety and home security and your area police. for more information contact Jacqueline Long, jlong@oaklandnet.com, 238-7750

>>Captain Toribio addresses workshop for Area 2 at the Garden Center.

OPD FB page

OPD Launches Official Facebook Page

Last Monday, September 23, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) launched an official Facebook page, which focuses on community relationship building. The page highlights the department's men and women who serve Oakland residents, provides information on upcoming OPD-related events and documents celebrations, such as the recent 167th Police Academy graduation, with photographs. To access the official page, authorized by the Oakland Police Department, go to Facebook.com and "friend" Oakland Police Department, Oakland CA.

For more info: Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, hjoshi@oaklandnet.com or 238-3131

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

CeaseFire Oakland/LifeLines to Healing -- Walk our neighborhoods

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The City of Oakland and local faith-based organizations are continuing their neighborhood Night Walks on Fridays from 6:30 to 9pm -- just one of the ways that community members can get involved in Operation Ceasefire. These walks are organized by residents and faith leaders in areas where Ceasefire is focused. I join the walks at least once a month. Volunteers are trained in advance of the Night Walk and are accompanied by other volunteers for the duration of the walk. The purpose of the Night Walk is to reach out to communities affected by violence and to take back the streets. I joined last Friday's walk, this was our orientation meeting. The next walks start from these locations:

- **October 4: Allen Temple, 8501 International Blvd**
- October 11: First Mt. Sinai, 1970 86th Avenue
- October 18: Cosmopolitan, 988 85th Avenue
- October 25: At Thy Word, 8915 International Blvd

For more info: 639-1440 or **fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com**

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OPD NEWS

Do you know which Community Policing Area you live in?

Area 1 - Capt. Eric Lewis - 238-6911 - elewis@oaklandnet.com
Area 2 - Capt. Anthony Toribio - 238-3958 -

atoribio@oaklandnet.com
Area 3 - Capt. Ricardo Orozco - 238-3330 -
rorozco@oaklandnet.com
Area 4 - Capt. Steven Tull - 777-8561 - stull@oaklandnet.com
Area 5 - Capt. Kirk Coleman - 777-8543 -
kcoleman@oaklandnet.com

A PDF version of the map showing the 5 areas is available here.

Area-Specific Crime Stats Posted to OPD Website

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) updated the web pages for the five Bureau of Field Operations Areas by adding area-specific crime stats. A citywide weekly crime report, available on the Crime Statistics page, has been available since the website was created. The new crime stat pages are tailored to each Area, making information on local crime conditions easily available to neighborhood residents. The five Area webpages are accessible through the Bureau of Field Operations page **here**.
For more info: Sgt. Holly Joshi, OPD Chief of Staff, **hjoshi@oaklandnet.com** or 238-3131

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GOOD TO KNOW

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office publishes "Did You Know" -- a recurring email newsletter that keeps you updated on the recent verdicts and news from the their office.

Subscribe at www.alcoda.org/news/newsletters

Updates from the DA on Twitter: http://twitter.com/AlamedaCountyDA

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AlamedaCountyDA

HOW YOU CAN HELP OPD

Many Arrests Are Made Each Week Because Citizens Report Suspicious Activity

Please remember to be alert and report suspicious activity to the police:
777-3333 OPD non-emergency number

This number should be used to report any suspicious behavior and suspicious vehicles parked or driving in your neighborhood or area of business. Callers can opt not to provide their name and number and remain anonymous. Please include any descriptive details that could be helpful. Jot down the date, time and location you saw the vehicle or suspicious person. Each time this information is reported, it is used in the investigative process.

911 for life threatening emergencies
777-3211 emergency when calling from your cell phone

Use Nixle Tip Watch to send an anonymous tip in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Text TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your cell phone
2. Call the toll-free tip hotline at 855-TIPS-247 (855-

847-7247)
3. Respond to OPD's Nixle messages

To view the Nixle message, **click here**.

Nixle -- stay informed of events, news, and announcements

If you have not already done so, please sign up for NIXLE to receive OPD alerts, advisories, and community messages. You can sign up for your beat to receive updates from OPD.

- Nixle Alerts - Register at **www.nixle.com**
- Web updates - **www.oaklandnet.com**
- OPD Twitter - Follow **@oaklandpoliceca**
- Telephone 511 or **www.511.org** for traffic & transit information

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4. The TECH Side of Oakland

City of Oakland and Code for America Launch "RecordTrac"

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City of Oakland officials and representatives from Code for America are launching "RecordTrac," a new web application to help the City manage and track incoming public record requests. The new system will:

- Improve transparency of City government
- Allow users to track the progress of their requests
- Save staff time through more efficient request handling
- Provide easier access to public information

Users of the new system are able to search prior requests and the City's responses. This saves users time since they do not have to wait for documents to be uploaded and saves City staff from having to process duplicate requests.

"RecordTrac" was built by the City of Oakland's 2013 Code for America fellows who have been working with the City since February.

This application is the latest in a series of recent efforts to engage citizens and provide increased access to information and more transparency.

Oakland Digital Kicks Up Efforts to Bridge The Digital Literacy Divide. Takes Leadership Role in Nationwide Campaign, "ItsEasierThanYouThink". Urges Digital Citizens to Sign Obama Administration Petition.

The United States faces a Digital Literacy education and skills gap that leaves over 60 Million Americans from utilizing the Internet in their daily lives. Oakland Digital, along with co-organizers launch Awareness and

ODALC petition

Petition Campaign Designed to Improve Digital Literacy Skills in the U.S. - from Students to Small Businesses.

Oakland Digital Arts & Literacy Center (Oakland Digital), non-profit organization delivering volunteer-based classes and on-site labs for young adults and local businesses, recently announced, in concert with TRAIL and other campaign partners, the launch of a national campaign and White House targeted petition designed to raise awareness, and reduce the plight of millions of Americans disconnected from the digital economy.

Oakland Digital, formed in 2009, serves as a successful community supported model working with local governments and technology leaders to bridge the digital literacy divide. "Nearly 25,000 new Oakland businesses were launched in 2012. In every case digital technologies offered significant value", says Oakland Mayor Jean Quan. "Unfortunately, not all are proficient or have the know-how to harness its application. On-the-ground Digital Literacy programs led by Oakland Digital, and their work within the small business community plays a vital role in providing the boost individuals need to bridge the gap."

The United States faces a digital divide, a skills gap that prevents over 60 million Americans from utilizing the Internet in their daily lives. 1 in 5 Americans say they do not know enough about technology to start using the Internet on their own. Online skills are not only necessary for seeking, applying for and getting today's jobs, but also to take advantage of the growing educational, civic and health-care advances spurred by broadband.

"ItsEasierThanYouThink," a new national digital literacy awareness campaign, officially kicked off Monday, September 2, with a White House petition and several public service announcement (PSA) videos addressing the education factors that contribute to the online education and skills gap in America.

The Goals of the "ItsEasierThanYouThink" Digital Literacy Campaign:

- Raise awareness with the public about the issue of digital literacy;
- Urge the Obama Administration to adopt a national digital literacy policy;
- Empower non-Internet users with the tools they need to get online; and
- Providing the online community with resources to take action on this important issue

"Most of us in the tech world take the ability to open a browser, conduct a search, or make a post on a social network, for granted", says Shaun Tai, Executive Director of Oakland Digital. "But to some, it's a fear right up there with public speaking. The digitally underserved require the tools and assistance needed to become active participants in the information economy."

Your Voice Matters - Get Involved: Sign and circulate the White House Petition to adopt a national #DigitalLiteracy policy with your friends and constituents at **http://www.itseasierthanyouthink.org/**

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5. Safe & Healthy Oakland: Fire House Open House Events

Wildfire Prevention District Requests Renewal This Fall

Ten years ago I was a new Council Member and the federal funding that had helped Oakland with vegetation control after the Firestorm of 1991 had ended. I had gotten used to the goats grazing the hills, but it was clear that if we were going to continue these and other services we would have to find funding. Eventually we calculated that if every home/property within the tree line of the Oakland hills would pay $65 per year we could cover the basics with about $1.7 million -- including the goats!

In 2003, I helped the residents of the Oakland hills establish and pass the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District (WPAD) to provide annual funding to assist home and property owners in preventing urban wildfires through vegetation management and education. Since then other areas of the state have considered setting up their own districts.

For the past 10 years, the WPAD has successfully reduced the risk of wildfires in our fire-prone Oakland Hills through:

- Goat grazing to clear excess brush and weeds
- Maintaining firebreaks so fire cannot spread
- Fire patrols on high fire danger days
- Roadside mowing
- Dead tree removal
- Brush cutting to clear emergency escape routes
- Free chipping/removal of branches and brush debris for residents in the Wildfire Prevention District

Keep Oakland Firesafe 2013 is a grassroots campaign to renew Oakland's Wildfire Prevention Assessment District (WPAD) before it sunsets in 2014. If anyone questions the value of this district, please consider the videos on this website. Or ask the neighbors on Castle Road about the July 4th fire in Joaquin Miller Park. When the sparks from the Girl Scout Cabin ignited a nearby hill, only a meadow separated the fire from nearby eucalyptus trees and homes. Luckily the goats had just been in that meadow and the fire was contained. In 1991 the fire moved from the top of the North Hills across Hwy 13 in less than 25 minutes; vegetation management helps us slow down fires and contain them. It can be a matter of life or death.

We anticipate the actual mail-in ballot for the Wildfire Prevention District will occur in November 2013. Meanwhile, there is a lot we have to do between now and then and we could use your support.

For more info about how to help: www.keepoaklandfiresafe.org

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Oakland Asian Community Safety & Awareness Fair,

Saturday, October 5, 10am-2pm, Lincoln Neighborhood Center and Park, 250 Tenth St. FREE.

See and explore OFD fire truck, SWAT armored vehicle, OPD command post, OPD k-9 unit.

Schedule:

10am-2pm: Safety fair exhibits

10:30-11:30am: Basic safety presentations from the Oakland Asian Police Officers Asso.

12-1pm: Announcements free lunch

For more info: Officer Ouseng Saeparn, 773-0986, **osaeparn@oaklandnet.com**

Learn, Lead, Lift: Community Emergency Preparedness Fair

LLL logo

Saturday, October 19, 10am-2pm, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1203 Willow Street.
The Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division is partnering with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church to host a community event featuring fire safety exhibits, emergency preparedness training, games and prizes. Oakland residents are welcomed to enjoy the fun.
For more info and to RSVP: 238-7044
For more info generally: Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator, **gpastor-cohen@oaklandnet.com** or 238-2326

CA Shakeout banner

The Great California ShakeOut -- Annual statewide earthquake drill

Thursday, October 17
ShakeOut is now eight weeks away and more than 10.8 million people worldwide are already registered. More than 40 U.S. states and territories, along with several other countries, are participating in 2013! Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills are a chance to practice how to protect ourselves during big earthquakes, and also how to get prepared.

Check out the following links:

- **How to participate**
- **How to protect yourself**
- **CA participation totals**
- **the ShakeOut Shop**

3rd in the Series of Safety Tips

Step 3: Organize Disaster Supplies

family disaster plan

- **Organize disaster supplies in a few convenient locations** - your home, car, school and at work. Routes away from home may be blocked, and help may not get to you for a while. Think about what your family will need if you have to shelter at home for up to three weeks, possibly without water or electricity.
- **Keep an emergency backpack near the door** to "grab-and-go" in case you can't stay in your home. This is especially important if you live or work in a tsunami zone. Place copies of important documents/cash in a plastic bag in the backpack. Include medication and extra glasses that anyone in

your family may need. Other items: water, snacks, baby formula, cell phone chargers, etc.

- **Store emergency supplies in a dry area at home** including food and water for your family and pets, clothing, blankets, work gloves, tools, personal care items and anything you will need on a daily basis.
- **Store water for everyone in your family.** The recommended amount is one gallon per person or pet per day for at least three days and ideally up to two weeks (even longer if you live in desert or remote areas).
- **Create a kit for your pets** that includes dry pet food and any medications they might need. Keep a photo of you with your pet in the kit in case your pet gets lost. Consider implanting an ID "chip" so that your pet can be linked back to you even if you are separated.
- **Buy a NOAA weather radio with the Public Alert feature.**

For more about how to organize disaster supplies, go to EarthquakeCountry.org/step3 .

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6. VOLUNTEER Opportunities

Volunteer for Oakland Animal Services

oas logo

Volunteers are essential to Oakland Animal Services (OAS). Not only do OAS volunteers benefit from a fun and rewarding experience, but they also significantly improve the lives of the shelter animals. Spending time with the animals, increasing adoptions by helping citizens find the right animal to join their family, and making new friends along the way, volunteers are a driving force behind OAS.
Volunteers can train to work with:

- Cats
- Dogs
- Rabbits
- The staff to assist with administrative tasks

Volunteers learn skills for handling each type of animal and techniques for talking with the public about adoptions of them.
Learn more about volunteering here.

Also, if you're interested in the animals themselves, click here to jump to our spotlight on this week's pet.

org for health care

California Health Insurance Exchange needs your help

California's new health care program will start enrolling residents on October 1st. Volunteers are needed to inform residents about enrollment dates, where to go for information and sign-up.

Invited presenters will include: Health Services, NAACP, La Clinica and Organizing for Action, Volunteering for Oakland.

For more info: aca4eastbay@gmail.com

Success depends on a proactive, prepared volunteer outreach. Learn more about the California Health Insurance Exchange at**www.coveredca.com** .

Become a Volunteer Health Navigator

Allen Temple Health and Social Services and the Robert C. Scott Wellness Center are seeking persons to join the Volunteer Health Navigation Team. The navigators will provide education on the Affordable Care Act (also known as 'Obamacare'), healthcare coverage options, as well as assist in healthcare enrollment. Volunteers will receive training and a certificate of completion. A six-month commitment is requested.

For more info: Raquel Cummings 544-975 or **rcummings@allen-temple.org**

Have time on your hands? Interested in helping Oakland teens succeed?

WriterCoach Connection takes teams of trained community volunteers into public school English classes to work with students on their classroom writing assignments. We believe one-on-one feedback from caring adults helps students develop their ideas and become confident and competent writers. Our two-part volunteer trainings provide strategies and practice to work effectively with students at all levels of achievement and all stages of the writing process.

Writer Coach Cx foto2

In Oakland we coach at Fremont High School in the Fruitvale and have recently expanded to Oakland School for the Arts. We have a great need for coaches, especially at Fremont High. The commitment is just 1-2 hours per week, 2-4 weeks each month during the school year.

For more info: **www.writercoachconnection.com** or Camille Graves, Oakland Volunteer Coordinator,**oakwcc@gmail.com** or 306-1792

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7. JOBS, BUSINESS & TRAINING Opportunities

Grow Your Business Workshop Fall Series, **some Tuesdays & Thursdays, all 5-8pm, Dimond Branch and Mail Library.**

grow your biz

The Alameda County Small Business Development Center, in partnership with Oakland Public Library, presents a series of workshops to help you start and grow your business. Six workshops will be offered at two OPL locations.

At Dimond Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue

- Tuesday, October 15, 5-8pm -- Website Development for Your Business
- Tuesday, October 22, 5-8pm -- The Impact of Healthcare Reform on Your Business
- Tuesday, December 3, 5-8pm -- Understanding Intellectual Property

At the Main Library, 125 14th Street

- Thursday, November 7, 5-8pm -- Accessing Capital for Your Business
- Thursday, November 14, 5-8pm -- Finding and Engaging Your Core Customer
- Thursday, November 21, 5-8pm -- Successful Business Plans

For more info or to register: Rebekah Eppley, 482-7844 or **reppley@oaklandlibrary.org**

Reentry and Reintegration Forum, Thursday, October 3, 8:30am-4:30pm, Elihu Harris State Building Auditorium, 1515 Clay St.

Senator Loni Hancock and Assemblymember Bill Quirk host this forum where speakers will discuss best practices for ending the cycle of incarceration and policy perspectives for developing evidence-based strategies for successful transition, reentry and reintegration. Morning and afternoon sessions.

For more info: 286-1333 or 583-8818

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9. GREENING Oakland

EVENTS THIS WEEK

friends of sausal creek

Friends of Sausal Creek Events

Click here for a full calendar of events and directions to each event.

Shepherd Canyon Eco-Pullers, Saturday, October 5, 9-11am, Shepherd Canyon Park.

Help restore an area of Shepherd Canyon Park once used as a dump. Clear non-native plants and replace with native plants and maintain trails. Meet at Escher Gate. Wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves and small tools if you have them.

For more info, click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Native Plant Sale Extravaganza, Sunday, October 20, 10am-4pm.

Shop at 5 different locations for those hard-to-find natives at the right time of year to plant them. (Natives will be sold in Alameda, Berkeley, Concord, Oakland, and Richmond.)

For more info: Kathy Kramer, Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour Coordinator, 236-9558, kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net , and www.bringingbackthenatives.net

FOSC nursery image

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9. Kids' Programs & School News

EDITOR's NOTE: News about the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) and the local education community appears in a lot of different places: print, radio, television and online media. OUSD has started collecting the highlights in one easy place: **https://www.rebelmouse.com/OUSD/** Check the link regularly.

broadcast

2nd Annual St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County Broadcasting Justice Media Contest

The media contest is open to all high school students in Alameda County, and asks them to answer the question, "What does social justice mean to you?" through video and photography.
The first place prize is $500, and second place is $250.
The deadline to submit media is October 18.
For more info: 877-9252, **volunteer@svdp-alameda.org** or click **here**.

OUSD - Parents Raising the B.A.R. (Behavior, Attendance, Reading) -- Orientation Meeting

cmyt schools logo

Thursday, October 3, 5:30-7:30pm, 746 Grand Ave. FREE.
This is an orientation meeting about the 8-week training series, which is designed to present a compelling vision of the need to engage OUSD parents as leaders in improving student outcomes in "Behavior, Attendance and Reading." This training series is for parents of OUSD students who are already Parent Leaders or would like to become Parent Leaders at their child's school. If you cannot attend, the orientation please contact us for more info.
For more info and to RSVP: Raquel Jiminez, **raquel.jimenez@ousd.k12.ca.us**

teach tomorrow

Teach Tomorrow in Oakland (TTO) Recruitment Series, 2

Thursdays, October 10 & November 14, 6-7:30pm, McClymonds High School, 2607 Myrtle Street, Oakland, Room 107.

In its continued effort to diversify Oakland's teaching workforce, TTO will host teacher recruitment fairs on October 10 and November 14. TTO's model is dedicated to recruiting diverse high-quality, prospective teachers who are committed to 3 key principles: ensuring that all students achieve at high levels, professional development, and long-term employment within OUSD.

Additionally, TTO creates multiple, customized pathways for Oakland's youth and adults to become teachers in OUSD, while continuously evaluating teacher development and effectiveness.
For more info: **ttoraza.eventbrite.com**

FREE College Information Day, **Saturday, October 12, 8:30am-1pm, UC Berkeley, Wheeler Hall, Berkeley.**

A free College Fair (over 60 college reps) open to middle school, high school, and college students. Workshops in both English and Spanish will cover all college systems in California, HBCU's, Financial Aid, support for undocumented students, as well as NCAA requirements. Parents and families welcome.

scholarship money

Pre-register here: www.eastbayconsortium.org

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10. UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Crucible fireside

Fireside Lounge: Curation, Friday, October 11, 6:30-9:30pm, Crucible, 1260 7th St.
In our third 2013 Fireside Lounge, The Crucible examines curation, and how art is exhibited. We examine the function of public spaces, galleries, and museums, how art influences each of these spaces, and how do these spaces influence art. What is the value of museum collections to the artists, and what is the responsibility to the artists and community? Also featuring fire performances and live demonstrations in our glass, neon, light & enameling studios.
Executive Director Steven Young will moderate a panel discussion with esteemed members of several galleries in Oakland & Alameda: Aggregate Space, Autobody Fine Art, and Joyce Gordon Gallery. Circus arts collective **Cirquedelic** and the bellydancers of **Rockabelly** will perform firey and aerial tricks on our main stage. Beer from **Stone Brewing Co**. and wine from **Breggo Cellars**, as well as treats from Oakland LOAKal food cart **Ippo Ramen** will be available for purchase.
Cost: $10 / free for members of The Crucible
For more info, click here.

Friends of the Oakland Public Library Fall Book Sale, Friday thru Sunday, October 11-13, 10:30am-5:30pm, 721 Washington St. (in Old Oakland, near 12th Street BART Station).

Bookmark banner

The Friends of the Oakland Public Library's Bookmark Bookstore is having its semi-annual sale event. Most of the store's 17,000 quality used books, donated by individuals and estates, are regularly priced at $3-$6. With these great discounts customers will save even more while supporting the Oakland Public Library.

- 30% off - Friday, October 11
- 40% off - Saturday, October 12
- 50% off - Sunday, October 13

FOPL members receive 50% off on "Members' First Choice" Sale Day, Thursday, October 10. Anyone may join FOPL on the day of the sale and receive the discount. Annual membership starts at $25 ($15 for full-time student/senior 65+).
For more info: www.fopl.org and **www.thebookmarkbookstore.org**

Congolese Dance & Drum Festival 2013, Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13, Various Performance Times, Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice St.
Enjoy Central African dance and music from the Congo plus drum and dance workshops at this three-day event.

For more info: 368-2475

pride run

9th Annual Pride Run & Walk, Saturday, October 12, 9am, Lakeside Park, 568 Bellevue Ave.
Enjoy the view around the recently renovated and beautiful Lake Merritt for a 10K run, 5K run or 5K walk. Stay afterwards and take in the community spirit and camaraderie of the East Bay's only pride race. Every registered participant will receive a pair of rainbow-colored East Bay Front Runners and Walkers running socks.

For more info: **www.eastbayfrontrunners.org**

Million Book Event, Saturday, October 12, 1-4pm, Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street.
Join us for a free, family-friendly event sponsored by Oakland Parks & Recreation and the East Bay Children's Book Project. We will be giving away our millionth book! Entertainment will be provided by the **Prescott Circus**, **Stephanie Pepatone**, **Mykah Montgomery** , and **Team Leap**.

Featured guests at the event will include local children's book authors and illustrators. The artists will read to children and be available to talk about their work and demonstrate their art.

The celebration will include literacy-based activities, clowns from Prescott Circus, and the rock band Ariel. Families with children are invited to attend. Each child attending will be able to earn books and a book bag. A special gift will be given to the child receiving the one-millionth book in the book give-away.
For more info: **www.eastbaychildrensbookproject.org**

autumn lights 1013

Autumn Lights Festival, Friday, October 18 & Saturday, October 19, 6-10pm, the Gardens at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave.
The Gardens at Lake Merritt will be transformed with several acres of garden illuminated with enchanting art installations created by local Bay Area artists. A fundraiser for Oakland's hidden jewel, recently named one of California's Top 5 Gardens by VIA Magazine.

Proceeds will be used for garden improvements for the enjoyment of the entire community.

Save $10 by purchasing your general admission tickets in advance **here**.
VIP Tickets for adults (21 and over) include free wine and beer tastings and illumination toys in the VIP lounge.
For more info: Victoria Rocha, Park Supervisor I, vrocha@oaklandnet.com or 238-3208

Classic Car Show, Saturday, October 19, 10am-4pm, Jack London Square, foot of Broadway.
Enjoy more than 60 vintage vehicles from the 1920s to 1960s. From car buffs to casual enthusiasts, the waterfront will transform into an auto mecca showcasing rare Model A cars,

classic car

roadsters, Thunderbirds and more. The Pavilion Stage will also host live music throughout the day.

For more info: 645-9292

mini maker fair 0713

Oakland Makers' East Bay Mini Maker Fair, Sunday, October 20, 10am-5pm, Park Day School, 360 42nd St. and Studio One Art Center, 365 45th St.

Featuring both established and emerging local "makers," the East Bay Mini Maker Faire is a family-friendly celebration coming to Oakland for its third year on Sunday, October 20, 2012. It will feature rockets and robots, digital fabrication, DIY science and technology, urban farming and sustainability, alternative energy, bicycles, unique hand-made crafts, music and local food, and educational workshops and installations.
Click here for more info.

flourish

Flourish Oakland - An evening of food, wine, and art to benefit the Art Murmur, Sunday, October 20, 6-9pm, Mua Restaurant, 2442 Webster St.
Bid in the silent auction, watch artists in action, win prizes in the raffle, enjoy food and wine.

Tickets: $125 - $150 each
Click here for tickets and more info.

artists present

The Artists Are Present Fundraiser for Pro Arts, Friday, October 25, 6-9pm, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

This event sets the stage for interactions with artists. Let us introduce you to some of the Bay Area's most esteemed and audacious artists who will be "present" at tables and waiting to meet you. Engage in light, fun conversation with established and emerging artists and gain insight into the creative process at this first of its kind fundraiser event at Pro Arts.

Participating artists include: Chris Fraser, Mildred Howard, Ernest Jolly, Hung Liu, Jim Melchert, Lordy Rodriguez, and more.

As an organization committed to sustaining artists present at the center of our community, Pro Arts is hosting this intimate event to encourage a fun and mutually valuable exchange between artists and art fans. Enjoy an open bar, tasty treats, music by DJ Eric Rukis, and mix'n'mingle with the artists present.

All proceeds directly support our visual arts, artist services and youth arts programs. We are extremely grateful to participating artists for generously donating their time in being present.

Tickets: $30 each, $100 sponsorship

For more info and tickets, click here.

Champions for Children 2013 5K Walk & Run, Saturday, October 26, Register starting 8am for 9am start. Lake Merritt. Start at the Edoff Memorial Bandstand in Lakeside Park (behind Fairyland).
Register online at http://5k.faith-network.com or call 836-5100.

To raise funds and awareness for programs that serve students at under-resourced schools in Oakland, Faith Network of the East Bay will host its third annual 5K Walk/Run. The kick off program will feature the Skyline High School Jazz Band plus calls to action from OUSD school officials, community leaders and volunteers.

Prizes will be awarded for top fundraisers, and best runner times.

NOVEMBER

Salem Lutheran Home Annual Fabulous Boutique, Saturday, November 2, 10am-2pm, Salem Lutheran Home, 2361 E. 29th St at 23rd Avenue.
Just in time for the holidays. Nearly new items, collectibles, books, linens, jewelry, gifts, baked goods. Pump House Thrift Shop will also be open. All proceeds benefit residents of Salem Lutheran Home.

For more info: Nancy Taylor, ngtaylor94619@yahoo.com , 534-3637

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11. RECURRING Events

QUICK REFERENCE

Oakland Public Libraries sponsor a multitude of events all over the city. Go to this link -- now and often -- for upcoming events of all kinds: www.oaklandlibrary.org/events

Fairyland has events every weekend for children: fairyland.org

Oakland Museum has weekday and weekend events and hands-on activities. First Sundays of the month are free. museumca.org
Oakland Zoo -- Need we say more? www.oaklandzoo.org

ART ANTICS

The Art Murmur, Every First Friday year-round, 5-10pm: Various art galleries in Uptown. www.oaklandartmurmur.org

Saturday Stroll, Every Saturday, 1-5pm: Uptown Art Galleries: www.oaklandartmurmur.org/calendar/saturday-stroll

First Thursday Art Walk, Every First Thursday of the Month, 6-9pm, Grand Avenue from LakePark to Piedmont border.
The Grand Avenue Business District hosts a monthly art event with special discounts from merchants and galleries.
For more info, click here.

EMBRACE the Dimond District, every 3rd Thursday, 5pm, corner of Dimond & MacArthur Blvd.
Join your friends, family and neighbors to EMBRACE the Dimond District every 3rd Thursday of the month. Starting at 5pm, come out to the Dimond to have a bite to eat, a cup of coffee, or to just stroll around! This monthly event is organized by the Dimond Business and Professional Association (DB&PA), and has a different theme each month. The "PREMIRE" August 15th will be all about art:
Sidewalk Art Contest for ALL!

- Many featured local artist and craftsmen
- A fantastically fun kids' zone
- Get the super secret "WORD" for 3rd Thursday merchant specials!
- Community organizers will also be present to answer all your questions

Piedmont Art Walk, Piedmont Avenue, every 3rd Thursday, 6-9pm.
Enjoy Piedmont Avenue's rich and diverse collection of art of all stripes: culinary, music, design, photography, fashion, recycled design and upcycled style, among others.
For more info: www.piedmontavenue.org/avenue-art-walk

MOVIES

Waterfront Flicks some Thursdays, at sundown, Market Lawn at Jack London Square.
Enjoy a free screening on the beautiful waterfront. Moviegoers should arrive early with blankets in-hand for pre-film festivities including small eats, beer, trivia and giveaways.
For more info: www.jacklondonsquare.com

Movies at Studio One, Fridays, 8:15 pm, Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street.
Enjoy a free screening of recent movies.
For more info: 597-5027

movies

Movie Night at Redwood Heights Rec Center,
some Fridays at dusk, Redwood Hts Rec Center, 3883 Aliso Ave.
A great way to spend a Friday night is to come over to Redwood Heights Rec Center, bring a small lawn chair and/or blanket, some warm clothes, and watch a fun movie under the evening sky. Movies start at dusk, which changes as the days get longer. There will be popcorn, hot chocolate, drinks & hotdogs this year. No alcohol, drugs or dogs allowed. All of the money goes towards scholarship fund for summer day camp and after school Rockets program.
For more info: Breht Clark, Recreation Center Director, **bclark@oaklandnet.com** or 482-7827
For the summer schedule, click here.

Laurel Outdoor Movie Series
Last Saturday of the month, June thru October, 8pm
Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and warm clothes, held in the Ace Hardware Parking Lot (4024 MacArthur Blvd). Sponsored by Movement Ink, Ace Hardware, the LDA and various Laurel merchants each month.

laurel movies

September 28 -- Wall-E (PG)
October 26 -- Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) and Shaun of the Dead (R for adults only)

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JUST FOR KIDS

Tyke Explorers Workshop at Chabot Space & Science Center, **Tuesdays, 10am, 12:30pm, or 3pm. Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd.** For ages 2.5-5 years. Expand your preschooler's universe by enrolling in our Tyke Explorers Program. Kids get to bring a special grown-up to share in the excitement of science and space. Classes are a combination of instructor-led lessons and self-guided, hands-on experimentation and exploration. **For more info and monthly workshop listings, click here.**

JUST FOR GIRLS

Girls' Sports Days at Oakland Parks & Rec
For more info: Coach Love, 535-5608 or **girlssports@oaklandnet.com**

FOR ADULTS

League of Women Voters Monthly Hot Topics Roundtable Discussion
LWV of Oakland sponsors monthly HOT TOPICS roundtable discussions to inform members and the public and to seek ways everyone can come together to address important issues facing our community.
For more info: www.lwvoakland.org/calendar.html

Tuesday Toastmasters with Warehouse416 artists and friends, **Tuesdays, 7-8am, and NEW TIME: 6:30pm, 416-26th St.**
Plenty of parking is available. Anyone who needs a parking place can get one here, enjoy an hour of fun, then walk to work. All you need is a job in the area. You are welcome to visit, just to see what it is like.
For more info: Ron Scrivani, **scrivanir@aol.com** or **warehouse416.com**

bike grp standing

Saturday morning bike ride with Warehouse416 artists and friends, **every (dry) Saturday, 8:45am (doors open at 8am), 416 26th St.**
This is a flat, short ride designed to provide new or returning riders with a way of getting started. We will guide you back to the start early, based on your needs. Our full ride is 30 miles and returns to 416 26th by 12:30pm. **For more info:** Ron Scrivani, **scrivanir@aol.com** or **warehouse416.com**

Vintage Porcelain Show, Wednesdays, **10:30am & every 2nd Saturday, 10:30am, & every 2nd Sunday, 2pm, Pardee Home and Museum, 672 11th St.**
If you love vintage china, you won't want to miss Mrs. Helen Pardee's collection of exquisite demitasse cups, teacups, and tea pots. Included with cost of tour ($5) or tour with high tea ($25). Reservations required for

tea or private tour (min 4).
For more info: 444-2187, **www.pardeehome.org**

FOR EVERYONE

What I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland's Griots, Wednesday-Saturday until February 2014, 2:30-5:30pm, Peralta House Museum, 2465 34th Ave.
A visual and audio art installation based on African American stories of modern-day Oakland, with local residents telling about their lives and exploring their identities. Hear voices speak about the pluses and minuses of segregation, rituals commemorating the Black Holocaust, combating racism in major league baseball, The De Fermery Recreation Center community, the Black Panthers, the heyday of KJAZ, the Black Native community, and many other iconic contemporary Oakland themes.
Cost: $5; free for Fruitvale Community members and children 10 & under
For more info: **Peraltahacienda.org**

The Listening Horse designed by our nationally known architect Walter Hood has a magical impact as visitors listen to stories

Mexica Dance, every Monday evening, 6-8pm, sponsored by Peralta Hacienda, Center for History and Community, 2488 Coolidge Ave.
All are welcome to discover Mexica culture during ceremony and dance classes open to the public.
For more info: **www.peraltahacienda.org**

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