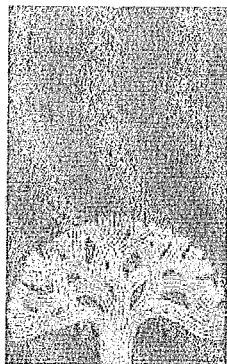


From: Hamilton, Harry
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:29 AM
Subject: Release: CITY OF OAKLAND RELEASES OVER 600 PAGES OF PUBLIC RECORDS RELATED TO TRAGIC WAREHOUSE FIRE

To view this release as a PDF, visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK062785>.



City of
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News from: **City of Oakland**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 8, 2017

CITY OF OAKLAND RELEASES OVER 600 PAGES OF PUBLIC RECORDS RELATED TO TRAGIC WAREHOUSE FIRE

City Makes Available Records from Police, Fire, Planning and Building, Public Works, City Administrator and Mayor's Offices

OAKLAND – Today, the City of Oakland released over 600 pages of public records to the warehouse fire that took 36 lives on December 2, 2016. All documents dated after the fire are available on the City of Oakland website organized by department at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oaklandfire2016/index.htm>. Public record requests through the online database RecordTrac will be answered with links to the relevant documents on the City's webpage.

"I strongly believe that sunshine helps to light the path forward," said Mayor Libby. "We recognize the media and others have been frustrated by the time it has taken to release these documents from many different departments because we were determining a wide net to provide all relevant information and take an exhaustive look at not just the warehouse, but also the immediately adjacent properties. Transparency is critical. The impacted community deserves to know all the facts about this tragedy."

The City received 121 public records requests as of February 3, 2017 related to the Warehouse fire and nearby properties, with the initial volume of requests peaking in the days and weeks following the fire. Staff across City Departments worked diligently to track down the necessary records to satisfy each request and in many cases, sifted through thousands of pages of documents to identify responsive records and address redundancies.

Staff from the various departments has been reviewing and redacting information exempt by the California Public Records Act. The full range of legal justification for redactions can be found at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK062776>.

Of the 121 public records requests made, 86 are being fulfilled with either the requested records being released today, a final determination that no records exist, or that the records are confidential and/or privileged.

In response to the various requests being fulfilled today, the Oakland Police Department, Oakland Fire Department, Planning and Building Department and Oakland Public Department all provided documents that predate the December 2, 2016 fire.

Requests for records from the City Administrator's Office and the Mayor's Office documents and correspondence that predate and postdate the fire.

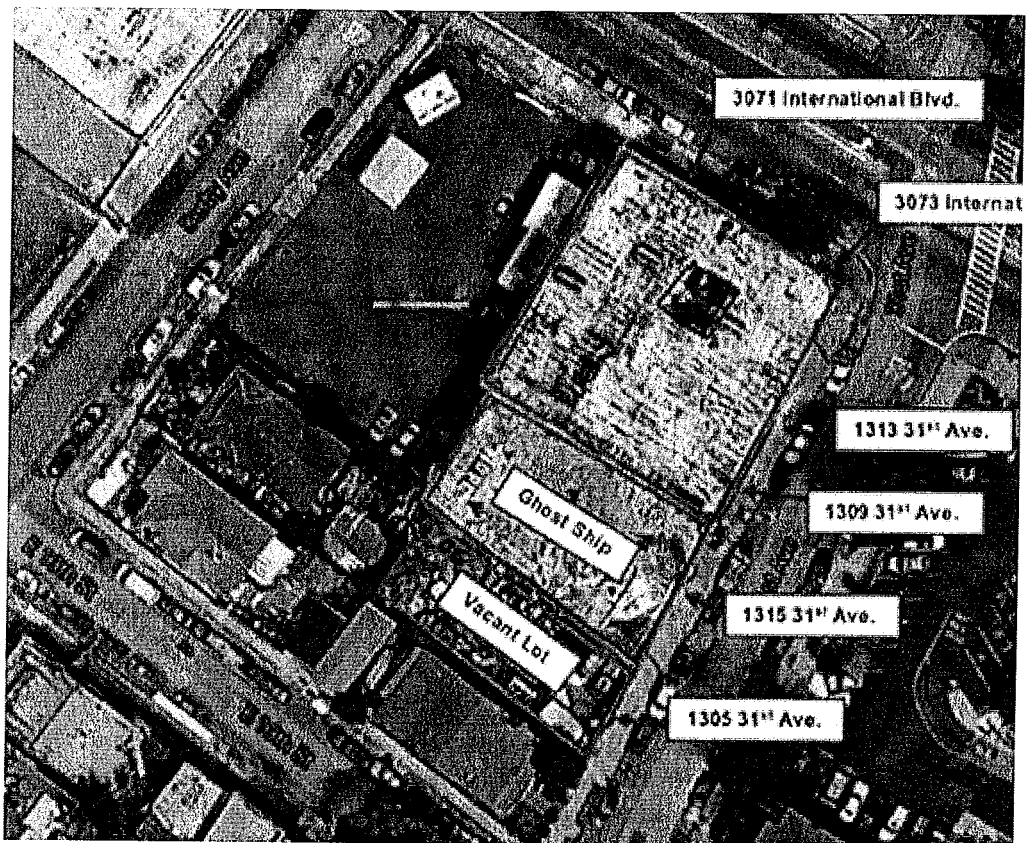
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The City is doing the additional review required to protect the ongoing criminal and continuing investigation into the cause of the fire. Therefore, there are records that cannot be released without compromising these investigations.

The records released today specially include all pre-fire records for all properties except fire records for all properties except 1305 and 1315 31st Avenue due to the ongoing investigations:

- **1315 31st Avenue** (Ghost Ship warehouse legal address)
- **1305 31st Avenue** (adjacent lot to the south of the Ghost Ship warehouse property owner as the Ghost Ship warehouse)
- **1309 31st Avenue** (which is not a verified physical address, but was used as business address, or cited incorrectly as a street address in public records complaints)
- **1313 31st Avenue** (former car repair shop)
- **3071 International Boulevard** and **3073 International Boulevard** (near the Ghost Ship warehouse properties recorded as being owned by the same owners of the Ghost Ship warehouse and the adjacent lot)
- In addition, requests were made for documents related to **1301 31st Avenue** (single family home not owned by the owners of the above-mentioned properties)

Because of the numerous addresses referenced in today's records disclosure, confusion regarding which street addresses correspond with which property, an outline of the different properties is provided for clarification.



A number of the documents in this public records disclosure were previously made available to the public on the City's website by the Mayor's Office in December, 2014, in response to complaints filed against the Ghost Ship property with the Planning & Building Department.

PLANNING AND BUILDING'S RECORDS SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Public Records Requests, the Planning and Building Department has provided records for the past 30 years.

For the warehouse property at 1315 31st Avenue, there are three code enforcement complaints dated November 2005, September 2014, and October 2014 for partial homeless camping on a vacant lot, pallets and construction materials blocking traffic, and constructing a house/structure without permits. In 2005, 2006 and 2014, there are records of five code enforcement inspections. There are no records of building or zoning approvals.

For 1301 31st Avenue, there are four code enforcement complaints from June 2004 to June 2014 for blight on a vacant lot, dumping, old tires, trash, debris, overgrown vegetation, and structures built on the property. There are records of seven code enforcement inspections from 1998 to 2008. There are records of two building permits in 2003 and 2016 for driveway and seismic upgrades. There are records of two building permit inspections in 2016. There are no records of zoning approvals.

For 1305 31st Avenue, there are seven code enforcement complaints from September 2004 to November 2016 for parking, tires, inoperable vehicles, trash, debris, rodent issues, and residential use. There are records of 34 code enforcement inspections from 2004 to 2016. There are records of two building permits in 1988 and 1989 for demolition of a previously-existing fire-damaged house. There is a record of one building permit inspection in 1989. There is a record of one zoning pre-application submittal in 1989 for a new auto window glass business.

For 1309 31st Avenue, there are no records.

(compliant), and February 19, 2016 (compliant).

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Public Records Requests, the Oakland Police Department ("OPD") searched records from 2007 through December 1, 2016.

For 1305 31st Avenue, OPD received 18 calls for service to this address. Records for 14 of the calls are being released. Two of the three non-disclosed records are covered by Code 11167; the third is not disclosable due to HIPPA regulations.

For 1309 31st Avenue, the OPD received 16 calls for service to this address. Records for 14 of the calls are being released. One of the two non-disclosed records is withheld based on CA Government Code section 6254(k) and HIPPA; the second is recorded as confidential per Penal Code section 11167.2.

For 1313 31st Avenue, OPD received 18 calls for service to this address. All 18 records are being released.

For 1315 31st Avenue, OPD received one call for service to this address. This record is being released.

For 3071 International Boulevard, OPD received 21 calls for service to this address. Records for all 21 calls are being released.

For 3073 International Boulevard, OPD received 25 calls for service to this address. Records for all 24 calls are being released. One record is not disclosable due to regulations.

PUBLIC WORKS' RECORDS SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Public Records Requests, the Oakland Public Works Department searched for records from November 2004 to present.

For the warehouse property at 1315 31st Avenue, there are no records of service requests.

For 1305 31st Avenue, Oakland Public Works received two service requests for removal of illegal dumping in September 2014 and March 2016.

For 1309 31st Avenue, there are no records of service requests.

For 1313 31st Avenue, there were seven service requests for removal of graffiti and illegal dumping, and one tree inspection between November 2006 and July 2016.

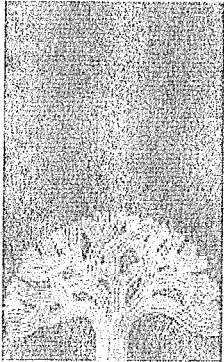
For 3071 and 3073 International Boulevard, there were 11 service requests for repair, graffiti removal, litter and illegal dumping removal, removal of a fallen tree, tree inspection and pothole repair between December 2005 and April 2014.

The City plans to release non-confidential, non-privileged and otherwise non-exempt records and information as soon as possible.

For all inquiries regarding these public records, please contact warehousefiremedia@oaklandnet.com or 510-457-1615.

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From: Derryck, Erica
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 9:58 PM
Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 31st Ave Fire City of Oakland Planning and Building Records
Attachments: Permit-ComplaintHistory.pdf



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News from: **City of Oakland**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 6, 2016

**31st AVENUE FIRE CITY OF OAKLAND PLANNING
AND BUILDING PERMIT AND COMPLAINT
RECORDS**

OAKLAND, CA – Mayor Libby Schaaf announced tonight the ongoing release of the attached permit and complaint history from the past 30 years from the City of Oakland's Planning and Building Department related to the warehouse at 1315 31st Avenue and the neighboring vacant lot on a separate parcel at 1305 31st Avenue.

This 30-year period roughly covers the length of time for which we have electronic records.

The City of Oakland has prioritized compiling the planning and building records related to the warehouse and the lot because the vast majority of questions from the public are related to the contact we have had through this city agency.

We will be compiling public records from other city departments as well.

It is important to note that there are several possible ways in which the City of Oakland primarily comes in contact with a property and the City's responsibilities vary based on the agency which has the encounter and the nature of the circumstances. For example, if a member of the public contacts the city to complain about building code safety violations, the complaint would be directed to the Building and Planning Department.

Once they are fully compiled, it is our intention to share public records from other agencies. Records will be posted to the City of Oakland [website](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753) on a rolling basis at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who owns the warehouse?

According to public records the owner is listed as Chor N. Ng.

Who owns the lot?

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What is the permitted use of the warehouse at 1315 31st Avenue?

The only permitted use for the warehouse is as a commercial space. It was not permitted for residential nor public assembly use.

How many complaints have there been on the warehouse that was involved in the 31st Avenue Fire?

Prior to the deadly warehouse fire, there have been three complaints made about the warehouse address – two in 2014 and one in 2005. The complaints were:

- 1) on 10/8/14: constructing house/structure without permits,
- 2) on 9/30/14: Pallets, construction materials blocking the sidewalk; and
- 3) on 11/16/05: Vacant lot next to above address. Lot used as a parking lot and a homeless camping ground.

Currently, there are no open complaints on the warehouse property.

How many complaints have there been for the vacant lot adjacent to the warehouse – 1305 – 31st Ave?

There are 18 records in total related to the lot at 1305 31st Ave prior to the warehouse fire. Seven of these records are complaints involving the lot beginning in 1988. There are no visible street addresses for either the warehouse or the vacant lot and their adjacency may have caused complainant confusion. The following two complaints were made on the vacant lot during 2016:

- 1) on 11/14/16: illegal interior building structure;
- 2) on 11/13/16: "There are a ton of garbage piling up on the property on 1305 – 31st Ave. Also, a lot of items are left on the sidewalk near the property. Some of trash was hazardous. This property is a storage but the owner turned it to become trash recycle site. The yard became a trash collection site and the main building was remodel for residential. The change causes our neighborhood looks very bad and creates health issue."

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Permit/Complaint History ≈ 1987 - Current

Address	Record #	Status	Filed Date	Status Date	Description
1305 31ST AVE	1604341	Pending Investigation	11/14/2016	11/14/2016	Illegal interior building structure.
1305 31ST AVE	1604340	Notice of Violation Sent	11/13/2016	11/21/2016	There are a ton of garbage piling up on the property on 1305 31st Ave. Also, a lot of items are left on the sidewalk near the property. Some of trash was hazardous. This property is a storage but the owner turned it to become trash recycle site. the yard became a trash collection site and the main building was remodel for residential. The change causes our neighborhood looks very bad and creates health issue.
1305 31ST AVE	1402153	Abated	6/4/2014	10/6/2014	Vacant lot, trash & debris, construction debris, vector issues
1305 31ST AVE	ZP070111	TBD	8/29/2007		Zoning Preapplication, proposal to place auto window glass etc. under tent on vacant lot, expanding neary rental window glass business; ask GP allowing in R-30, w/ or w/o CUP trans
1305 31ST AVE	L025809	Lien Created	5/29/2007	5/29/2007	PER ASSESSOR PAYMENTS FOR LIENS, APN SHOULD BE 025 069001100
1305 31ST AVE	L025481	Lien Created	3/28/2007	3/28/2007	CORRECT APN 025 -0690-011-00 DLR 03/03/11
1305 31ST AVE	L025166	Lien Created	2/26/2007	2/26/2007	CORRECT APN 025 -0690-011-00 DLR 03/03/11
1305 31ST AVE	L024961	Lien Created	1/29/2007	1/29/2007	CORRECT APN 025 -0690-011-00 DLR 03/03/11
1305 31ST AVE	606991	Abated	10/10/2006	2/28/2007	INOPERABLE VEHICLES, TRASH, DEBRIS AND OIL CONTAINERS
1305 31ST AVE	504418	Closed	8/10/2005	8/22/2005	VACANT LOT IS FULL OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES, TRASH AND DEBRIS
1305 31ST AVE	L023013	Lien Created	6/30/2005	6/30/2005	CORRECT APN 025 -0690-011-00 DLR 03/03/11
1305 31ST AVE	L022937	Lien Created	5/26/2005	5/26/2005	CORRECT APN 025 -0690-011-00 DLR 03/03/11
1305 31ST AVE	L022861	Lien Created	4/29/2005	4/29/2005	PER COUNTY WEBSITE PAID IN FULL DLR
1305 31ST AVE	L022697	Lien Created	2/25/2005	2/25/2005	PER COUNTY WEBSITE PAID IN FULL DLR
1305 31ST AVE	404779	Closed	9/7/2004	5/25/2012	EMPTY LOT BEING USED AS A PARKING LOT & JUNK YARD. OLD TIRES, RODENTS, ETC. LOT 2 DOOR DOWN FORM 1313
1305 31ST AVE	9805947	Open	7/27/1998		TALL WEEDS -T AND D
1305 31ST AVE	B8901662	Expired	4/21/1989	11/18/1991	DEMOLISH HOUSE FOR NEW STORAGE ON SEPARATE PERMIT
1305 31ST AVE	B8800144	Expired	1/15/1988	3/3/1992	FIRE DAMAGE

Permit/Complaint History ≈ 1987 - Current

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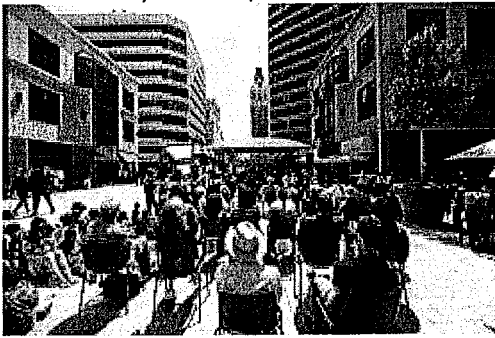
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Cc: Holtan, Laura E.
Subject: RE: Update for Events Page

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Free Lunchtime Concert: Holiday Concert 2016

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Oakland City Center | 500 12th Street, Oakland, CA

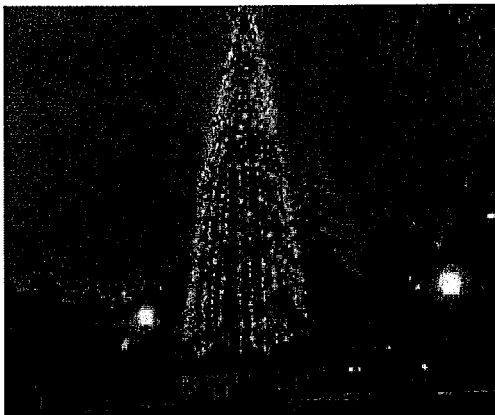


2016 Piedmont Holiday Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 - 7:00 pm | Cost: FREE

Piedmont Community Center | 777 Highland Ave, Piedmont, CA

Every year there is a surprise, in past year's they've welcomed Santa Claus, Christmas carols presented by the Troubadors of Piedmont High School, as well as cookies. The event is presented by the City of Piedmont and the Piedmont Beautification Foundation.



"Town Social" Monthly Rooftop Night Market

Thursday, December 8, 2016 - 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm | Cost: FREE*

The Overlook Lounge | 344 20th St., Oakland, CA



2nd Friday Art Walk: "Estuary Art Attack"

Friday, December 9, 2016 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm | Cost: FREE

Jingletown | Chapman St. and Peterson St., Oakland, CA



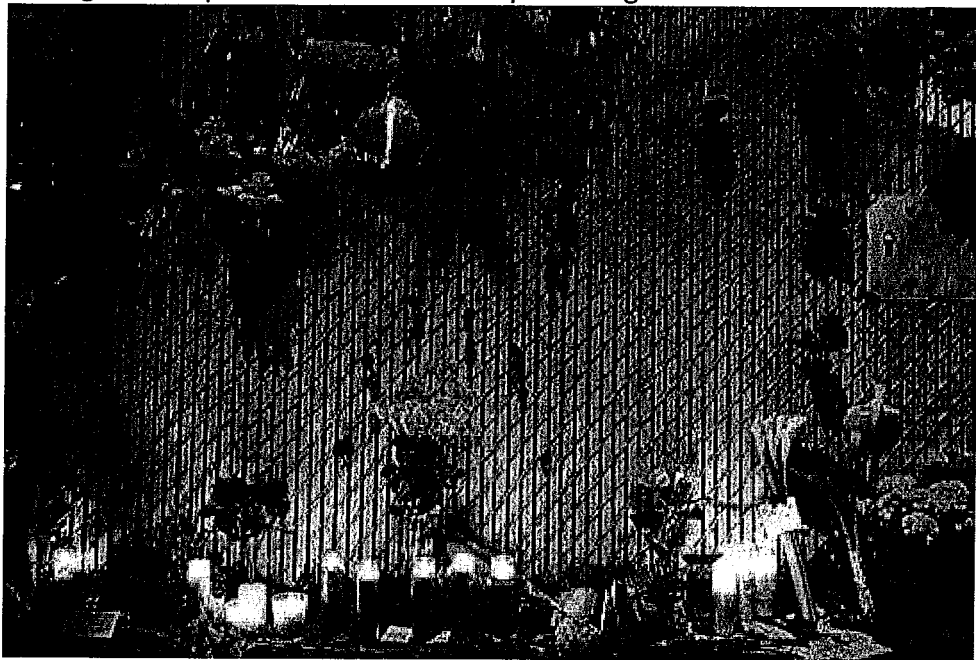
Oakland vigil planned to mourn Ghost Ship warehouse fire victims

Saturday, December 10, 2016 - 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Ghost Ship | 1305 31st Ave, Oakland, CA

"A vigil is planned Saturday night to honor those lost and missing after an Oakland warehouse inferno left 9 dead and 25 missing. The Oakland community suffered a significant loss Friday night when the fire broke out in the two-story artist collective known as Ghost Ship, located at 1305 31st Ave. at International Boulevard, in the Fruitvale neighborhood. The fire broke out in the back left corner of a commercial building and quickly spread. Community members have been placing flowers in a nearby fence to pay their respects and an interfaith vigil has been announced to take place Saturday night from 5 to 7p.m., at Chapel of the Chimes Oakland, 4499 Piedmont Avenue.

The Chapel of the Chimes Oakland is also welcoming those who need time to mourn and reflect to stay after the vigil until 8 p.m. and also on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m.”



Zoovie Night: Zootopia

Saturday, December 10, 2016 - 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm | Cost: \$7

Oakland Zoo | 9777 Golf Links Rd, Oakland, CA

Take the family on a movie night and see the appropriately themed “Zootopia” at the Oakland Zoo!



East Bay Alternative Book & Zine Fest

Saturday, December 10, 2016 - 11:00 am to 6:00 pm | Cost: FREE

Venue Oakland | 420 14th St., Oakland, CA

EBABZ will feature over 60 vendors selling zines, comics, books, art, and workshops led by local artists and “zinesters.”



Oaktown Comedy Night

Every Tuesday at 8pm

Starline Social Club, 645 Grant Street, SF

"Many comedians performing on Oaktown Comedy Night has been on Comedy Central, Viceland, CNN, Family Guy and more. And the Starline has a great comedy heritage having previously hosted shows by Dave Chappelle, Hannibal Buress, Louis Katz, Stroy Moyd and many more."

Price: \$15 – but use promo code FUNCHEAP (FUNCHEAP in all CAPS) for free tickets [here](#).

Alternative Santa: Representing Diversity in Community | Oakland

Saturday, December 17, 2016 - 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm | Cost: FREE

The Source Chiropractic | 3825 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA

"With the lack of minority representation in Disney movies, Nickelodeon cartoons, and children's books, it's refreshing to offer an alternative Holiday Family Picture opportunity that represents the diversity of the Oakland Community.

10am-12pm will be open to all current families receiving care at The Source Chiropractic.

12pm-2pm will be open to the General Public.

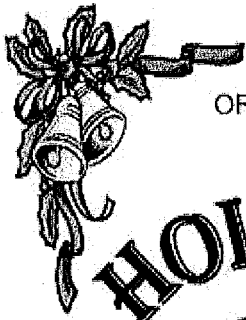
Toys and Food donations will be accepted to help feed and gift Oakland Families in need this holiday season."

<https://www.facebook.com/events/120971471721764/>

Final Day: Water Sleigh Rides & Caroling on Lake Merritt | Oakland

Friday, December 23, 2016 - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm | Cost: \$6*

Lake Merritt Boating Center | 568 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, CA



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HOLIDAY CAROLING ON LAKE MERRITT





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Enjoy some time in our Holiday room with hot cider and cookies before beginning your voyage around Lake Merritt. Experience a unique view of Oakland as your Water Sleigh glides past the 18th Street Fountain & Holiday Cove before returning to the Boating Center.

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Friday Tours
Saturday Tours
Sunday Tours

December 8th, 15th & 22nd from 4pm to 8pm*
December 2th, 9th, 16th & 23rd from 4pm to 8pm*
December 3rd, 10th, & 17th from 3pm to 8pm*
December 4th, 11th, & 18th from 3pm to 8pm*

*6pm tours available for individual participants. Other tours are whole boat charter only.

 Bring your caroling voice
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 Enjoy Lake Merritt
 Song sheets provided



Water Sleigh \$6/person
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Call for reservations 510-238-2196

Cash/Check/Visa & Master Card accepted

Tours Depart: Lake Merritt Boating Center ~inside Lakeside Park
568 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610
www.sailoakland.com



The City of Oakland is fully committed to ADA compliance. Please make accommodation requests at least 10 days prior to an event. Direct all inquiries concerning program and disability accommodation to the OPR Inclusive Recreation Coordinator at (510) 597-5064 or eburton@oaklandnet.com.

Due to the high demand for our programs, all refunds/transfers MUST be requested 10 days in advance & carry a \$10 processing fee. Cancellation due to weather is at the discretion of Boating Staff & full refunds will be issued.

Holtan, Laura E.

From: Derryck, Erica
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2016 12:10 PM
Subject: OPD Update: 31st Avenue Fire

**All,
Resending in case there is anyone who was missed when OPD sent this out.
Best,
Erica**

Erica Terry Derryck | Director of Communications | Office of Mayor Libby Schaaf | City of Oakland | One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza | 3rd Floor | Oakland, CA 94612 | Office: 510-238-7072 | Cell: 510-435-4345 | Email: ederryck@oaklandnet.com

For Immediate Release
December 3, 2016

Update: 31st Avenue Fire

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Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2016 4:53 AM
To: OPD Media
Subject: UPDATE: Structure Fire / 1305 31st Avenue

For Immediate Release
December 3, 2016

UPDATE: Structure Fire / 1305 31st Avenue

On December 2, 2016, at approximately 11:32 p.m., the Oakland Fire Department responded to 1305 31st Avenue on a report of a structure fire. The structure is a live work/residence. At this time, it has been reported there are casualties associated with this fire.

Please contact the Alameda County Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau regarding any missing persons in connection with this fire.

For fire related questions, please contact the Oakland Fire Department.

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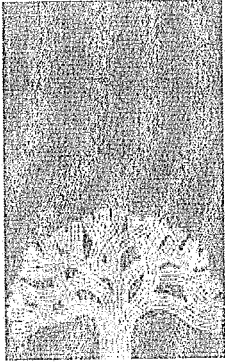
Please contact the Oakland Fire Department for further information regarding this incident.

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Wednesday, December 07, 2016 2:27 PM
Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 7, 2016

**Update from the City of Oakland on the
31st Avenue Fire**

On the morning of Wednesday, December 7, search and recover efforts at 1315 31st Avenue were concluded. A secondary search by recovery personnel and cadaver dogs was made and returned no additional victims.

Streets in around the fire scene will re-open as the security perimeter shrinks over the next few hours.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau has notified 32 families, an additional 3 notifications are in process and 1 victim needs scientific identification.

In addition to the previously released names, the Coroner's Bureau has released the names of two more of the 36 victims:
Jason McCarty, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Wolfgang Renner, 61, Oakland, Calif.

There is a correction to the city of residence for a previously released name: Vanessa Plotkin, 21, Lakewood, Calif.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau is identifying the victims to the public by the names their families ask for, and will note the legal name, if different, on the official death certificate, according to law. They are consulting with an LGBT diversity consultant to assist in appropriate gender identification.

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During this tremendous time of loss and grief for the families and friends of the victims, the City of Oakland encourages the media to respect their need for privacy.

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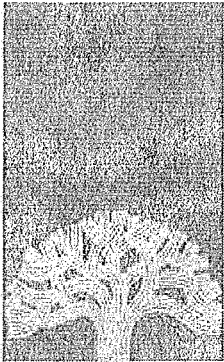
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Holtan, Laura E.

From: Hamilton, Harry
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2016 7:37 PM
To: DL - Internal Media
Subject: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 6:30 p.m.



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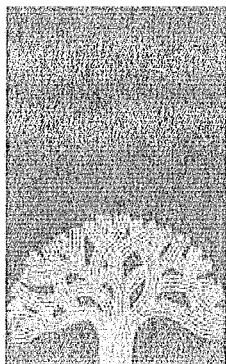
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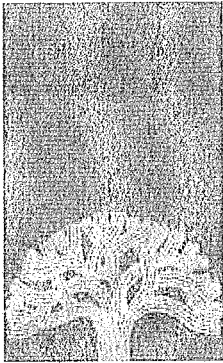
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As of 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 4, the number of victims located is now 33. Seven of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified.

The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners.

The focus of our efforts remains the recovery of victims. To ensure the safety of the first responders, more shoring has been placed to secure the collapsed sections of the building. This will allow first responders to safely proceed with the recovery process. Personnel from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Oakland Public Works Department continued the painstaking work of recovering the bodies from the scene of the fire. At this time, about 30 percent of the building has been searched.

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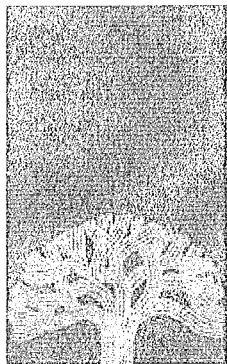
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Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2016 9:35 AM
Subject: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 8:00 a.m.



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Personnel from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Oakland Public Works Department continued the painstaking work of recovering the bodies from the scene of the fire.

As of 8:00 a.m., 24 victims have been located and the Alameda County Coroner's Office is in the process of identifying the victims.

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Personnel have created pathways through the debris, dividing the building into quadrants and removing debris by hand, bucket-by-bucket. This methodical and painstaking approach is important to respectfully remove the victims and carefully process the scene. At this time, about 20 percent of the building has been searched.

The recovery effort, hindered by the roof collapse, required a breach of the cinder block wall with heavy rescue equipment at approximately 10:00 p.m. last night. The debris removal process continued throughout the evening.

Three of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. Out of respect for the families, these names will not be released until later today.

The devastation of the scene has impacted the recovery personnel. The City has

counseling services on-site to assist first responders and support teams.

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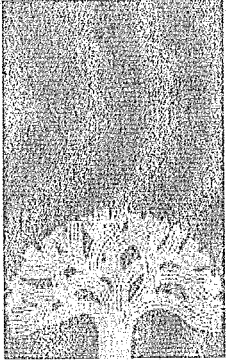
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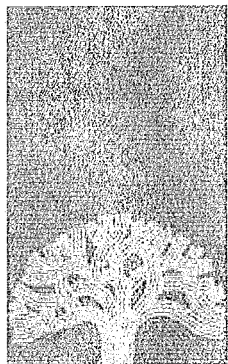
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From: City Administrator
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 8:32 AM
To: Announcements
Subject: Message from the City Administrator on the 31st Avenue Fire

Dear City staff,

On Friday, December 2, 2016, the City of Oakland experienced a tragic fire at 1315 31st Avenue. This devastating event has hit close to home for many in our community who have friends and relatives who may have been impacted. We know that this weekend's events may touch you either personally or professionally. The City of Oakland is here to support you and our community in providing you with information and resources.

The site of the fire was a warehouse space that reportedly operated as an artist collective. As of this morning, our teams have cleared about 70% of the building and recovered 36 victims.

The City is providing free EAP counseling services for employees experiencing distress related to this incredible tragedy. EAP services begin today, Monday, December 5, 2016, and are available at two locations:

Edgewater Service Center

7701 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621

Open Hours: 8am-12noon

Contact: Susan Kattchee 510-774-5596

Human Resources Department

150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd floor

Open Hours: 1-5pm

Contact: Erika Turner, 510-238-7292.

For more information about the 31st Avenue Fire, please visit our [website](#), [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

Additionally, we expect public records requests related to the fire. It is critical that these requests be coordinated and complete. If you receive a public records request, please notify:

Amber Todd in the City Administrator's Office at ATodd@oaklandnet.com.

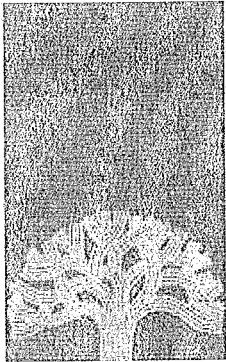
Finally, we want to thank our dedicated staff with the Oakland Fire, Police, Public Works, Planning & Building, and other departments for their incredible teamwork, professionalism and arduous round-the-clock work that will continue for the coming hours and perhaps days.

We believe this was the most deadly structural fire in our City's history. We are a resilient team, and through our support of one another and our community, we will recover from this devastating loss. I encourage each of you to take care of yourselves and your colleagues in this sensitive time.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Landreth
City Administrator

From: Hamilton, Harry
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 5:11 PM
Subject: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 4:30 p.m.



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As of 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, the number of located and recovered victims is 36. Twenty-two victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. An additional 11 victims have been tentatively identified and three victims need scientific identification.

Today, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

As District Attorney O'Malley highlighted, members of the victims' families may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). For details on this and other victim services, please visit http://www.alcoda.org/victim_witness/.

At a 2:30 p.m. media briefing, Alameda County Sheriff Ahern shared images of the inside of the building at 1315 31st Avenue and recovery efforts undertaken. The images are available at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771>.

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Background

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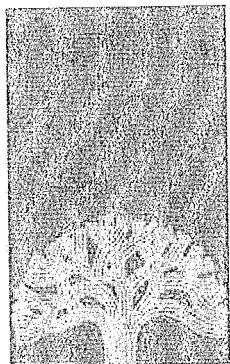
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Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 10:09 PM
To: OPD Media
Subject: Today's Press Releases from the City of Oakland - 05 Dec 16



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2016

**Ten Additional Victims of 31st Avenue Fire
Identified by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office
Coroner's Bureau**

The next media availability will be at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Of the 36 victims who perished in the 31st Avenue Fire, 22 victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. An additional 10 victims have been tentatively identified and three victims need scientific identification.

At this time, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office's Coroner's Bureau has provided the names of 10 additional positively identified victims of the 31st Avenue fire. They include:

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Micah Danemayer, 28, Oakland, Calif.
Chelsea Dolan, 33, San Francisco, Calif.
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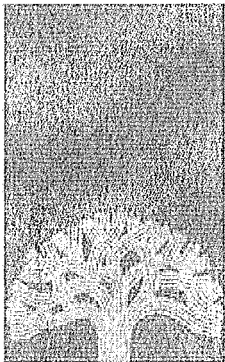
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Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 4:30 p.m.

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Today, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

As District Attorney O'Malley highlighted, members of the victims' families may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). For details on this and other victim services, please visit http://www.alcoda.org/victim_witness/.

At a 2:30 p.m. media briefing, Alameda County Sheriff Ahern shared images of the inside of the building at 1315 31st Avenue and recovery efforts undertaken. The images are available at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771>.

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Holtan, Laura E.

From: Holtan, Laura E.
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 5:44 PM
To: 'KaplanforOakland@gmail.com'; Kaplan, Rebecca
Cc: Thao, Sheng
Subject: FW: Message from the City Administrator on the 31st Avenue Fire

See highlighted portion below.

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From: City Administrator
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 8:32 AM
To: Announcements
Subject: Message from the City Administrator on the 31st Avenue Fire

Dear City staff,

On Friday, December 2, 2016, the City of Oakland experienced a tragic fire at 1315 31st Avenue. This devastating event has hit close to home for many in our community who have friends and relatives who may have been impacted. We know that this weekend's events may touch you either personally or professionally. The City of Oakland is here to support you and our community in providing you with information and resources.

The site of the fire was a warehouse space that reportedly operated as an artist collective. As of this morning, our teams have cleared about 70% of the building and recovered 36 victims.

The City is providing free EAP counseling services for employees experiencing distress related to this incredible tragedy. EAP services begin today, Monday, December 5, 2016, and are available at two locations:

Edgewater Service Center
7701 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621
Open Hours: 8am-12noon
Contact: Susan Kattchee 510-774-5596

Human Resources Department
150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2nd floor
Open Hours: 1-5pm
Contact: Erika Turner, 510-238-7292.

For more information about the 31st Avenue Fire, please visit our [website](#), [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

Additionally, we expect public records requests related to the fire. It is critical that these requests be coordinated and complete. If you receive a public records request, please notify:

Amber Todd in the City Administrator's Office at ATodd@oaklandnet.com.

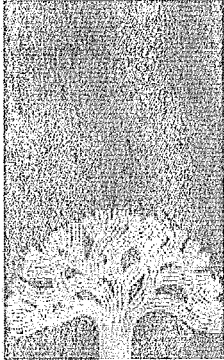
Finally, we want to thank our dedicated staff with the Oakland Fire, Police, Public Works, Planning & Building, and other departments for their incredible teamwork, professionalism and arduous round-the-clock work that will continue for the coming hours and perhaps days.

We believe this was the most deadly structural fire in our City's history. We are a resilient team, and through our support of one another and our community, we will recover from this devastating loss. I encourage each of you to take care of yourselves and your colleagues in this sensitive time.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Landreth
City Administrator

From: Hamilton, Harry
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 9:39 PM
Subject: Release: Nine Additional Victims of 31st Avenue Fire Identified by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau



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December 6, 2016

**Nine Additional Victims of 31st Avenue Fire
Identified by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office
Coroner's Bureau**

We have confirmed 36 victims in the Oakland 31st Avenue Fire. At this time, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau has provided the names of 9 additional victims and notified their families. They include:

Billy Dixon, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Johnny Igaz, 34, Oakland, Calif.
Ara Jo, 29, Oakland, Calif.
Amanda Kershaw, 34, San Francisco, Calif.
Griffin Madden, 23, Berkeley, Calif.
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The Family Assistance Center will remain open until the recovery process is concluded. It will be open Wednesday, December 7, from 8:00 am. to 8:00 p.m. Support services will continue to be offered after the center closes.

At a 6 p.m. press conference, Congresswoman Barbara Lee joined Mayor Libby Schaaf and representatives from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

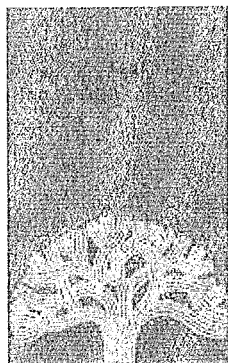
At the press conference, Mayor Schaaf shared that a local state of emergency has been proclaimed. The proclamation will go before the Oakland City Council at a special meeting on Thursday, December 8, for ratification. The proclamation is accessible on oaklandnet.com.

The Mayor also touched on the history of Planning & Building complaints on the warehouse at 1315 31st Avenue and adjacent vacant lot. A summary of these complaints can be found on oaklandnet.com and supporting records will be uploaded in phases overnight.

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Holtan, Laura E.

From: Derryck, Erica
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 9:58 PM
Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 31st Ave Fire City of Oakland Planning and Building Records
Attachments: Permit-ComplaintHistory.pdf



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December 6, 2016

**31st AVENUE FIRE CITY OF OAKLAND PLANNING
AND BUILDING PERMIT AND COMPLAINT
RECORDS**

OAKLAND, CA – Mayor Libby Schaaf announced tonight the ongoing release of the attached permit and complaint history from the past 30 years from the City of Oakland's Planning and Building Department related to the warehouse at 1315 31st Avenue and the neighboring vacant lot on a separate parcel at 1305 31st Avenue.

This 30-year period roughly covers the length of time for which we have electronic records.

The City of Oakland has prioritized compiling the planning and building records related to the warehouse and the lot because the vast majority of questions from the public are related to the contact we have had through this city agency.

We will be compiling public records from other city departments as well.

It is important to note that there are several possible ways in which the City of Oakland primarily comes in contact with a property and the City's responsibilities vary based on the agency which has the encounter and the nature of the circumstances. For example, if a member of the public contacts the city to complain about building code safety violations, the complaint would be directed to the Building and Planning Department.

Once they are fully compiled, it is our intention to share public records from other agencies. Records will be posted to the City of Oakland [website](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753) on a rolling basis at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who owns the warehouse?

According to public records the owner is listed as Chor N. Ng.

Who owns the lot?

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What is the permitted use of the warehouse at 1315 31st Avenue?

The only permitted use for the warehouse is as a commercial space. It was not permitted for residential nor public assembly use.

How many complaints have there been on the warehouse that was involved in the 31st Avenue Fire?

Prior to the deadly warehouse fire, there have been three complaints made about the warehouse address – two in 2014 and one in 2005. The complaints were:

- 1) on 10/8/14: constructing house/structure without permits,
- 2) on 9/30/14: Pallets, construction materials blocking the sidewalk; and
- 3) on 11/16/05: Vacant lot next to above address. Lot used as a parking lot and a homeless camping ground.

Currently, there are no open complaints on the warehouse property.

How many complaints have there been for the vacant lot adjacent to the warehouse – 1305 – 31st Ave?

There are 18 records in total related to the lot at 1305 31st Ave prior to the warehouse fire. Seven of these records are complaints involving the lot beginning in 1988. There are no visible street addresses for either the warehouse or the vacant lot and their adjacency may have caused complainant confusion. The following two complaints were made on the vacant lot during 2016:

- 1) on 11/14/16: illegal interior building structure;
- 2) on 11/13/16: "There are a ton of garbage piling up on the property on 1305 – 31st Ave. Also, a lot of items are left on the sidewalk near the property. Some of trash was hazardous. This property is a storage but the owner turned it to become trash recycle site. The yard became a trash collection site and the main building was remodel for residential. The change causes our neighborhood looks very bad and creates health issue."

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Holtan, Laura E.

From: City Administrator
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 6:10 PM
To: Announcements
Subject: In Appreciation of City Employees

Dear City staff,

Like others in Oakland and in places around the world, many of us are feeling the effects of the tragic fire that occurred on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 1315 31st Avenue. Our City family is impacted personally, professionally, and through the shared hurt our community is experiencing.

But, in the midst of this profound tragedy, I am truly inspired by our staff's collective example these last several days, as you have risen to an immense challenge even as we all share in that pain. I cannot thank you enough for all you are doing to bring comfort and service where it is most needed. Many of you are not on the front lines of this response, but are providing support that the first responders need to do their jobs, or simply continuing to do your everyday work in service to our entire City. Your dedication to our community makes us all stronger and more hopeful.

Importantly, I want to encourage all of us to continue to support and treat each other with respect, even when harsh words about City services arise. Please find strength and pride in the work you do in offering the best possible service to the Oakland community – work that I know you perform at an exceptional level every day.

As an organization, we are committed to providing you with resources to help you cope with this event. The City has a robust Employee Assistance Program that is available to all employees and employees' families. This service is free and completely confidential. Please call **800-834-3773** to explore these services.

Additionally, we are offering group sessions. These are “drop in” sessions where employees can discuss their shared experience. Below are the locations, dates and times:

Location	Dates and Times
Human Resources Department 150 FHOP, 2nd floor	Tues, Dec. 13th 1:00PM Mon, Dec. 19th 9:30AM
PWA- Broadway Conf 250 FHOP, 4th floor	Tues, Dec. 13th 9:30AM Mon, Dec. 19th 1:00PM
City Hall, Building Bridges 3rd floor	Tues, Dec. 13th 3:00PM Mon, Dec. 19th 3:00PM
Edgewater Service Center 7101 Edgewater Drive Building 2, Lion Creek Conference Room	Mon, Dec 12th 9:00AM Fri, Dec. 16th 9:00AM
Police Administration Building 455 7th Street	Fri, Dec 9th, 1:00PM Mon, Dec 12th 1:00PM

Main Library
125 14th Street

Fri, Dec. 9th 10:30AM
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Memorial Wall: Near Hearing Room 1 in City Hall, there will soon be a space inviting messages of condolences and support for those affected by the tragedy.

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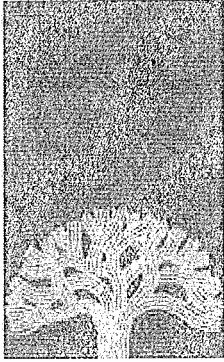
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Holtan, Laura E.

From: Hamilton, Harry
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 2:06 PM
Subject: Two Additional Victims of 31st Avenue Fire Identified



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At this time the next media briefing by the City of Oakland has not been scheduled

On the morning of Wednesday, December 7, search and recover efforts at 1315 31st Avenue were concluded. A secondary search by recovery personnel and cadaver dogs was made and returned no additional victims.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau has notified all 36 families.

In addition to the previously released names, the Coroner's Bureau has released the names of two more of the 36 victims:

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Joseph Matlock, 36, Oakland

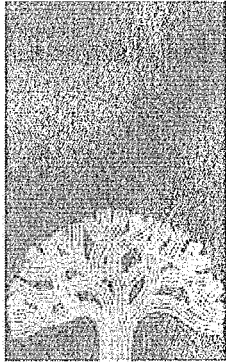
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The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is continuing their investigation into the source of the fire. "ATF is looking at every possible source of ignition," said Special Agent in Charge Jill Snyder. "There is no timeline for the conclusion of the investigation. ATF experts will be on scene for possibly several

From: Hamilton, Harry
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 4:24 PM
Subject: Release: Oakland City Council Ratifies City of Oakland's Proclamation of Local Emergency



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December 8, 2016

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Oakland, Calif. – On Thursday, December 8, the proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Oakland City Administrator was ratified by the Oakland City Council during a special meeting.

The local emergency, which was, proclaimed on Tuesday, December 6, is an important step in recovery for the City of Oakland and our community.

Under the California Disaster Assistance Act, the City of Oakland may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 75 percent of qualifying response and recovery expenses related to the 31st Avenue Fire. Generally, these include labor, equipment, materials and other expenses related to extinguishing the fire and recovering the victims from the scene. The Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division will be developing an initial damage estimate to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for consideration for California Disaster Assistance Act funding.

Staff from the Economic & Workforce Development Department has already begun distributing the Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Businesses. Once a minimum of five businesses have completed and returned the worksheets, the City of Oakland can submit the package to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for review and submission to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The SBA will consider the packet for its Economic Injury Disaster Loans. There is no maximum on the number of businesses who are eligible to apply.

Artists who may have operated a business in the 1315 31st Avenue warehouse may be eligible for SBA loans, and are encouraged to contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405.

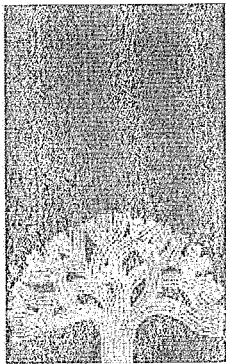
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From: Holtan, Laura E.
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 10:42 AM
To: rainy.li@singtaousa.com
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December 8, 2016

Oakland City Council Ratifies City of Oakland's Proclamation of Local Emergency

Oakland, Calif. – On Thursday, December 8, the proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Oakland City Administrator was ratified by the Oakland City Council during a special meeting.

The local emergency, which was, proclaimed on Tuesday, December 6, is an important step in recovery for the City of Oakland and our community.

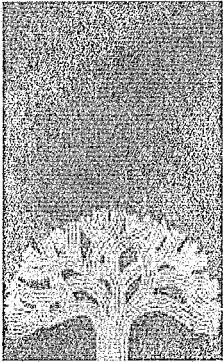
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Staff from the Economic & Workforce Development Department has already begun distributing the Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Businesses. Once a minimum of five businesses have completed and returned the worksheets, the City of Oakland can submit the package to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for review and submission to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The SBA will consider the packet for its Economic Injury Disaster Loans. There is no maximum on the number of businesses who are eligible to apply.

Artists who may have operated a business in the 1315 31st Avenue warehouse may be eligible for SBA loans, and are encouraged to contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405.

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December 9, 2016

Complete Roster of Victims of the 31st Avenue Fire

On the morning of Wednesday, December 7, search and recovery efforts at 1315 31st Avenue were concluded. A secondary search by recovery personnel and cadaver dogs was made and returned no additional victims.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office's Coroner's Bureau has notified all 36 families. Below is the complete list of the victims of the fire.

Cash Askew, 22, Oakland, Calif.
Jonathan Bernbaum, 34, Berkeley, Calif.
Matthew Bohlka, 33, Oakland, Calif., who lived her life as Em Bohlka
Barrett Clark, 35, Oakland, Calif.
David Cline, 24, Oakland, Calif.
Micah Danemayer, 28, Oakland, Calif.
Billy Dixon, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Chelsea Dolan, 33, San Francisco, Calif.
Justin Fritz, 29, Berkeley, Calif. who lived her life as Riley Fritz
Alex Ghassan, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Nicolas Gomez-Hall, 25, Berkeley, Calif.
Michela Gregory, 20, South San Francisco, Calif.
Sara Hoda, 30, Walnut Creek, Calif.
Travis Hough, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Johnny Igaz, 34, Oakland, Calif.
Ara Jo, 29, Oakland, Calif.
Donna Kellogg, 32, Oakland, Calif.
Amanda Kershaw, 34, San Francisco, Calif.
Edmond Lapine, 34, Oakland, Calif.
Griffin Madden, 23, Berkeley, Calif.
Joseph Matlock, 36, Oakland, Calif.
Jason McCarty, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Jennifer Mendiola, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Jennifer Morris, 21, Foster City, Calif.
Vanessa Plotkin, 21, Lakewood, Calif.
Wolfgang Renner, 61, Oakland, Calif.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: December 16, 2016

INFORMATION

With the legislative recess, the next edition of the City Administrator's Weekly Report will be published on January 6, 2017.

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Upcoming Holiday Closures – On Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, the City of Oakland's administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Day holiday and the New Year's Day holiday. While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holiday. To read the media release for specific service impacts, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061925>.

Annual Holiday Food Drive – Through Friday, December 23, the City of Oakland is holding its Annual Holiday Food Drive. The Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP), in partnership with Alameda County Community Food Bank, is coordinating the food drive. The Alameda County Community Food Bank serves one in five residents of Alameda County. The cost of living in the Bay Area has made it nearly impossible for many households to make ends meet. Children and seniors remain the most vulnerable to hunger in our community. Food collection barrels are in the lobbies at the following locations:

- City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
- Wilson Building, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza – 1st Floor Lobby & 4th Floor Lobby
- Dalziel Building, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
- Oakland Police Administration Building, 455 7th Street
- Oakland Police Substation, 2651 73rd Avenue at the Eastmont Town Center
- 7101 Edgewater Drive – OPD Dispatch, Building 2 and Building 4
- 5050 Coliseum Way

The food collection barrels will be picked up the week of December 19 in time to distribute the food to families for the holidays – because together we can make a difference. For more information, please contact Cecilia Garcia, Administrative Assistant, at cgarcia@oaklandnet.com.

Library's Winter Bingo Gives Children, Families Chance To Read And Play During School Break – On Saturday, December 17, the Oakland Public Library will begin its third annual Winter Bingo game. Winter Bingo encourages children in grades Kindergarten to 5th, and caregivers of younger children and babies, to do activities that stimulate literacy and learning. Any child or caregiver may come by any Oakland Library location between Saturday, December 17 and Saturday, January 14 for a free bingo card. Each space on the Bingo card has an activity the child can try to complete and then cross off. Participants who return to the library with a bingo card with five activities in a row crossed off before January 14 can select a free paperback book to keep, as a prize. Activities include direct reading activities such as “Listen to a story” or “Read about your favorite thing” as well as social activities such as “Make someone laugh” or “Bring a friend to the library,” and active play such as “Dance” or “Play outside.” Activities for caregivers to do with babies and preschoolers include “Make up a song” and “Ask your child to turn the page.” Bingo cards will be available at all library locations and distributed to partner organizations, and are available in Spanish, Chinese and English. For more information, please contact Nina Lindsay, Supervising Librarian for Children’s Services, at nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6706.

Library Announces Free Unlimited Access To The New York Times Online For Patrons – On Monday, December 12, the Oakland Public Library (OPL) announced that it is now offering free access to *The New York Times* Digital Edition to its patrons. OPL has taken an institutional subscription that allows patrons within the library (on library computers or the library’s WiFi network) unlimited access to all *The New York Times*’ content found on NYTimes.com. In addition, OPL has a limited number of 72-hour passes that can be used outside of the library. Without a subscription, NYTimes.com readers quickly hit a monthly limit and a paywall. With this new offering from OPL, readers can read all the news they want without paying a dime. However, the library’s subscription does not include the Times’ crossword puzzle. Information and instructions can be found at www.oaklandlibrary.org/NYTimes. You can see a full list of the library’s digital resources at www.oaklandlibrary.org/eResources. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061867>. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Rebuild Mosswood: Envision The Future – On Saturday, December 10, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) and Public Works departments hosted Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future at Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street. Despite soggy conditions, there was a strong community turnout demonstrating the importance of the center and the commitment to rebuilding the facility. More than 125 participants heard updates from City officials and then took part in an engagement process to share their vision for the “new” Mosswood Community Center. If you could not attend the meeting, please be sure to join the conversation on [Mosswood Recreation Center’s Facebook page](#). The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation established a “Rebuild Mosswood” account to receive tax-deductible donations. Donations are intended to be used to support rebuilding efforts for Mosswood, including covering costs that exceed available insurance as well as amenities that the community may desire adding to the park. To make a donation, please visit www.oaklandparks.org or call (510) 465-1850. For more information about the event, please email parksandrec@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 238-PARK (7275).

Fire At 1315 31st Avenue – On Friday, December 2, a tragic fire claimed the lives of 36 victims. Within minutes of the first call to dispatch, crews from the Oakland Fire Department arrived and the incident quickly went to a three alarms. The fire was deemed under control at 4:36 a.m. on Saturday, December 3. We continue to extend condolences to the families and friends who have received the tragic news of losing loved ones in the 31st Avenue warehouse fire. During the height of the response to extinguish the fire, there were 16 units on scene and 77 fire fighters. During this response phase, the Oakland Fire Department received mutual aid from the City of Alameda Fire Department and the Alameda County Fire Department. During the recovery phase, personnel from the Oakland Fire Department; Oakland Police Department; Oakland Public Works Department; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Alameda County Sheriff’s Office; Cal OSHA; Alameda County Search and Rescue; Fremont Fire Department; Hayward Fire Department; East Bay Regional Park District’s Fire Department; Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District conducted the painstaking work of recovering the victims from the scene of the fire. At times, debris removal progressed by bucket brigade. Due to severe damage to the building, sections of the building needed to be shored-up to provide safe entry for recovery teams. Recovery efforts continued around-the-clock and required the use of heavy equipment. At one point, electrical lines had to be de-energized to allow use of a large crane. Thanks to careful planning, at its height, the planned power outage impacted only 12 residential and commercial customers. On the morning of Wednesday, December 7, search and recover efforts at 1315 31st Avenue were concluded. A secondary search by recovery personnel and cadaver dogs was made and returned no additional victims. From Saturday, December 3, through Wednesday, December 7, a Family Assistance Center was in

operation at the Alameda County Sheriff's facility, 2425 E. 12th Street. The center comforted and assisted family members and friends looking for loved ones with grief counseling and other services. Representatives from Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Alameda County District Attorney's Victims Support Division and the City of Oakland joined in partnership with volunteers and staff from the American Red Cross in providing support to families and friends of the fire victims. On Monday, December 5, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. On Thursday, December 8, the proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Oakland City Administrator was ratified by the Oakland City Council during a special meeting. The local emergency, which was, proclaimed on Tuesday, December 6, is an important step in recovery for the City of Oakland and our community. Under the California Disaster Assistance Act, the City of Oakland may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 75 percent of qualifying response and recovery expenses related to the 31st Avenue Fire. Generally, these include labor, equipment, materials and other expenses related to extinguishing the fire and recovering the victims from the scene. The Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division will be developing an initial damage estimate to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for consideration for California Disaster Assistance Act funding. Staff from the Economic & Workforce Development Department has distributed the Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Businesses. Artists who may have operated a business in the 1315 31st Avenue warehouse may be eligible for SBA loans, and are encouraged to contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405. At a press conference on Tuesday, December 13, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or ATF, and the Oakland Fire Department shared that they have concluded the on-scene investigation for the 31st Avenue Fire. Throughout the District Attorney's Office's criminal investigation and the Oakland Fire Department's scene investigation, ATF has assisted by providing their fire expertise and assisting with witness interviews. All of the scene information has been gathered and analysis of the information will continue. The Oakland Fire Department will prepare the final report of the scene investigation. ATF and Oakland Fire Department's findings will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office in support of their ongoing criminal investigation. Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley explained that her office's criminal investigation is ongoing. The District Attorney's office continues to ask any witnesses with information about the fire or the warehouse to come forward to assist with the investigation. She also shared information with the public about how those impacted by the fire could access victim witness support available through the DA's Office. The District Attorney thanked the Red Cross for its ongoing support of victims, their families and those displaced by the fire. Members of the Red Cross team provided information on where those impacted by the fire could continue to access support being provided by the agency. As of the time of this report, the cause of the fire has not been identified. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753>.

Sixth Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition Getting Started – Sunday, February 5, is the deadline to enter the 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition. The Oakland Public Library, in partnership with Youth Speaks, has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 6th Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program. Oakland youth between the ages of 13-18 are encouraged to apply. The winning young poet will represent and serve the city for one year as the Youth Poet Laureate. More than a contest, though, this program connects young Oakland poets to each other and to adult mentors. The chosen Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and serve as City ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. Finalists and Honorable Mentions have opportunities to perform and network with peers and leaders across the Bay Area. Finalists will be announced in April. The 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will be named on Sunday, May 21, during the Oakland Book Festival in downtown Oakland. Interested youth, parents and teachers can learn more and apply online at www.youthspeaks.org. For more information, please email oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org, or contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

OPR Winter Break Camps – During the weeks of December 19 and December 26, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) will host day camps for youth. Participating recreation sites include Allendale, Arroyo Viejo, Bushrod, Carmen Flores, deFremery, Dimond, Franklin, Redwood Heights and Studio One Art Center. For camp details, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/oakparkrec/>, www.oaklandnet.com/parks or call your local recreation center. For more information, please contact Tiffany Jimenez, Office Assistant II, at tjimenez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7275.

2017 Alameda County Homeless Census And Survey – On Tuesday, January 31, a homeless count for unsheltered people will be conducted. Known locally as EveryOne Counts!, the point-in-time count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness records the number of people staying in shelters and transitional housing on a given night in late January each year and estimates the number of people who are unsheltered, living outdoors on that same night every two years. Conducting a Count is a requirement of receiving federal homeless assistance funds for the City of Oakland. There will be training for all volunteers. If you are interested in participating in the count or to learn more about the volunteer commitment, please visit <http://bit.ly/2gXCbsV>. For more information, please contact Stevan Alvarado, Program Analyst, at (510) 238-7753.

Clay Street Garage Closes – On Friday, December 2, the public parking garage located in downtown Oakland at 1414 Clay Street between 14th and 16th streets closed indefinitely. That Friday was the last day of visitor parking at the Clay Street Garage. The decision to shutter the 55-year-old facility was made after a recent condition assessment, which raised safety concerns. The potential dangers in a major seismic event were deemed too great to risk keeping the facility open. Motorists visiting City offices will have a variety of parking options to consider. For a map of other parking facilities in the area, visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Parking/index.htm#Garages>. The Dalziel Garage, located in the basement of 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and accessible from 16th Street between Clay Street and San Pablo Avenue, will serve the daytime, evening, late night, weekend and special event parking needs of visitors to Oakland's civic center. As had been the case at the closed garage, the Dalziel Garage will offer free parking on Saturdays year-round. Resources currently used to staff the Clay Street Garage, including on-site security from sunset to close, will be redeployed to the Dalziel Garage. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061707>. For general inquiries about parking availability and pricing, please contact City of Oakland Parking Partners at (510) 874-7170 or visit their office located at 1250 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Free 2016 Holiday Parking – Saturdays through December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking to encourage shoppers to get out and explore the plethora of local shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland's 40 neighborhood shopping districts. On Saturday, December 17; Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking at meters on streets and at four City-owned parking lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours or 5 hours). The program will also provide free parking at four City-owned garages. The free parking "holidays" apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space at least one block away from the original space. Promotional messages about the free Saturday parking were programmed into the Smart parking meters and the multi-space kiosks during the week of November 21. Motorists should note and follow the maximum time limits posted. Shoppers should also note that, unlike some neighboring cities, parking at street meters in Oakland is free on Sundays. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061588>. For more information on holiday shopping in Oakland, please visit www.oaklandgrown.org. For a roster of festive holiday celebrations held by Oakland merchant organizations and community groups, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations. For a roster of the four participating City-owned lots and four participating City-owned garages, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parking.

Minimum Wage Increase – Effective Sunday, January 1, Oakland's Minimum Wage goes up to \$12.86 per hour. Measure FF, the voter-initiative ballot measure passed in November 2014, provides annual increases to Oakland's Minimum Wage based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). In light of the increase, employers must be aware of the following:

- By Thursday, December 15, employers were required to provide notice to employees and prominently display posters on the new Minimum Wage;
- On Sunday, January 1, 2017, the Minimum Wage rate goes up 31¢ to \$12.86; and
- The other benefits mandated by Measure FF – paid sick leave and payment of service charges – remain the same as when the employment law took effect on March 2, 2015

Notification posters in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese are available for download at www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage. A roster of upcoming business briefings offered by our partners, answers to frequently asked questions and details on outreach efforts are also on the web page. The next business briefing by our partners are:

- Monday, December 19, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)
2017 Updates: Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Leave & Service Charges
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Presented by Wendel Rosen Black & Dean LLP

Monthly Walk-In Workers' Rights Legal Clinics are held by the City's partner, Centro Legal de la Raza, 3400 E. 12th Street, on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. During these clinics, individual consultations

with Centro Legal attorneys are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The next clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Other workers' rights clinics are by appointment only. Call Centro Legal de La Raza at (510) 437-1554. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage or contact the Contracts & Compliance Office at minwageinfo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6258.

Main Library Offers Introduction To Python Programming For Teens – On Tuesday, December 20, the Main Library's TeenZone, 125 14th Street, is offering a workshop for students with no previous experience in programming. Learn the basic concepts of Python language, string manipulation, arithmetic/logic operations, loops, lists and more. For more information on the curriculum, please visit www.mathandcoding.org. Space is limited to nine students, so register now by calling (510) 238-7332. This class will be conducted in two sections, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class – From Monday, December 19 to Thursday, December 22, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is hosting an American Red Cross Lifeguard certification class open for those 15 and older. The class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and costs \$190 for Oakland residents or \$225 for non-residents. The registration fee can be reimbursed if you are hired by OPR Aquatics and upon completion of 200 worked hours. The training class will take place at Temescal Pool, 371 45th Street. For more information and to register, please contact William Davis, Jr., Aquatics Specialist, at wdavisjr@oaklandnet.com.

Dimond Branch To Close Temporarily For Renovation – On Friday, December 23, the Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, will close temporarily for a renovation project. The branch is scheduled to reopen in May 2017. The renovation project consists of a "makeover" of the first floor to better serve patrons, with distinct program areas and comfortable seating. New furniture will be purchased, as will a new information desk and self-check machines. The project is funded entirely by donations and foundation grants. If patrons have items on hold with Dimond Branch designated as the pick-up location, the location will automatically change to the César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271. The book drops at the Dimond Library will remain open during the closure and returned items will be checked in on a regular basis. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Supervising Librarian, at mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org or at (510) 238-6720.

Marian Van Der Zwaan's Red String – Through Saturday, December 31, *Red String*, a site-specific installation by Marian van der Zwaan, will be on display at Pro Arts, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, and in the adjacent Kahn's Alley. The installation was developed with support of Amnesty International in Portugal, and arrives at Pro Arts from Europe, as part of an international tour including site-specific installations in The Netherlands, Lithuania, Portugal and South Africa. Five kilometers, about three miles, of continuous red string has been threaded and woven through the interior and exterior of Pro Arts as well as Kahn's Alley and the Rotunda Building. The installation is a symbolic gesture meant to prompt critical dialogue on issues surrounding race and ethnic discrimination. For more information, please visit <https://proartsgallery.org/current/>.

Holiday Caroling On Lake Merritt – Through Friday, December 23, the Lake Merritt Boating Center is offering on-the-water tours launching from 568 Bellevue Avenue. Enjoy the Holiday Room with hot cider and cookies before beginning your voyage around Lake Merritt. Experience a unique view of Oakland as your Water Sleigh glides past the 18th Street Fountain & Holiday Cove before returning to the Boating Center. Times vary. The admission fee is \$6 per person or \$100 to reserve the whole boat for a private tour. To view the flyer, please visit www.sailoakland.com. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Boating & Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2196.

Dunsmuir Holiday Tradition – On Saturdays and Sundays through December 18, Oakland Parks & Recreation invites you to step back in time and experience a turn-of-the-century Holiday Tradition at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The event runs from noon to 4:00 p.m. The magnificent 16,000-square-foot, 37-room mansion will be transformed into a breathtaking masterpiece of an Edwardian holiday. Each room is adorned with elegant holiday trees, garland, antique furnishings and festive decorations to provide you with ideas for your own home decorations. Visitors can enjoy a snack at the Winter Café, while tackling their holiday shopping list with purchases from the Mansion Gift Shop. Families can begin the morning with Brunch with Santa, and afterwards enjoy games, face-painting and other activities. The Holiday High Tea for adults and children is a special treat and wonderful way for families and friends to begin their own tradition and celebrate the holiday season. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061449>. For event attractions and to purchase tickets, please visit www.dunsmuir-hellman.com. For more information, please contact Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, at dcooper@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5555.

City Receives FEMA Grant Funding To Launch Seismic Retrofit Programs – Through Monday, December 19, the City of Oakland is encouraging interested owners of eligible properties to complete and submit a pre-application questionnaire for two seismic retrofit programs: (1) the Earthquake-Safe Homes Program for owner-occupied, single-family homes and (2) the Safer Housing for Oakland Program for soft-story apartment buildings. On Monday, October 10, the City of Oakland received notice that it has secured more than \$360,000 in Phase I grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop these two retrofit programs. If the retrofit programs are approved by FEMA after Phase I, the City will be eligible for \$5.4 million in Phase II grant funding for engineering and construction activities. The survey for owners of owner-occupied, single-family homes (the property must be a single family home or 2-4 units and must be the primary residence of the homeowner) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2fen52N>. The survey for owners of soft-story apartment buildings (the apartment building must be five or more units, have two or more stories, have been built before 1991 and have a “soft story” – typically a ground floor with a parking use or large storefront windows underneath a habitable second story) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2esnoEH>. Interested owners will be contacted in January 2017 with program guidelines and invited to submit a full application for seismic retrofit grant funding. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/homeretrofit or contact Residential Lending and Rehabilitation Services at residentiallending@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3909.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of December 19, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following position:

- Transportation Engineer
- Support Services Manager
- Neighborhood Services Coordinator (Selective Language Certification - Cantonese/Mandarin Language)

For the most up-to-date information on City jobs, please view the Employment Information page on our website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. The Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job on-line and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City’s online calendar at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Events/index.htm>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>. For a roster of holiday events throughout the community, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations.

Respectfully
submitted,

/s/

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Fire At 1315 31st Avenue – On Friday, December 2, a tragic fire claimed the lives of 36 victims. Within minutes of the first call to dispatch, crews from the Oakland Fire Department arrived and the incident quickly went to a three alarm. The fire was deemed under control at 4:36 a.m. on Saturday, December 3. We continue to extend condolences to the families and friends who have received the tragic news of losing loved ones in the 31st Avenue warehouse fire. During the height of the response to extinguish the fire, there were 16 units on scene and 77 fire fighters. During this response phase, the Oakland Fire Department received mutual aid from the City of Alameda Fire Department and the Alameda County Fire Department. During the recovery phase, personnel from the Oakland Fire Department; Oakland Police Department; Oakland Public Works Department; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Alameda County Sheriff's Office; Cal OHSA; Alameda County Search and Rescue; Fremont Fire Department; Hayward Fire Department; East Bay Regional Park District's Fire Department; Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District conducted the painstaking work of recovering the victims from the scene of the fire. At times, debris removal progressed by bucket brigade. Due to severe damage to the building, sections of the building needed to be shored-up to provide safe entry for recovery teams. Recovery efforts continued around-the-clock and required the use of heavy equipment. At one point, electrical lines had to be de-energized to allow use of a large crane. Thanks to careful planning, at its height, the planned power outage impacted 12 residential and commercial customers. On the morning of Wednesday, December 7, search and recover efforts at 1315 31st Avenue were concluded. A secondary search by recovery personnel and cadaver dogs was made and returned no additional victims. From Saturday, December 3, through Wednesday, December 7, a Family Assistance Center was in operation at the Alameda County Sheriff's facility, 2425 E. 12th Street. The center comforted and assisted family members and friends looking for loved ones with grief counseling and other services. Representatives from Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Alameda County District Attorney's Victims Support Division and the City of Oakland joined in partnership with volunteers and staff from the American Red Cross in providing support to families and friends of the fire victims. On Monday, December 5, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. On Thursday, December 8, the proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Oakland City Administrator was ratified by the Oakland City Council during a special meeting. The local emergency, which was, proclaimed on Tuesday, December 6, is an important step in recovery for the City of Oakland and our community. Under

the California Disaster Assistance Act, the City of Oakland may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 75 percent of qualifying response and recovery expenses related to the 31st Avenue Fire. Generally, these include labor, equipment, materials and other expenses related to extinguishing the fire and recovering the victims from the scene. The Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division will be developing an initial damage estimate to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for consideration for California Disaster Assistance Act funding. Staff from the Economic & Workforce Development Department has already begun distributing the Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Businesses. Artists who may have operated a business in the 1315 31st Avenue warehouse may be eligible for SBA loans, and are encouraged to contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405. As of the time of this report, the ATF is continuing their investigation into the source of the fire. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753>.

Rebuild Mosswood: Envision The Future – On Saturday, December 10, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., the Oakland Parks & Recreation and Public Works departments are hosting a community meeting dubbed Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future. The event will be held at Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street. This event is an invitation to the community to share their vision for the “new” Mosswood Community Center. At 1:00 p.m., a short program, hosted by OPR Director Nicholas Williams, will feature special guests Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and Marshawn Lynch. Following the program, City design staff will facilitate the community engagement process to create a vision for a “new” Mosswood Community Center. There will also be activities for children and a special visioning station for youth. All ages are invited to attend. The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation established a “Rebuild Mosswood” account to receive tax deductible donations. Donations will be used to support rebuilding efforts for Mosswood, including covering costs that exceed available insurance as well as amenities that the community may desire adding to the park. To make a donation, please visit www.oaklandparks.org or call the foundation at (510) 465-1850. For more information about the event, please email parksandrec@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 238-PARK (7275).

Sixth Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition Getting Started – Sunday, February 5, 2017, is the deadline to enter the 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition. The Oakland Public Library, in partnership with Youth Speaks, has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 6th Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program. Oakland youth between the ages of 13-18 are encouraged to apply. The winning young poet will represent and serve the city for one year as the Youth Poet Laureate. More than a contest, though, this program connects young Oakland poets to each other and to adult mentors. The chosen Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and serve as City ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. Finalists and Honorable mentions have opportunities to perform and network with peers and leaders across the Bay Area. Finalists will be announced in April. The 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will be named on Sunday, May 21, during the Oakland Book Festival, downtown Oakland. Interested youth, parents and teachers can learn more and apply online at www.youthspeaks.org. For more information, please email oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org, or contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

OPR Winter Break Camps – During the weeks of December 19 and December 26, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) will host day camps for youth. Participating recreation sites include Allendale, Arroyo Viejo, Bushrod, Carmen Flores, deFremery, Dimond, Franklin, Redwood Heights and Studio One Art Center. For camp details, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/oakparkrec/>, www.oaklandnet.com/parks or call your local recreation center. For more information, please contact Tiffany Jimenez, Office Assistant II, at tjimenez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7275.

2017 Alameda County Homeless Census And Survey – On Tuesday, January 31, 2017, a homeless count for unsheltered people will be conducted. Known locally as EveryOne Counts!, the point-in-time count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness records the number of people staying in shelters and transitional housing on a given night in late January each year and estimates the number of people who are unsheltered, living outdoors on that same night every two years. Conducting a Count is a requirement of receiving federal homeless assistance funds for the City of Oakland. There will be training for all volunteers. If you are interested in participating in the count or to learn more about the volunteer commitment, please visit <http://bit.ly/2gXCbsV>. For more information, please contact Stevan Alvarado, Program Analyst, at (510) 238-7753.

Clay Street Garage Closes – On Friday, December 2, the public parking garage located in downtown Oakland at 1414 Clay Street between 14th and 16th streets closed indefinitely. That Friday was the last day of visitor parking at the Clay Street Garage. The decision to shutter the 55-year-old facility was made after a recent condition assessment, which raised safety concerns. The potential dangers in a major seismic event were deemed too great to risk keeping the facility open. Motorists visiting City offices will have a variety of parking options to consider. For a map of other parking facilities in the area, visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Parking/index.htm#Garages>. The Dalziel Garage, located in the basement of 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and accessible from 16th Street between Clay Street and San Pablo Avenue, will serve the daytime, evening, late night, weekend and special event parking needs of visitors to Oakland's civic center. As had been the case at the closed garage, the Dalziel Garage will offer free parking on Saturdays year-round. Resources

currently used to staff the Clay Street Garage, including on-site security from sunset to close, will be redeployed to the Dalziel Garage. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061707>. For general inquiries about parking availability and pricing, please contact City of Oakland Parking Partners at (510) 874-7170 or visit their office located at 1250 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Free 2016 Holiday Parking – Saturdays through December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking to encourage shoppers to get out and explore the plethora of local shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland’s 40 neighborhood shopping districts. On Saturday, December 10; Saturday, December 17; Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking at meters on streets and at four City-owned parking lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours or 5 hours). The program will also provide free parking at four City-owned garages. The free parking “holidays” apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space at least one block away from the original space. Promotional messages about the free Saturday parking were programmed into the Smart parking meters and the multi-space kiosks during the week of November 21. Motorists should note and follow the maximum time limits posted. Shoppers should also note that, unlike some neighboring cities, parking at street meters in Oakland is free on Sundays. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061588>. For more information on holiday shopping in Oakland, please visit www.oaklandgrown.org. For a roster of festive holiday celebrations held by Oakland merchant organizations and community groups, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations. For a roster of the four participating City-owned lots and four participating City-owned garages, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parking.

Minimum Wage Increase – Effective Sunday, January 1, 2017, Oakland’s Minimum Wage goes up to \$12.86 per hour. Measure FF, the voter-initiative ballot measure passed in November 2014, provides annual increases to Oakland’s Minimum Wage based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). In light of the increase, employers must be aware of the following:

- By Thursday, December 15, 2016, employers are required to provide notice to employees and prominently display posters on the new Minimum Wage;
- On Sunday, January 1, 2017, the Minimum Wage rate goes up 31¢ to \$12.86; and
- The other benefits mandated by Measure FF – paid sick leave and payment of service charges – remain the same as when the employment law took effect on March 2, 2015

Notification posters in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese are available for download at www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage. A roster of upcoming business briefings offered by our partners, answers to frequently asked questions and details on outreach efforts are also on the web page. The next business briefings by our partners are:

- Wednesday, December 14, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Cantonese and Mandarin)
2017 Updates: Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Leave & Service Charges
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Presented by Wendel Rosen Black & Dean LLP
- Monday, December 19, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)
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Presented by Wendel Rosen Black & Dean LLP

Monthly Walk-In Workers’ Rights Legal Clinics are held by the City’s partner, Centro Legal de la Raza, 3400 E. 12th Street, on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. During these clinics, individual consultations with Centro Legal attorneys are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The next clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Other workers’ rights clinics are by appointment only. Call Centro Legal de La Raza at (510) 437-1554. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage or contact the Contracts & Compliance Office at minwageinfo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6258.

Main Library Offers Introduction To Python Programming For Teens – On Tuesday, December 20, the Main Library's TeenZone, 125 14th Street, is offering a workshop for students with no previous experience in programming. Learn the basic concepts of Python language, string manipulation, arithmetic/logic operations, loops, lists and more. For more information on the curriculum, please visit www.mathandcoding.org. Space is limited to nine students, so register now by calling (510) 238-7332. This class will be conducted in two sections, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class – From Monday, December 19 to Thursday, December 22, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is hosting an American Red Cross Lifeguard certification class open for those 15 and older. The class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and costs \$190 for Oakland residents or \$225 for non-residents. The registration fee can be reimbursed if you are hired by OPR Aquatics and upon completion of 200 worked hours. The training class will take place at Temescal Pool, 371 45th Street. For more information and to register, please contact William Davis, Jr., Aquatics Specialist, at wdavisjr@oaklandnet.com.

Dimond Branch To Close Temporarily For Renovation – On Friday, December 23, the Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, will close temporarily for a renovation project. The branch is scheduled to reopen in May 2017. The renovation project consists of a "makeover" of the first floor to better serve patrons, with distinct program areas and comfortable seating. New furniture will be purchased, as will a new information desk and self-check machines. The project is funded entirely by donations and foundation grants. If patrons have items on hold with Dimond Branch designated as the pick-up location, the location will automatically change to the César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th St., Suite 271. The book drops at the Dimond Library will remain open during the closure and returned items will be checked in on a regular basis. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Supervising Librarian, at mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org or at (510) 238-6720.

Author And Feminist Judy Juanita To Talk At Main Library – On Saturday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m., local author, novelist and playwright Judy Juanita will give a presentation at the Main Library, 125 14th Street, in the Bradley C. Walters Community Room. Ms. Juanita will discuss her latest work, *De Facto Feminism: Essays Straight Outta Oakland*, featuring essays about her evolution as a feminist through various iconic experiences in the 1960s, including joining the Black Panther Party and editing the Black Panther Newspaper. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Marian Van Der Zwaan's Red String – Through Saturday, December 31, *Red String*, a site-specific installation by Marian van der Zwaan, will be on display at Pro Arts, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, and in the adjacent Kahn's Alley. The installation was developed with support of Amnesty International in Portugal, and arrives at Pro Arts from Europe, as part of an international tour including site-specific installations in The Netherlands, Lithuania, Portugal and South Africa. Five kilometers, about three miles, of continuous red string has been threaded and woven through the interior and exterior of Pro Arts as well as Kahn's Alley and the Rotunda Building. The installation is a symbolic gesture meant to prompt critical dialogue on issues surrounding race and ethnic discrimination. An opening reception and artist talk will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, at Pro Arts. For more information, please visit <https://proartsgallery.org/current/>.

Folk Singer José-Luis Orozco Appearing At Melrose Library – On Wednesday, December 14, at 10:45 a.m., José-Luis Orozco will give a special performance for children at the Melrose Branch Library, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. Mr. Orozco is a bilingual educator, children's author and recording artist who dedicates his life to creating quality bilingual music, books and videos for children. He encourages learning of the Spanish language and promotes Latin American culture through his art. For more information, please contact Kate Hug, Children's Librarian, at khug@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5623.

Holiday Caroling On Lake Merritt – Through Friday, December 23, the Lake Merritt Boating Center is offering on-the-water tours launching from 568 Bellevue Avenue. Enjoy the Holiday Room with hot cider and cookies before beginning your voyage around Lake Merritt. Experience a unique view of Oakland as your Water Sleigh glides past the 18th Street Fountain & Holiday Cove before returning to the Boating Center. Times vary. The admission fee is \$6 per person or \$100 to reserve the whole boat for a private tour. To view the flyer, please visit www.sailoakland.com. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Boating & Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2196.

DeFremery Crab Feed – On Saturday, December 10, deFremery Recreation Center, 1651 Adeline Street, is hosting its annual all-you-can-eat crab feed fundraiser. A 50/50 raffle, prizes and an auction will round out the social event. Proceeds help support Bay Area youth programs and scholarships. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the entrance fee is \$55. Tickets may be purchased at the recreation center or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defremerys-annual->

crab-feed-tickets-28242710708. For more information, please contact Valorie Winn, Recreation Center Director, at vwinn@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7739.

Dunsmuir Holiday Tradition – On Saturdays and Sundays through December 18, Oakland Parks & Recreation invites you to step back in time and experience a turn-of-the-century Holiday Tradition at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The event runs from noon to 4:00 p.m. The magnificent 16,000-square-foot, 37-room mansion will be transformed into a breathtaking masterpiece of an Edwardian holiday. Each room is adorned with elegant holiday trees, garland, antique furnishings and festive decorations to provide you with ideas for your own home decorations. Visitors can enjoy a snack at the Winter Café, while tackling their holiday shopping list with purchases from the Mansion Gift Shop. Families can begin the morning with Brunch with Santa, and afterwards enjoy games, face-painting and other activities. The Holiday High Tea for adults and children is a special treat and wonderful way for families and friends to begin their own tradition and celebrate the holiday season. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061449>. For event attractions and to purchase tickets, please visit www.dunsmuir-hellman.com. For more information, please contact Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, at dcooper@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5555.

City Receives FEMA Grant Funding To Launch Seismic Retrofit Programs – Through Monday, December 19, the City of Oakland is encouraging interested owners of eligible properties to complete and submit a pre-application questionnaire for two seismic retrofit programs: (1) the Earthquake-Safe Homes Program for owner-occupied, single-family homes and (2) the Safer Housing for Oakland Program for soft-story apartment buildings. On Monday, October 10, the City of Oakland received notice that it has secured more than \$360,000 in Phase I grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop these two retrofit programs. If the retrofit programs are approved by FEMA after Phase I, the City will be eligible for \$5.4 million in Phase II grant funding for engineering and construction activities. The survey for owners of owner-occupied, single-family homes (the property must be a single family home or 2-4 units and must be the primary residence of the homeowner) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2fen52N>. The survey for owners of soft-story apartment buildings (the apartment building must be five or more units, have two or more stories, have been built before 1991 and have a “soft story” – typically a ground floor with a parking use or large storefront windows underneath a habitable second story) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2esnoEH>. Interested owners will be contacted in January 2017 with program guidelines and invited to submit a full application for seismic retrofit grant funding. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/homeretrofit or contact Residential Lending and Rehabilitation Services at residentiallending@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3909.

RFP, RFQ Opportunities – In December, a variety of formal Request for Proposals (RFPs) and Request for Quotations (RFQs) from the City of Oakland will close.

Due Date/Time	Title/Description	Contact
Wednesday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.	6307 - RFP for Walk This Way: Broadway/Webster Transformation Project. The City of Oakland invites talented, experienced, multidisciplinary Design Teams to submit qualifications and a conceptual design and community engagement approach to transform the areas around, under and through Broadway and Webster Street underpasses of the I-880 Freeway into a walkable, inviting passageway between Downtown Oakland and the waterfront that blends high-quality urban design, traffic calming improvements, crime prevention through environmental design, lighting, public art, vegetation and other landscaping elements.	Christina Ferracane, Planning & Building Department cferracane@oaklandnet.com

For more information on contracting opportunities, please visit <http://bit.ly/1iAJvbd> or contact Dasco Munoz, Contracts and Compliance, at dmunoz@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3970.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of December 12, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the

following position:

➤ Support Services Manager

For the most up-to-date information on City jobs, please view the Employment Information page on our website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. The Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job on-line and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City's online calendar at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Events/index.htm>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>. For a roster of holiday events throughout the community, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations.

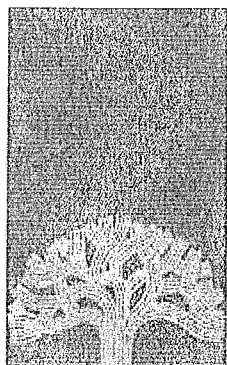
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CITY OF OAKLAND RELEASES OVER 600 PAGES OF PUBLIC RECORDS RELATED TO TRAGIC WAREHOUSE FIRE

City Makes Available Records from Police, Fire, Planning and Building, Public Works, City Administrator and Mayor's Offices

OAKLAND – Today, the City of Oakland released over 600 pages of public records to the warehouse fire that took 36 lives on December 2, 2016. All documents dated prior to the fire are available on the City of Oakland website organized by department at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oaklandfire2016/index.htm>. Public record requests made through the online database RecordTrac will be answered with links to the relevant documents on the City's webpage.

"I strongly believe that sunshine helps to light the path forward," said Mayor Libby. "I recognize the media and others have been frustrated by the time it has taken to get these documents from many different departments because we were determined to cast a wide net to provide all relevant information and take an exhaustive look at not just the warehouse, but also the immediately adjacent properties. Transparency is critical. The impacted community deserves to know all the facts about this tragedy."

The City received 121 public records requests as of February 3, 2017 related to the Warehouse fire and nearby properties, with the initial volume of requests peaking in the days and weeks following the fire. Staff across City Departments worked diligently to track down the necessary records to satisfy each request and in many cases, comb through thousands of pages of documents to identify responsive records and address redundancies.

Staff from the various departments has been reviewing and redacting information exempt by the California Public Records Act. The full range of legal justification for redactions can be found at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK062776>.

Of the 121 public records requests made, 86 are being fulfilled with either the records being released today, a final determination that no records exist, or that the records are confidential and/or privileged.

In response to the various requests being fulfilled today, the Oakland Police Department, Oakland Fire Department, Planning and Building Department and Oakland Public Health Department all provided documents that predate the December 2, 2016 fire.

Requests for records from the City Administrator's Office and the Mayor's Office were also provided. Documents and correspondence that predate and postdate the fire.

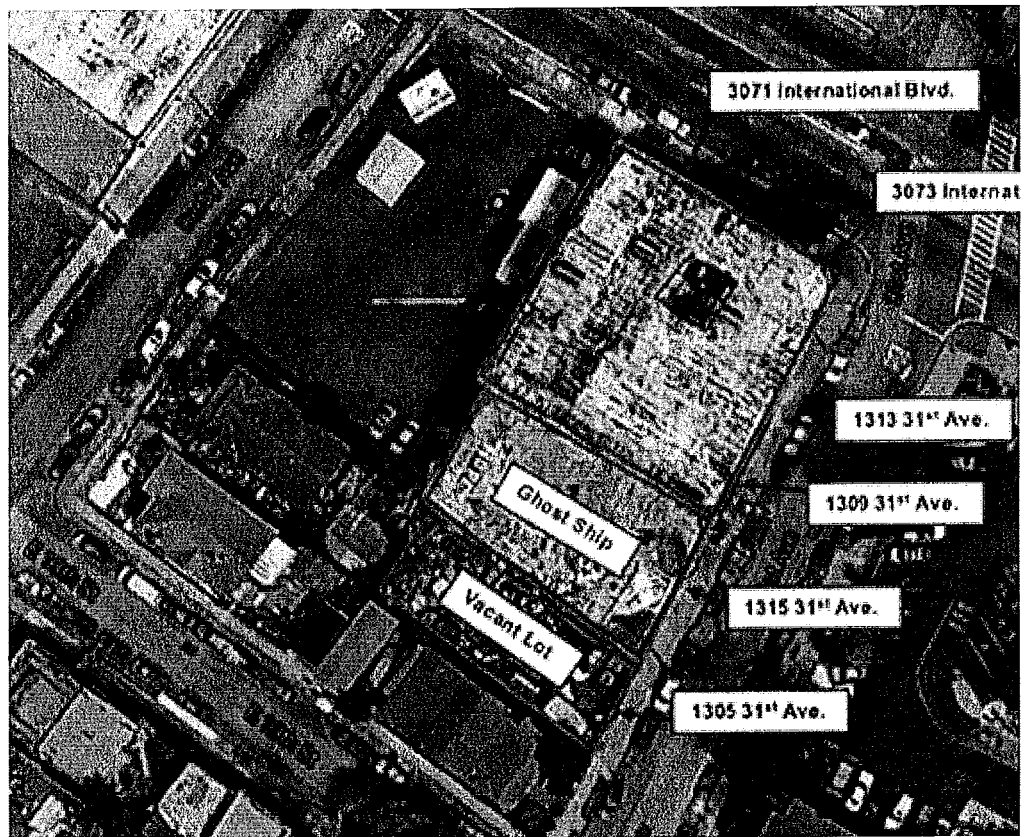
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The City is doing the additional review required to protect the ongoing criminal and continuing investigation into the cause of the fire. Therefore, there are records that cannot be released without compromising these investigations.

The records released today specially include all pre-fire records for all properties involved in the fire records for all properties except 1305 and 1315 31st Avenue due to the ongoing investigations:

- **1315 31st Avenue** (Ghost Ship warehouse legal address)
- **1305 31st Avenue** (adjacent lot to the south of the Ghost Ship warehouse property owner as the Ghost Ship warehouse)
- **1309 31st Avenue** (which is not a verified physical address, but was used as a business address, or cited incorrectly as a street address in publicly generated complaints)
- **1313 31st Avenue** (former car repair shop)
- **3071 International Boulevard** and **3073 International Boulevard** (near the Ghost Ship warehouse properties recorded as being owned by the same owners of the Ghost Ship warehouse and the adjacent lot)
- In addition, requests were made for documents related to **1301 31st Avenue** (a single family home not owned by the owners of the above-mentioned properties)

Because of the numerous addresses referenced in today's records disclosure, confusion regarding which street addresses correspond with which property, an outline of the different properties is provided for clarification.



A number of the documents in this public records disclosure were previously made available to the public on the City's website by the Mayor's Office in December, 2014, in response to complaints filed against the Ghost Ship property with the Planning & Building Department.

PLANNING AND BUILDING'S RECORDS SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Public Records Requests, the Planning and Building Department encompassed records for the past 30 years.

For the warehouse property at 1315 31st Avenue, there are three code enforcement complaints dated November 2005, September 2014, and October 2014 for partial homeless camping on a vacant lot, pallets and construction materials blocking traffic, and constructing a house/structure without permits. In 2005, 2006 and 2014, there are records of five code enforcement inspections. There are no records of building zoning approvals.

For 1301 31st Avenue, there are four code enforcement complaints from June 2014 for blight on a vacant lot, dumping, old tires, trash, debris, overgrown vegetation, and structures built on the property. There are records of seven code enforcement inspections from 1998 to 2008. There are records of two building permits in 2003 and 2016 for driveway and seismic upgrades. There are records of two building permit inspections in 2016. There are no records of zoning approvals.

For 1305 31st Avenue, there are seven code enforcement complaints from September 2004 to November 2016 for parking, tires, inoperable vehicles, trash, debris, rodents, and residential use. There are records of 34 code enforcement inspections from 2004 to 2016. There are records of two building permits in 1988 and 1989 for demolishing a previously-existing fire-damaged house. There is a record of one building permit inspection in 1989. There is a record of one zoning pre-application submittal in 1989 for a new auto window glass business.

For 1309 31st Avenue, there are no records.

For 1313 31st Avenue, there is one code enforcement complaint from August 2002 for overgrown vegetation and residential use on a vacant lot. There is a record of code enforcement inspection in 2005. There are no records of building permits. There is one zoning approval in 2006 for the change in ownership of a tire and brake business.

For 3071 International Boulevard, there are five code enforcement complaints from February 1999 to June 2009 for illegal signage, building maintenance, trash on the sidewalk, inoperable vehicles in the rear yard, an unapproved living unit, floor leaky roof. There are records of 20 code enforcement inspections from 1999 to 2009. There are records of four building permits from 2004 to 2015 for sewer lateral and excavation work. There are no records of building permit inspections. There are records of approvals from 2001 to 2015 for retail businesses.

For 3073 International Boulevard, there are two code enforcement complaints from 2003 and December 2016 for inoperable vehicles, weeds, debris, fire damage and unapproved alterations. There are records of three code enforcement inspections in 2004, and 2016. There are no records of building permits or zoning approvals.

OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS SUMMARY

On December 2, 2016, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) received a call for a building fire at 1351 31st Avenue. OFD received one emergency medical service related to the warehouse property on December 3, 2016. The Department has responsive records of elective commercial inspections dating back to 2010.

For 1305 31st Avenue, OFD received three EMS calls in June and September 2016. The identifying information, i.e. name of the person seeking treatment, is redacted. From 2010 to present, the Department has no responsive records of commercial inspections.

For 1309 31st Avenue, the Department received one call for a fire located outside a building in 2014. There is one EMS call in 2015. From 2010 to present, OFD has responsive records of elective commercial inspections.

For 1313 31st Avenue, the Department received three EMS calls in August 2011 and June 2015. The Department has one record of a commercial inspection scheduled for February 25, 2016 with the inspector noting that the business was in operation.

For 3071 International Boulevard, there are two records of commercial inspections by Airtech Communication on January 12, 2010 and March 7, 2012. The inspections noted compliance.

For 3073 International Boulevard, there are four records of commercial inspections pertaining to business entitled Griselda's Salon dated January 12, 2010 (non-compliant), March 18, 2010 (compliant), January 10, 2012 (compliant), and February 19, 2016 (closed). There is one record of a commercial inspection pertaining to the business En Moda dated March 15, 2010 (compliant). There are three records of commercial inspections pertaining to the business entitled Fresas dated January 10, 2012 (compliant), February 19, 2016 (no access) and March 26, 2016 (no access). There are three commercial inspections pertaining to the business entitled Botanica MMM and dated July 11, 2011 (compliant), February 19, 2016 (no access), and March 26, 2016 (access). There are three records of commercial inspections pertaining to the business operated by Airtech Communication dated January 12, 2010 (compliant), March 7, 2012 (compliant), and March 26, 2016 (no access).

(compliant), and February 19, 2016 (compliant).

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Public Records Requests, the Oakland Police Department ("OPD") searched records from 2007 through December 1, 2016.

For 1305 31st Avenue, OPD received 18 calls for service to this address. Records for 14 of the calls are being released. Two of the three non-disclosed records are covered by Code 11167; the third is not disclosable due to HIPPA regulations.

For 1309 31st Avenue, the OPD received 16 calls for service to this address. Records for 14 of the calls are being released. One of the two non-disclosed records is based on CA Government Code section 6254(k) and HIPPA; the second is recorded as confidential per Penal Code section 11167.2.

For 1313 31st Avenue, OPD received 18 calls for service to this address. All 18 records are being released.

For 1315 31st Avenue, OPD received one call for service to this address. This record is being released.

For 3071 International Boulevard, OPD received 21 calls for service to this address. Records for all 21 calls are being released.

For 3073 International Boulevard, OPD received 25 calls for service to this address. Records for all 24 calls are being released. One record is not disclosable due to regulations.

PUBLIC WORKS' RECORDS SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Public Records Requests, the Oakland Public Works Department searched for records from November 2004 to present.

For the warehouse property at 1315 31st Avenue, there are no records of service requests.

For 1305 31st Avenue, Oakland Public Works received two service requests for removal of illegal dumping in September 2014 and March 2016.

For 1309 31st Avenue, there are no records of service requests.

For 1313 31st Avenue, there were seven service requests for removal of graffiti, illegal dumping, and one tree inspection between November 2006 and July 2016.

For 3071 and 3073 International Boulevard, there were 11 service requests for repair, graffiti removal, litter and illegal dumping removal, removal of a fallen tree, tree inspection and pothole repair between December 2005 and April 2014.

The City plans to release non-confidential, non-privileged and otherwise non-exempt records and information as soon as possible.

For all inquiries regarding these public records, please contact warehousefiremedia@oaklandnet.com or 510-457-1615.

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