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Take A Fresh Look at Oakland

News from
Mayor Jean Quan

Greetings!

Gardens At Lake Merritt Banner: (l-r) Making friends with Lady Bugs, Japanese iris in the Japanese garden, docent volunteers selling the beautiful canvas bag with the garden logo for fundraising, the Mediterranean Garden, bonsai demonstration.

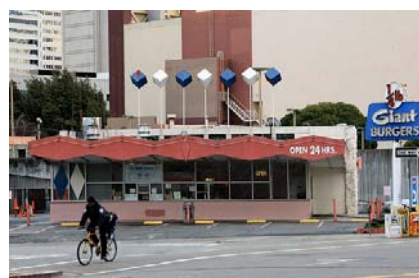
(Below) The Bluegrass festival for the Greenbelt Alliance moved into the tents at Dunsmuir Saturday.



The rain didn't stop Oaklanders from enjoying our parks and many events this weekend, although the [Temescal Street Fair was postponed until July 10th](#). But don't wait till then if you haven't been there lately. The many new art galleries stretch the [First Friday Art Murmur](#) into the area and the many new restaurants continue the gourmet renaissance up from the Downtown/Uptown area.

My husband and I had our First Friday date despite the drizzle

just walking the loop from City Hall and down to 23rd Street between Broadway and Telegraph for street vendor snacks and back. While there were less people than usual, there were probably over a thousand people. The thinner crowd let us get close to the [Royal Jokers Cruise Club](#) with their beautifully restored 50's cars at one of our very retro All Night Giant Burgers



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In the News



(2150 Telegraph). They come every First Friday and usually attract a huge crowd. A DJ plays the appropriate music for cruising and the club members are very generous in answering questions about the cars. (Right) Carlos Valteau, one of the organizers with their shirt.

If You Missed Art Murmur, there is plenty of art to see next weekend as the [East Bay Open Studios](#) finishes

up. Oakland has one of the highest concentrations of artists in the nation. This is your chance to meet about 400 of them, many exhibit in their home studios. I have enjoyed seeing the wide variety of studios, but I never finish my list. It's a free and fun way to explore the city. Pick up one of the guides OR visit the ProArts Gallery downtown at 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza to see a sample of many artists' works (below).



Meanwhile, it is still spring and gardening is a major activity in the city whether or not you have a garden of your own. Last year we cut parks maintenance staff in half because of the budget cuts. This week we honored hundreds of park volunteers who are maintaining our local treasures and in many cases starting new projects. (Below) Chinatown volunteers.



[Hire an Oakland Teen this Summer](#)

NBC Bay Area
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[Surviving and thriving: What works to make teens stronger, more resilient](#)

Beatrice Motamedi, Oakland Tribune
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[The long arm of childhood: How chronic stress impacts Oakland teens in body and mind](#)

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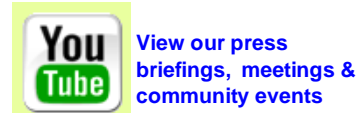
[Oakland Police honor officers](#)

Harry Harris, Oakland Tribune
May 31, 2011

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Discover Oakland

Temescal Street Cinema

Thursdays, June 9-July 14
49th & Telegraph Avenue
(side of the Bank of the West Building)



FREE outdoor films by Bay Area artists and filmmakers
Free popcorn and live music
Festivities begin at 8
Films at 8:45

KUDOS TO THE GARDENS AT LAKE MERRITT: No where is the power and skill of volunteers more apparent than at Lake Merritt where citizens and non-profits have come together to restore the green heart of our city. The 8 themed gardens are amazing, beautiful and educational. This weekend artists and musicians filled the gardens for the annual fundraiser and volunteer recruitment. If you live around the lake or just want to meet great gardeners, please consider volunteering. I studied the many beautiful drought tolerant plants in the Mediterranean Garden to see what might survive without water or much care during campaigns. Read about the garden in #6.



<< Staff and friends gather for the ribbon cutting of the new Protea section. This drought tolerant plants with beautiful, long last flowers are becoming favorites in the area.

The other gardens at Lake Merritt are in Children's [Fairyland](#). Thanks to volunteers and Measure

DD bonds, the inspiration for Disneyland has a new charm of its own. Amongst the theaters and dragons, the staff and volunteers keep the grounds blooming and beautiful. This week the annual gala presented the new campaign to bring in new visitors from the region.



HONOR TEACHERS, PLAN SAFE GRADUATIONS: In the next few weeks thousands of students will be graduating (see #7), if you are a parent or friends of a graduate discuss safe and responsible celebrations. On Friday, I will host a City Hall reception for Oakland's teachers. The budget cuts are also hitting schools hard. We don't pay teacher very much in America to begin with, but we can say thank you. We are still looking for food donations but also restaurant and other business discounts to be part of a thank you package. Contact [Lewis Cohen](#) if you can help, 238-7577.

With summer almost here...many neighborhoods are planning block parties and [National Night Out, August 2nd, 7-9 pm](#). We are starting to get many invitations to attend, and will try to make as many as we can. (Below) Hula lessons at the Sequoyah Hills Association barbecue Sunday.

Limited Seating! Come early or bring a chair.

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or for some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for.

Barack Obama



Sunday, June 12 is Father's Day, a perfect time to give the fathers in our lives-- related or not--a big hug and thank you! It is also a time to think about young people who do not have fathers in their lives. We are still recruiting mentors to work with youth most in need.

Mayor Jean Quan

1. Building Oakland--Robert Hammond, Volunteer with Writer Coach Connection

Robert Hammond came to volunteering at Oakland's Mandela and Media Academy (part of the Fremont High Federation) with "WriterCoach Connection" after considerable experience in disadvantaged school environments. He taught for seven years at the California Youth Authority (CYA) before a career in financial services.

In his own high school career, he attended a school where overcoming feeling physically threaten was as important as learning.

His personal experiences help him understand the barriers the students face. As a writing coach in Oakland, he uses those lessons on students. "I remember one slightly geeky kid getting heckled and threatened, as we exited his class ... I told him, 'Believe it or not, there are places where people don't bully each other. If you want to get out of this environment someday, school is the key.'"



Asked why he chose to volunteer at these inner city high schools Hammond said: " My experience with CYA exposed me to personal case files. I became accutely aware of the generally hostile environments that many young people faced growing up in certain communities. In spite of their bravado, growing up in their communities is a matter of survival and living under a shadow of fear. I learned how difficult it was for many of them to obtain an education, develop healthy values, and become contributing citizens. Helping them with their writing assignments is a small, but personally rewarding way to support them."

Hammond also volunteers crewing on the historical presidential ship "Potomac" in Oakland and the "Red Oak Victory" in Richmond, but he says that working for the WriterCoach Connection is the most rewarding. As a writing coach, he works one on one with 9th and 10th grade students at all levels of ability, on their English assignments. "I really do believe that language skills are a key to success in life," he said.. "When I am coaching and I detect any kind of a spark, I encourage them to stay in school and go to college."

Although appreciative of being recognized as a volunteer, Hammond believes he is only one small part of a highly effective volunteer organization. "WriterCoach Connection" has hundreds of unsung volunteers who

dedicate thousands of hours to helping young people learn, who perform the same tasks as I do and feel the same sense of reward that I do," said Hammond. "The dedication of these quiet heroes is amazing and I have the greatest respect and appreciation for them."

Submitted by Kathy Kahn, Writer Coach Connection

To learn more about volunteering with Writer Coach Connection, call 524-2319 or go to www.writercoachconnection.org.

To learn more about volunteering in the Oakland Public Schools, visit www.oaklandschoolvolunteers.org/yes or if you are interested in mentoring an Oakland youth, visit www.oaklandschoolvolunteers.org/mentor

2. Discover Oakland This Week

Lawyers in the Library, Thursday, June 9, 6-8 pm, Main Library, 125 14th St:

Free legal information and referral presented with the Alameda County Bar Association. Sessions are popular and sometimes subject to change. Please call in advance to confirm on the day of the program. Sign-up for lottery starting 5 pm until 5:45 pm. Main Library Information Desk 238-3134.

Teacher Appreciation Day, Friday, June 10, 4 pm, Oakland City Hall: OUSD teachers are invited to City Hall for an Appreciation Celebration, hosted by my office. in conjunction with the Oakland Education Association.



Loud Hours--an event for Youth at the Oakland Museum, Friday, June 10 4-6:30 pm: Free food games with prizes, open Mic and special performance by Rico Tha Kid at the Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. **Free for youth ages 13 to 20.**

O ZONE AT OMCA -- GOLD! Friday, June 10, 5-11:45 pm, Oakland Museum:

From gold chains to grillz, sport your bling-bling style at this golden evening featuring live music, DJs, inspiring food, signature drinks, and more. Whether you kick back and enjoy the beer garden outside among the sculptures or explore the gems inside the OMCA galleries, one thing is for certain: your evening will be solid gold! Festivities include:

- Amoeba Music DJs Inti and Jen Chochinov (spinning solid gold hits) Whisky and beer garden
- Sing-Along Tours in the Galleries with Audio Angel & Mr. Lucky
- Miner's photo op at the Photo booth
- Gold panning with live music from The Log Rollers
- All things gold at the OMCA Store
- Happy Hour drink specials in Blue Oak cafe
- Garden Stage headliner **Diego's Umbrella**

MPACT - Moving Parents and Children Together, 9-10 am, West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline St: **Free Family Dance Classes at the Library with the Luna Dance Institute.** Dance, play and have fun with your child at the . Light refreshment served. RSVP to reserve your place - call 510-428-1155.

MEETING ON THE PARCEL TAX: I am calling a meeting of those interested in working on a Parcel Tax. The meeting will be held at the Dimond Library Saturday, 10 to 11:30 am.



East Bay Open Studios 2011, June 11-12: This is the last weekend but many artists are available throughout the year by appointment. East Bay Open Studios connects the public with over 400 artists in 14 cities in the East Bay. Since 1979,



this event remains the largest art event in the region and draws an annual audience over 50,000. This year, more than 400 artists will participate. For details and to get your copy of the Directory, go to www.proartsgallery.org. One of those studios is NIMBY, located at 8410 Amelia Street, near 81st Avenue in East Oakland. You will see everything from live music performances to rusty mechanical art and everything in between. Open from 10 am to 3 pm.

Free Car Seat Inspection, Saturday, June 11, 10 am-Noon, Temescal Regional Recreation Area, 6500 Broadway, Oakland: Four out of five car seats are installed incorrectly and children are at risk! Drop-in, first-come, first-served free car seat inspection sponsored by State Farm Insurance, Safe Kids, Habitot Children's Museum in Berkeley, and the East Bay Regional Park District. For more information, contact Rachel at 647-1111 ext 16 or visit parented@habitot.org.



Red Cross Blood Drive and Preparing Our Children for the Global Economy, Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 4 pm, McClymonds High School, 2607 Myrtle Street: The McClymonds Alumni Association and 100 Black Men of the Bay Area and 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley offer free health screenings, a blood drive, financial workshops, stem and robotics presentations and food and fun for the entire family.



Father's Day at the Oakland Zoo: To celebrate Father's Day, Dads get to ride the Outback Express Adventure Train for free at the Oakland Zoo. The zoo has been consistently ranked as the best zoo in northern California.

Father's Day at the Chabot Space and Science Center: You can [reserve a special barbecue lunch](#) from noon to 2 pm, or challenge Dad to a solar car challenge. Design and create "green" hot rods! Round up your dad, brother, uncle, cousin or neighbor and [sign up for Chabot Solar Car Challenge](#). Space is limited and advance reservations are suggested. Ages 8 & up. Check out the new Solar Viewing section, hopefully the sun will return by then!



OPR's Golf Tee Tournament to Benefit Youth Programming and Sundays in the Redwoods Concerts, Monday, June 13, Registration 8 am, Starts 9 am, Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive: Foursome \$300, Individual \$100. Format: Shot Gun. For additional information please call 597-5081 or visit www.sundaysintheredwoods.com. Include "How-to" articles or hints and tips on related subjects. Try a reader's poll. People love to give their opinion, and you can publish the results in your next newsletter. Drive traffic to your website by entering teaser text for the article with a link to your website for readers to view the full text.

3. City News--Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, Oakland Now on Facebook with New Contest



At this week's Thursday media briefing, we focused on the **Mayor's Summer Jobs Program** and the need for more local businesses to hire Oakland youth this summer. Unfortunately, in the budget cut compromise last month the Federal eliminated funding for the National Mayor's Summer Jobs Program.



Oakland historically receives funding for 500 jobs, they have all been cut. I've been contacting local businesses to see if they will hire a local teen (age 14 or older) or donate the \$1000 per youth to the program so that the city, another local business or non-profit can do so. More than 1000 youth have applied for the program. **Currently we only have 200 positions available.**

I donated the \$1000 honorarium I had received for speaking at the UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies graduation to **John Bailey, Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Director**. This will allow the Mayor's Office to hire an Oakland youth this summer. \$1000 will cover the stipend youth receive for working 120 hours. \$1000 will cover the stipend youth receive for working 120 hours.

The WIB is coordinating the Mayor's Summer Job Program along with the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP). Businesses interested in hiring a summer youth or anyone interested in contributing to the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program should call 238-3588 [or download an application.](#)

Alameda County Chief Probation Officer David Muhammad (*pictured above, center*) and **Daniel Kaplan, Interim Co-Director of Alameda County Social Services**, announced that the County will also be placing 500 Oakland youth who are in foster care or on probation as part of it's County-wide program that will serve 800+ youth. This is also about half of what they usually provide.



Join Oakland's New Facebook Community and Enter the I Choose Oakland Photo/Video Contest: You live here. Or you own a business here. Show the world why you choose Oakland. Grand Prize (in both photo and video categories includes two round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines to fly two friends to Oakland from anywhere in the U.S., plus two nights' lodging. Also included are Art & Soul Fest tickets, restaurant gift certificates and more. Go to www.facebook.com/pages/oakland.

During the week, I also post to my Facebook page: [Facebook.com/mayorjeanquan](https://www.facebook.com/mayorjeanquan). Hit the "like" button to become a "fan".

4. 70 State Parks to Close, Governor's Budget & Oakland

- **70 State Parks Slated for Closure:** This week the *Sacramento Bee* did a good story highlighting some of the [70 State Parks that will be closed under the budget proposal](#).
- Thanks to \$6 billion more in income taxes than expected, the Governor's latest budget restored some cuts in K-12 education but put most of the money into bringing down the state's debts. This was enough to prevent the layoffs of several hundred teachers in the Oakland Schools but not restore any of last year's cuts.

The increased state income tax revenues do not help the city, which gets no share.

All of the other cuts, including closing state parks, services to



seniors, childcare for low income mothers, etc., continue as the stalemate in Sacramento continues.



ENTERPRISE ZONES SAVED, REDEVELOPMENT STILL ON

THE BLOCK: The best news for the City was that [Enterprise Zones](#) are no longer slated to end. The Zone has helped many Oakland factories and other businesses hire over 4,000 Oakland residents. However, the program is still unknown to many Oakland businesses. With high unemployment rates in many low income neighborhoods, please consider passing this information onto potential employers. Some of the benefits include:

- **HIRING TAX CREDIT** - State tax credit of \$36,000 or more over five years for each qualified low income Oakland resident hired.
- **SALES OR USE TAX CREDIT** - State tax credit for sales and use taxes paid on qualified machinery and machinery parts purchases.
- **INCREASED EXPENSE DEDUCTION** - Accelerated expense deductions for certain depreciable property.
- **NET OPERATING LOSS CARRYFORWARD** - Up to 100 percent net operating loss deduction and a 15-year carryforward.
- **NET INTEREST DEDUCTION FOR LENDERS** - Net Interest Deductions for lenders on loans made to firms within an Enterprise Zone.
- **STATE PREFERENCE POINTS** - Enterprise Zone companies can earn preference points on state contracts. Meanwhile, it appears that there is a stalemate on Redevelopment. The Governor does not have enough votes to end Redevelopment, urban cities and others are willing to give schools an increased share of the increment in a compromise. Loss of redevelopment would be another \$28 million cut for Oakland.

5. Budget Discussions Continue--Fair Share Budget or All Cuts?

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE: The Council will take up a series of annual reports related to city measures including routine cost-of-living increases on Tuesday.

It will also discuss the Redevelopment Budget, although the fate of the program is not yet clear in Sacramento. **The overall budget decisions are not scheduled until the June 21st meeting when the Council will put forward its budget and will make a decision on a parcel tax.**

I am hopeful that the Council will let the citizens decide on the parcel tax and will not stop it from being placed on the ballot.

MEETING ON THE PARCEL TAX: I am calling a meeting of those interested in working on a Parcel Tax. The meeting will be held at the Dimond Library Saturday, 10 to 11:30 am. I have been meeting with neighborhood and business groups. One of the recent emails of support is from an active member of the San Pablo business district, Alex Miller-Cole: "I strongly believe in the work our City is doing and that we cannot cut any more workers or services. Enough is enough....My business is Cypress One Properties and I have 4 additional and 2 pending business licenses for properties in West Oakland...I am will willing to pay and will attend on June 11."

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: While we wait for the Council to propose a final budget we have worked to modify our original recommendations based on the hearings so far:

Senior Centers: We originally proposed keeping all Senior Centers open 5 days for lunch, but only full programs for 3 or 4 days. After talking with seniors, we are now proposing cutting center hours to 9 am to 3 pm with full programming for 5 days. Current hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm.



East Oakland Sports Complex Opens Thursday, June 30, 4 pm, 9161 Edes Avenue: We recommended delaying the opening because the new center did not have a budget for staff. Council President Larry Reid and the Office of Parks & Recreation have come up with an alternative plan of fees and fundraising. They invite you to the grand opening of the East Oakland Sports Complex.

BUDGET PROPOSALS ARE ON LINE: The Bad, the Really Bad & the Really Ugly

Because so much is still in the air, we presented 3 budgets. I support the Fair Share Budget C which will require layoffs, 15 leave days without pay, other employee contributions and a Parcel Tax of less than a quarter a day. Everyone contributes, it saves most services.

[Budget Facts](#)--a quick overview of the budget:

[1 page comparison](#) - a good way to understand the 3 options below

[The Bad](#)--Balancing the budget with cuts, employee contributions and the Parcel Tax

[The Really Bad](#)--Balancing the budget with cuts and employee contributions

[The Really Ugly](#)--Balancing the budget only through cuts

Currently, the Council has scheduled a new vote on a mail ballot for a 25 cent a day emergency parcel tax for 5 years for June 21st; I am asking them to let the voters decide. All of three budgets are painful but an ALL CUTS budget will mean major closings of libraries, fire stations, and recreation centers, reduction of days at senior centers, and reduction by attrition of the police force.

Council Delays Parcel Tax Vote: Several weeks ago the Council agreed to put an \$80 parcel tax on the special election ballot planned by Governor Brown. When it became apparent that Brown would not be able to get a special election, our office went to the Council to ask for an all mail vote. Disappointingly, three members of the Council did not support an "urgency" vote which needs 6 votes.

- **Does this Kill the Parcel Tax Vote?** This does not kill the initiative but does delay the vote until the fall.
- **Why is the delay important?** It means that if we get a special election by mail, we will not know the results until November four months into the fiscal year. Even if the parcel tax passes, **we will have to layoff and cut programs during July through November.** This is something I was hoping to avoid. With an urgency finding we would have known on July 5th just days into the new fiscal year. The process of layoffs is costly and we may lose many good employees.
- **Is the Vote by Mail expensive?** Actually a vote by mail is about the same cost to the city as being part of a consolidated election, about \$800 K.
- **I believe the citizens of Oakland should be allowed to decide.** The parcel tax would raise about one fifth of the funds needed to close the gap, it would cost the average home owner about a quarter a day.
- **Without a parcel tax we will have an all cuts budget for the most part.** Ironically this parallels the struggles going on in Washington and Sacramento.

The Budget Process: Since I took office we have worked every day on the budget.

- We spent most of the first two months establishing the **budget baseline**, correcting mistakes in reporting and estimates that were too optimistic. We expect the current budget to run up to a \$6M shortfall.
- We also started **meeting with departments** immediately to work out what options we would have to increase revenues or to reduce their budgets by 15-20%.
- We have spent much of our time fighting proposed deep federal and state cuts including redevelopment. Federal cuts could be \$7-8M and state cuts could be over \$30 M, including redevelopment.



- In March we issued an 85-page budget memo for our day long **Budget Workshop with the Council and the Cabinet** [You can download the report here](#). We are starting the budget process about 6 weeks earlier than in past years. In past years the Mayor and Council had retreats to discuss city priorities in the fall or new year, that did not happen this year so this was a critical meeting. The document focuses on the \$46M shortfall in next years general fund budget. To close that gap I believe all options must be on the table and everyone must contribute: 1) There will be cuts to programs and consolidation of programs, but we must leave the city in the best possible position for when the economy rebounds . 2) Employees will be asked to contribute; this will mean a continuation of leave days without pay distributed by individual request (like vacations) instead of citywide closures and other items now under negotiations with all our unions. 3) We need the passage of the \$80 emergency parcel tax for 5 years to reduce the necessary levels of cuts. 4) Other new revenues including increasing rentals of city facilities, sharing of services, etc. 5) Collaborating with other government agencies and organizations to reduce costs.
- In April we issued
- **Council Hearings and Votes: The charter requires a final budget by June 30th.**

6. Lake Merritt Gardens Features Bonsai Show June 11-12



The [Lake Merritt Bonsai Garden](#) features over 150 outstanding miniature trees. This weekend the focus is on azaleas. The beautiful new Japanese gates and new landscaping are an outstanding addition to the 11 theme gardens of the Lake. The Bonsai garden is open Tuesdays-Fridays 11 am-3pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday Noon-4pm. Make sure you look at the oak tree that was presented by the Emperor of Japan to Lincoln's ambassador.

The garden provides classes and guided tours upon request, 763-8409 or bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com

7. The 25% Solution: Oakland Products

Tea Time

With the hustle and bustle of our hectic lives today, there's nothing more relaxing that sitting back and enjoying a hot cup of tea. No need to travel far, Oakland has many wonderful places where you can unwind with your favorite tea in hand.



Cole Coffee
307 63rd St
Oakland, CA 94618
(510) 985-1958
www.colecoffee.com

Sure, this place is always packed but oh so worth the wait!



La'Myx
4179 Piedmont Avenue
Oakland, CA 94611
(510) 594-8322



www.lamyx.com

La'Myx is a spacious location and ideal for meetings, catching up on a book an ideal "post date" after a movie at the Piedmont Theater. Aside from a wide selection of teas, they also sell delicious desserts... mmm!



Peaberry's Coffee and Tea Co.

5655 College Avenue, Oakland
(510) 653-0450

www.peaberrys.com

Situated inside Market Hall on College Ave, this is a great spot if you're looking for a wide selection of tea. Also, one of the best places to purchase loose leaf in the area.



Numi Organic Tea Garden

2230 Livingston Street, Oakland
(877) 686-4832

www.numiteagarden.com

This Oakland based company is sold nationally in Whole Food's and in over 20 countries. But there's nothing better than stopping by their headquarters to experience their tea garden. Located in an industrial area off the 880 Freeway, Numi is a must visit destination and ideal place to learn about proper brewing techniques and presentation.



Foot Spa & Tea Bar

582 Grand Avenue Oakland, CA 94610-3515
(510) 735-9868

www.footspateabar.com

This Grand Avenue spot is only a little more than a year old and people are loving it! Not only are do they have reasonable prices, they are open long hours (10am-10pm) and provide a wide variety of relaxing services. And before you begin your treatments, chose your complimentary tea from a wide assortment. No better way to

start relaxing!

Check out one of our **40 unique neighborhood business districts**. Each one has a different mix of restaurants and shops. The [Shop Oakland website](#) is a great place to start. There's a [wonderful map](#), as well.

Visit [Oakland Grown](#) for the latest on local independent merchants



and their wares.



8. School and Youth

Congratulations Oakland graduates!

Help celebrate this important milestone in the lives of Oakland's High School seniors:



- **Architecture - Thursday, June 9, 6 pm Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd.**
- **Ralph Bunche - Wednesday, June 15, 6 pm Laney Auditorium, 900 Fallon Street**
- **Castlemont Biz & Info Tech (CBIT) - Friday, June 17, 4 pm Castlemont Football Field, 8601 MacArthur Blvd**
- **Dewey High - Wednesday, June 15, 2:30 pm Oakland High School, 1023 MacArthur Blvd.**
- **East Oakland School of the Arts (EOSA) Friday, June 17, 4 pm, Castlemont Football Field, 8601 MacArthur Blvd.**
- **Far West, Thursday, June 9, 5:30 pm, Far West High School, 5263 Broadway Terrace**
- **Leadership Prep, Friday, June 17, 4 pm, Castlemont Football Field, 8601 MacArthur Blvd.**
- **Life Academy, Wednesday, June 15, 3 pm, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd.**
- **Mandela, Tuesday, June 14, 6 pm, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd.**
- **McClymonds, Thursday June 16, 1 pm, McClymonds Auditorium, 2607 Myrtle Street**
- **Media College Prep, Friday, June 10, 3 pm Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd.**
- **MetWest, Thursday, June 16 3 pm Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd.**
- **Oakland High, Wednesday, June 15, 3 pm, Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway**
- **Oakland International, Wednesday, June 8, 5 pm, Oakland Tech Auditorium, 4351 Broadway**
- **Oakland Tech, Tuesday, June 24, 6 pm, Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway**
- **Rudsdale, Friday, June 10, 5 pm, Oakland Tech Auditorium, 4351 Broadway**
- **Skyline, Thursday, June 16, 6:30 pm Skyline Football Field, 12250 Skyline Blvd.**
- **Sojourner Truth, Friday, June 10, 5 pm, Oakland Tech Auditorium 4351 Broadway**
- **Street Academy, Friday, June 17, 3 pm, Fremont Federation of Schools Auditorium, 4610 Foothill**
- **Y.E.S., Thursday, June 9 5 pm, Knowland Zoo Snow Building, 9777 Golf Links Road**

Turfin 247 All Styles Dance Tournament: "For the Movement", Saturday, June 25, 2- 6 pm, Allendale Rec Center, 3711 Suter Street, off of 35th Avenue. Free event for teens, sponsored by the Laurel District Association, the Laurel Merchants, Urban Shield Security, Allendale Recreation center and Turfin 247. Watch [Turfin 247's "I-Dummy" Featured on National TV.](#)

9. Safe and Healthy Oakland

5th Annual East Bay Aids Walk, Saturday, June 18, 8:30 am-1 pm, Lake Merritt: Live music, kids activities, HIV/AIDS testing, Walgreens Wellness Bus, free health screenings. 100% of the funds raised by walkers do directly to serve providers in the East Bay. 5 K walk begins at 10 am. Last year the walk attracted over 600 participants and raised more than \$110,000.. Register today at www.eastbayaidswalk.org or call 654-5335.



New OPD Email for Homicide Investigations: The Oakland Police Department Homicide Section has a new email address for citizens to provide information to investigators about any homicide that has occurred. **Tips**

can always be submitted by calling 238-3821, or Oaklandhomicide@oaklandnet.com Homicides continue to run ahead of last year but lower than two years ago.

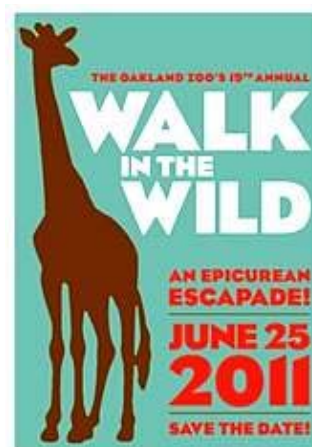
Crime Down for Fourth Year: Even with the surge in homicides, violent crime rates are still going down overall for the city by about 4%; -14% for all crimes.

10. Circle Your Calendar.

Seeking Items for Upcoming Friends of the Oakland Animal Shelter Yard Sale this Summer: Help support our pets in need by donating gently used household items for the upcoming fund raiser yard sale. Each item should have at least at \$10 value. All electrical & battery operated equipment should be in working condition. Include any manuals, and all pieces. Wash or dry clean clothing. Dust or clean any equipment. Contact [Amy Haddix](#) or [Jamin Hawks](#) for pick up.

[Oakland Zoo's Walk in the Wild](#), June 23, 5-10 pm:

The East Bay Zoological Society brings together some of the Bay Area's finest bakeries, breweries, caterers, restaurants, and wineries for the Oakland Zoo's largest annual fundraiser. Guests of this unique event will stroll through the Zoo and enjoy delicious cuisine, libations, fabulous entertainment, and dancing under the stars.



Celebrate National Parks & Recreation Month, July 1-30, Play Day on the Plaza, Friday, July 1, 11-2 pm: Join the Office of Parks & Recreation as they kick off National Parks & Recreation Month with a festival on City Hall Plaza. Bring the entire family. Activities include: Face Painting; Double Dutch; Drumming; Cultural Art Presentations; Basketball and Jumpers. Families and Groups Welcome! Check the website for

scheduled open houses at the City's Recreation Centers.

For additional information, please call 510-238-7275; or visit www.oaklandnet.com/parks.



Oakland Municipal Band 100th Concert Season, July 4, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 1-3 pm, Lakeside Park: The Free Concerts are conducted by Troy Davis and performed by 35 musicians featuring an array of jazz,

contemporary, pop, big band, international, classical, marches and show tunes. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Picnics welcomed and Flag waving encouraged. For more information, please call 339-2818.

Bay Area BBQ Championship/Oakland A's vs. LA Angels at the Oakland Coliseum, Saturday, July 16, 9:30 am/ First Pitch 1:05 pm:

Celebrity judges Cesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Hero of the Hudson), Liam Mayclem (Foodie Chap from CBS 5-Eye on the Bay), Joey Altman (celebrity chef, author), Narsai David (KCBS Food & Wine editor), Amy B Sherman (Cooking with Amy), Stan Bunger (KCBS Morning Anchor) Doug Sovern (KCBS News Reporter), Brad Levy (Owner/Chef Firefly Restaurant). Live performance by La Toya London, and AFS Children's Guardian Award to Senator John Burton. Proceeds support Alternative Family Services, providing care for foster youth. For details, go to <http://www.bayareabbq.org/>.



Inaugural Oakland Jazz Festival, Saturday, July 23, Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate: KBLX and OPR sponsor what we hope will become an annual musical event celebrating Oakland's musical roots. Tickets (\$57.75+ convenience fee) go on sale starting Friday, May 13. General Admission (Picnic style seating-No reserve seats). Advance tickets available at the Paramount Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets and ticketmaster.com.

Pre Sale Code word: **JAZZ** **LINK TO:** <http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1C0046A3B7296253?artistid=1593929&majorcatid=10001&minorcatid=766>

West Oakland Garden Tour.

Saturday, July 23, 2-5 pm: Starts at Marston Campbell Garden, Lafayette Elementary, 1700 Market, \$20 to \$40, children free.

Discover West Oakland by bicycle (or van-pool) through a tour of lovely streets and edible gardens, with art at every stop. Wrap up with a block party, full of art, music, and fresh, delicious food and drink from local culinary luminaries. And enter the raffle for prizes like a night's stay at The Huntington, dinners at fine local restaurants, or dinner and a boat trip down the American River. FOOD from Picante | DRINK from Linden Street Brewery | ENTERTAINMENT by TURF FEINZ



11. Oakland Celebrates Its Neighborhoods

Mark your calendar for the 2011 Street Festival Season. Each neighborhood reveals its own special Oakland vibe. Spend a few hours exploring Oakland's rich cultural heritage!

- Friday- Sunday, June 24-25 Pacific Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, 10 am-6 pm (5 pm on Sunday) Montclair Village
- Sunday, June 25, 9 am - 8 pm, 6th Annual Summer Solstice Music Festival in the Laurel: Over 25 bands all day long in the Laurel Shopping District-- MacArthur Blvd. between 35th Avenue and High Street. Sponsored by the [Laurel Village Association](http://LaurelVillageAssociation.com).
- Sunday, July 10 Temescal Street Fair (rescheduled from June 4 due to rain) , Noon - 6 pm, Telegraph Avenue between 45th and 51st, North Oakland
- Friday, July 15 8th Annual USOA Healthy Living Festival, 8 am-2 pm, Oakland Zoo, Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road
- Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21 Art & Soul, Civic Center
- Saturday-Sunday, August 27-28 Chinatown Street Fest, Chinatown
- Sunday, September 4, Oakland Gay Pride Festival, Uptown

- Sunday, September 18 Oaklavia!, Over 4000 people attended [Walk Oakland-Bike Oakland](#) (WOBO)'s first [Oaklavia](#) in June of last year. This year, the event has been moved to September, where pedestrians, and bicyclists can enjoy a no-auto Broadway and parts of Telegraph from Old Oakland to Uptown. There will be walking, running, biking, eating, shopping, dancing and playing in the street.
- Sunday, September 18 Sundays in the Redwoods, Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Sunday, September 25 Sundays in the Redwoods, Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Sunday, September 25 7th Annual Oakland Grand Prix of Cycling, Civic Center
- Sunday, September 25 Out & About in Rockridge
- Saturday, October 1 Black Cowboy Parade, DeFremery Park
- Saturday, October 1, 11 am-6 pm. Oaktobefest in the Dimond
- Sunday, October 2 Sundays in the Redwoods, Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Sunday, October 9 Sundays in the Redwoods, Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Saturday, October 22 20th Anniversary of 1991 Firestorm-- 9 am Rockridge BART Tile Wall; 10:30 am Remembrance Ceremony Gateway Exhibit Center; Emergency Preparedness Fair, Noon - 4 pm, Lake Temescal

