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Take A Fresh Look at Oakland

News from
Mayor Jean Quan

Greetings!



Over 1000 immigrants from over 105 countries became naturalized citizens this month at the Paramount Theater.



I hope you are enjoying this [Memorial Day](#) Weekend. This holiday rooted in honoring those who died in the Civil War was first observed by African American freedmen in the South and later became a day to decorate graves of all friends and relatives. It's a good time to pause and consider the sacrifices over the generations to form a "more perfect union," our still evolving democracy. My father's service in WWII allowed my mother to immigrate to America, the first crack in the Chinese Exclusion Act's bar to allowing Chinese wives to join their citizen husbands. It allowed me, the 4th generation of our family in California, to be the first member of my family born here.

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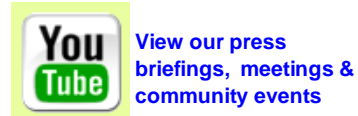
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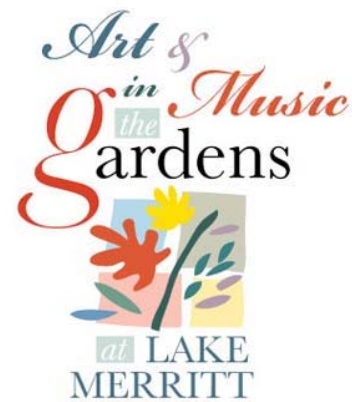


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In the last few weeks I have been honored to address ceremonies of many New Americans: the mass citizenship swearing in at *(on top)* the Greek Festival; the 20th anniversary of Eritrean independence *(above)*; the national meeting of Obosi, a Nigerian immigrant charitable organization *(below)*; and a celebration of over 30 Bay Area Asian Pacific American elected officials at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center. Oakland is truly "Hometown to the World" and it's why many of us love living here.

Discover Oakland



Saturday, June 4
Sunday, June 5
10 am- 6 pm
Free Admission

OAKLAND SCHOOLS HONORED

The Oakland Unified School District has been the most improved urban district in California for the last SIX years. The district has been developing a strategic plan to make schools community centers. Our schools and students need our help. [Take some time to read the draft.](#)

Congratulations to the students, teachers, parents and staff of **Montera Middle School for being named a 2011 California**

"Art and Music in the Gardens" will showcase the East Bay's dynamic art community in a magical, seven-acre garden setting in the heart of Oakland adjacent to beautiful Lake Merritt. Selected artists and gardeners will lead

Distinguished School. As a proud parent of two alums, and the former School Board Member and Council Member for Montera, this is a particularly gratifying event. The school community will be celebrating on **Wednesday, June 1 from 2 to 3 pm.**



Park Steward Karen Smulevitz and friend on Earth Day clean up Arroyo Park.

PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS VOLUNTEERS HONORED

THURSDAY: The City's Public Works Agency and [Keep Oakland Beautiful](#) will honor hundreds of volunteers who help maintain our parks, open spaces, medians, storm drains and remove graffiti through our **Adopt-A-Spot program**. Their work is so important and greatly appreciated in these hard economic times. If you are a Public Works volunteer please join us so I can personally thank you for your dedication at the **Community Celebration, Thursday, 5 - 7 pm at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House.**



Student entrepreneur explains her fashion project at recent LinkedLearning, career pathway program.

hands-on workshops and performances. A selection of foods, from local sources, will be available for purchase. Botanical and landscape art will be given special consideration and emphasis. Special childrens' events, demonstrations and activities will be emphasized. The Gardens were recently named a "Top Five California Garden" by AAA's *via Magazine*. For details call Chair [Jerry Miller](#) at 547-8894 or visit [The Gardens at Lake Merritt website.](#)

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

JOBS FOR YOUTH

The Mayor's Summer Job Program was a victim of the Congressional Budget compromise that almost closed down the federal government. That means funding for about 400 summer jobs was cut. Help us help our youth this summer learn about the world of work and stay safe. This year, we are looking to train and place over 700 youth into employment this summer.

To meet this goal, we are looking to the private sector to create over 200 jobs. **To support the MSJP and hire a youth for summer 2011, [please click here and complete the job order form](#).** Youth can also help to create a job with a contribution. Non-profits and neighborhood businesses need temporary employees and cannot afford to pay for the additional support. Make a tax-deductible contribution of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000 or \$2,500 to support local youth and non-profit agencies. **To make or pledge a donation please contact the Oakland Workforce Investment Board at (510)238-6457 or btoommaly@oaklandnet.com.**

A MAYOR'S DAY (AND NIGHT)



Some of you might wonder what a day in the life of a Mayor is like. You can get a feel for it by reading [Jody Brett Kelly's blog](#) about her experience spending part of last Saturday with me, including the Malcolm X Festival in the San Antonio district (*above*). We are also posting [my schedule](#) on the Mayor's section of the city website. The staff is still learning how to load the more complete list of events onto the calendar and are a bit behind, but you can see where we have loaded the activities onto the master schedule.



Mayor Jean Quan

1. Building Oakland: Venus Morris and the Issue of Sexually Exploited Minors



<<TiOra Ortiz, Sarai Theolinda and Venus Morris (right) helped lead and organize the protest against Sexually Exploited Minors last April 22.

Venus Morris, a 20-year-old from Oakland, actively participates in her community eager to make a change. Her interest in the issue of Sexually Exploited Minors led to organizing a march last in hopes of ending prostitution in her town. Children ensnared by prostitution generally fall between the ages of 12-17. Sexually exploited youth experience extreme forms of violence, physical and emotional at the hands of their exploiters and "johns".

Coming from a neighborhood where prostitution is common gave her the incentive to advocate the issue of Sexually Exploited Minors (SEM). She organized 60 protestors to march along International Blvd, one Oakland's "Hot Spots" for prostitution. As they walked they chanted "EVERY CHILD IS TOO VALUABLE TO BE BOUGHT AND SOLD". The march began at her local church parking lot (Abundant Life Church on 25th Avenue) and moved towards the "strip" where they later rallied at San Antonio Park.

"I love my city and people in general. I feel like people need positive leaders in their lives and I have learned to become that leader," she said.

She noted that her passion grew more and more over the years because she started to see how money became a problem for many women, and with the complications of getting a job, selling their bodies became the fastest and easiest way to provide for themselves.

"I encourage other teens to advocate for one another and not to condone that is okay for young females to become victims of sexual exploitation."

For additional information check out bom411.com and the [Youth Radio Peabody Award-winning investigation "Trafficked."](#)

To report suspected prostitution,

- Call our Prostitution Tip Line at 238-2373.
- You can also email us at: youthandfamilyservices@oaklandnet.com

Submitted by Youth Radio Intern and graduating Oakland High senior Sheila Blandon

2. Discover Oakland This Week

90th Memorial Day Commemoration at Mountain View Cemetary, Monday, May 30, 10 am, at the top of Piedmont Avenue: [Mountain View Cemetery](#) honors all veterans at the 90th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration. The traditional placing of the wreath and the 21 gun-salute will be followed by a dove release. Additional activities and participants include the Piedmont Highlanders Drum & Pipe Trio, Presentation of Colors-Boy Scouts Piedmont Troop 6, Salute to the Fallen, Oakland Youth Chorus, and the David Hardiman Trio. The event is hosted by Mountain View Cemetery Association. Docent Dennis

Evanosky will lead a guided tour of the refurbished Civil War plot and other areas of notables that are buried in the cemetery.



First Friday Art Murmur: If you haven't been to the Art Murmur, it's about time. Enjoy the galleries, watch a movie on [The Great Wall](#), and have a snack at the night market on 23rd Street try the grilled cheese sandwiches with soup or the Oaxacan tamales. Or stop by any of the clubs or highly rated restaurants along the way. [Map](#).



Friday Nights @ the Museum: For half off admission between 5-9 pm, you can listen to art lectures, take an art class, take guided tour or watch National Public Radios broadcast of Snap Judgement.

Branch Libraries Closed Tuesday, May 31st following Memorial Day But the Main Library Will Be OPEN.

Free Community Code for Oakland Listening Event at City Hall, Friday, June 3, 3- 6 pm, City Hall, Hearing Room 3. The Knight Foundation and the FCC [came to Oakland, CA](#) in April 2011 to announce a major new tech competition called Apps for Communities that will award \$100,000 in prizes to reward mobile and web-based applications that use government and public data to "deliver personalized, actionable information to people that are least likely to be online." For more information, go to www.codeforoakland.org. Attend one more listening session to answer questions around how to structure your idea or proposal so that others can assist you in possibly developing a mobile or web application (computer program) which can then be used in your local service community. For more information on the community programs email cmackey@winningstrategies.com.

Code for Oakland Hackathon/bar camp, Saturday, June 4, 8:30-6 pm, Kaiser Center, Theater Lobby, 300 Lakeside Drive: This low-cost one-day Bar Camp that will bring government officials, developers, designers, and interested parties together for a day that will be devoted to looking at local datasets of use to people in Oakland, and that gives teams a chance to talk through, brainstorm and prototype their ideas before the competition closes on July 11. <http://codeforoakland.eventbrite.com/>

Sponsored by The Urban Strategies Council, Innovative Oakland, Oakland Local and Code for America.

Art & Music in the Gardens at Lake Merritt on Saturday & Sunday (see column on right above)



Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon Supports Oakland Animal Shelter, Saturday, June 4 10 am-7pm, and Sunday, June 5, 10 am-5 pm: Throughout the weekend, dog and cat adoptions will be free to qualified homes-FREE-and, better yet, each successful adoption will earn the Oakland Animal Shelter shelter a generous donation from Maddie's Fund of anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500. Anyone interested in adopting during the adoptathon can come to the shelter to be "pre-screened" beginning May 28 to make finding an animal companion at the event as efficient as possible. Hours for the event will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 4, and

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 5. The shelter is located at 1101 29th Avenue, Oakland, and more information is available at www.oaklandanimalservices.org. Sponsored by Maddie's Fund, the foundation funded by

Workday and PeopleSoft founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl. The goal of Maddie's Fund is to guarantee loving homes to all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats.



East Bay Open Studios 2011, June 4-5 and June 11-12: During the first two weekends in June, and 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 June 4 from 10 am to June 5 , 3 pm and again June 11 & 12.

Art in Harmony, An Afternoon with Michael Morgan & Friends, Saturday, June 4, 2-5 pm, Tessera Gallery, 1225A 7th Street:

Oakland East Bay Symphony's Third Annual Spring Celebration benefiting the Symphony's music, education and outreach programs. Celebrate **Art in Harmony** in a unique urban art space with the delicious food of Devoted Catering by Amiee Alan, the fabulous wines of our Season's Wine Sponsors, live entertainment, and a multitude of silent and live auction items. Individual tickets start at \$90. [For details...](#)



I got my start as a public official by working to save music in the schools. So it is with great pleasure that I serve as honorary chair of this event which benefits music, education and outreach programs in local schools and features musicians from Great Wall Youth Orchestra, Oakland Youth Orchestra, Oakland Symphony Chorus, MUSE Orchestra and the Symphony. >>(Right) A past Young People's Concert.

Free Golf Clinic for Women, Saturday, June 4, 9 am Lake Chabot Golf Course, 11450 Golf Links Road: Women are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity to enjoy a FREE Golf Clinic at this City golf course. Focus will be on the basics of golf including putting, chipping and full swing. Clinics are held the first and third Saturday of every month. Professional instruction is provided by Brandon Chapman, Head Professional and Steve Harker, PGA Professional. For additional information, please call Brandon Chapman at 351-5812 or email him a bchapman@lakechabotgolf.com.



Temescal Street Fair, Sunday, June 6, Noon - 6 pm, North Oakland on Telegraph Avenue between 45th and 51st Streets: Check out the first neighborhood street festival of the season when the Temescal Telegraph Community Association hosts its annual event. The event features two stages and promotes local craft artists and cultural performers, representative of the rich mosaic of culture in one of Oakland's oldest neighborhoods. Valet bike parking by East Bay Bicycle Coalition. Make it a day by checking out the [Temescal Farmers Market](#) in the morning, 9 am to 1 pm. For details, <http://temescaldistrict.org/>

Main Stage

- Nightfever
- The Bop Divas featuring Rita Lackey
- New Style Motherlode
- United Capoeira Association
- The Muddy Roses

Kids' Stage: Los Cenzotles, Dan Chan the Magic Man, Dana Smith, The Blondies, Kids' carousel rides, Circus Spire Youth Troupe, Climbing Wall

3. Governor's Budget & Oakland

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.



4. Budget Hearings Continue, Parcel Tax or an ALL Cut Budget ?



(Left) Students plea for programs at Peralta Hacienda at Thursday's Council hearing; (right) Budget

Director Sabrina Landreth fields questions at the North Oakland District 1 meeting.

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 QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHY ARE THE LIBRARY CUTS SO DRASTIC?

The City must fund the libraries at the 2002 \$9M level to collect the Measure Q funds of \$14 M. I helped write and pass Measure Q in 2003 to save one third of the libraries slated for closing. We did not foresee this recession. After 4 years of cuts the City must still cut \$57 more and we will not be able to fund the \$9 M unless employees contribute more and/or the parcel tax passes. What can we do?

- We can ask the Council to make the libraries the first priority if there are new funds to reach the \$9 M base for Measure Q.
- We can pass the parcel tax.

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. 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.
- Last month 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.
- **Council Hearings and Votes:** Historically, the Council holds its final budget hearings in June. **The charter requires a budget by June 30th.**



5. More City News--Oakland Now on Facebook with New Contest



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. Hit the "like" button to become a "fan".

California



Oakland's [Lucasey Manufacturing plant](#) recognized as the federal small family business of the year by the Small Business Administration. The 4th generation Oakland company builds specialty cabinets for airport security and other metal products. Last year a \$2 M federal loan helped the company retool. (Left) Chuck Lucasey on right is CEO, (right) Mayor Quan with the workers including 35 year veterans.

6. The 25% Solution: Oakland Products

Show Your Oakland Roots! Oakland Adorned



With summer upon us, many Oaklanders might consider heading for other parts. Fortunately, no matter where you visit, there's truly no place like home! Show your Oakland pride on your next trip while sporting an Oakland inspired hat, t-shirt etc.--or simply the perfect gift! There are many places to buy Oakland inspired merchandise, here are a few of our favorites:



La Touche Designs-
-Handmade jewelry and accessories, for both men and women, mainly made from repurposed objects, vintage coins, vintage game pieces, skeleton keys, typewriter keys, vintage maps and gemstones. These unique Oakland cufflinks are perfect for Father's Day!

Re4m www.re4mreform.com
2054 Mountain Blvd.
339-7346

Juniper Tree
3303 Lakeshore
(510) 444-4650



Oakland Star--This line of hats, shirts, and sweatshirts adorned with a star and "Oakland" is sold exclusively at Greetings.

Greetings
4152 Piedmont
(510) 547-2555

Rise Above Graphics--Show your "Temescal Pride" w/Rise Above, a screen printing press based in Oakland. Their line of original clothing for children and adults features limited editions of designs printed on organic, sweatshop free garments.



Ruby's Garden www.rubysgarden.com
5095 Telegraph
(510) 595-5325



Modern-Twist
brings art to the table. Products are made from food grade, hand silk-screened silicone; these mats won't crease or rip. Modern Twist has created specially coasters donning an Oaktree and "City of Oakland" printed on back.

Entrez! Open House www.entrez-openhouse.com

1645 Telegraph

(510) 268-9101

Pilippa Roberts www.pilipparoberts.com
4176 Piedmont
(510) 655-0656

Maison d'Etire www.maisondetre.com
5640 College
(510) 658-2801

Oakland Museum of California www.museumca.org
1000 Oak St.
(510) 238-2200

Re4m www.re4mreform.com
2054 Mountain Blvd.
(510) 339-7346



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Heartware
6309 College
(510) 655-9806

Nathan & Co www.nathanandco.com
4025 Piedmont

(510) 428-9638

Ruby's Garden www.rubysgarden.com
5095 Telegraph
(510) 595-5325

Everett & Jones www.eandjbbq.com/
2676 Fruitvale
(510) 533-0900



All Good Living-- All Good Living Kids is committed to providing 100% organic products, which includes kids' apparel.

Urban Indigo www.urbanindigo.com
3339 Lakeshore
(510) 419-0451

Crackerjacks www.crackerjackskids.com
4009 Piedmont
(510) 654-8844



Oaklandish--Perhaps the best known of our local grown! When you wear Oaklandish, 10% of proceeds goes to support local organizations working to strengthen your community. Wherever you are, everytime you put on an Oaklandish shirt, you're helping to create a there, there.
www.oaklandish.com.

FLAGSHIP OAKLANDISH OUTLET
Greetings (men's / women's / kids)
4152 Piedmont Avenue
(510) 547-2555

Actual Cafe (men's / women's) 6334 San Pablo Avenue Oakland, CA
94608
(510) 653-8386

Bobbepin (men's only) www.bobbepin.com

California Canoe and Kayak (men's / women's / kids')
Jack London Square, 409 Water St
(510) 893-7833

The Giant Peach (men's / women's) www.thegiantpeach.com

Greetings on Lakeshore (men's / women's / kids')
3417 Lakeshore Avenue
(510) 451-3812

McCaulou's (men's / women's)
6211 Medau Place (510) 339-2210

The Magpie (men's / women's)
6122 Lasalle Avenue (btw Moraga & Mountain) (510) 339-6246

Oakland International Airport (men's / women's)
Terminal 1 newsstand before security

Oakland Museum of CA (men's / women's / kids')
1000 Oak Street (510) 238-6305

Pro Arts Gallery (men's / women's / kids')
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza (510) 763-4361

Rockridge Kids (kids' only)
5511 College Avenue (510) 601-5437

Silver Moon (kids' only)
3233 Lakeshore Avenue
(510) 835-2229

Tip Top Bike Shop (men's / women's)
4800A Telegraph Avenue
(510) 444-4148

Grand Lake farmers' market (men's / women's / kids)
Splash Pad Park 9am - 2pm Saturdays

Temescal farmers' market (men's / women's / kids)
Claremont DMV lot 9am - 1pm Sundays

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.



7. School and Youth

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.

Oakland Summer Lunch Program Seeks Additional Sites:

Oakland's free summer lunch sites help make it possible for the youth in our neighborhoods to have a healthy, balanced lunch every day. Recreation centers, faith-based organizations, and youth-serving community-based organizations are great candidates for the program. Summer lunches are provided by the City of Oakland at **no cost to host sites**. Organizations interested in becoming a host site can contact Carmela Chase at (510) 238-7992 or cchase@oaklandnet.com.

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**

8. Safe and Healthy Oakland



Memorial Day/Summer Reminder: Buckle Up day and Night! As families across California plan for upcoming summer travel, remember to buckle up before you start the car. "Click It or Ticket" minimum is \$142. For children under 16, the fine is \$445 for a first time offense. One million Californians are still not buckling up. The City of Oakland joins more than 140 local law enforcement agencies statewide and the California Highway Patrol in the 2011 Click It or Ticket mobilization from May 23 to June 5.

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.

Parent Class on Gang Prevention at Carmen Flores Recreation Center, Thursdays, 6-8:30 pm: Project Re-Connect in collaboration with Carmen Flores Recreation Center offers effective parenting classes. Call 482-1738 for details. 1637 Fruitvale Avenue.

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Putting it all Together
Celebration



Asian Youth Crime Committee Honors Victor Mar: Former Council Aide and long time Asian community leader is honored for his three decades of service to the AYCC and its youth leadership programs. Victor, 96, is a Dimond resident. Pictured with Victor is his long time partner in guiding the AYCC, Walter Chinn, also a former Council aide.

9. 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.

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

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>

10. 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
- 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 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
- Sunday, October 2 Sundays in the Redwoods, Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Saturday, October 8 Oaktobefest in the Dimond
- 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

