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Take A Fresh Look at Oakland

News from Mayor Jean Quan

Greetings!

SUMMER BANNER: (Above, l-r) East Oakland Youth Development Center preparing for Peace March and serving lunch, Justice from Wheels of Justice in Montclair volunteers at dozens of community events including Melrose High Hopes here to tune up bikes, and "local fisherman" enjoys the block party at Melrose Library.

It feels like Summer is finally here and every weekend through fall there are major outdoor events and festivals including: [Laurel Street Fair](#) , [Chinatown Streetfest](#) , [Art and Soul](#) , and [Oakland Pride](#) . My staff, volunteers and I will host booths at many of these events so we hope to see you.

We are especially excited to see over 80 new National Night Out parties planned for next Tuesday, 7-9 pm. We now have over 530 parties all over the city. Look for the signs near where you live! All of my staff and many other fire fighters, police, public works, and others from all of our departments will be out visiting every block party. This is a time to celebrate our neighborhoods and meet each other. When neighbors know each other, neighborhoods are safer and happier!

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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".

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Painting quilt squares at the Melrose High Hopes block party.

Council is on recess and I hope to get away for my first vacation in two years, but this also a busy time for us. We will spend much of this month working on city reorganization and other big projects identified in our Mayor's Staff Retreat this week. We will also be summarizing and prioritizing the opinions and discussion from the 8 Town Hall Meetings attended by over 3000 Oaklanders.



Dimond District Picnic last Sunday enjoyed Bella Circus and Woman's Will version of Shakespeare's A Mid Summer Night's Dream.

BRAGGING RIGHTS

Walkscore just named Oakland one of the [nation's top 10 Walkable Cities](#). [Real estate experts claim that each point improves value of homes by \\$3000](#). Check out the walkability ratings of each district.

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Discover Oakland

Bites on Broadway

Mobile food and family fun, every Friday through October 21, 5:30-8:30 pm
365 45th Street in front of Studio One Arts Center in North Oakland.
Featuring the best of Oakland's food culture, hula hooping and lawn games



Dr. Bert Lubin, CEO of Children's Hospital and leading hematology/sickle cell anemia researcher, leads off the community speakers as to why LBNL should choose Oakland for its second campus touting Oaklands medical facilities as natural partner for research.

HOMETOWN PRIDE

Nothing brings a town together like competition with our neighbors. [The City Team of staff, the Mayor's Ambassadors, local businesses and local restaurants packed about 200 into a standing room only](#) meeting with the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab committee who is looking at 5 final sites for its second campus. If you want to see a comprehensive pitch of why businesses should consider Oakland (minus our tax credits since LBNL is a government agency), watch for the hearing on our City cable station Channel 10 or look for the link when we post it on the [City website](#).

For more hometown love, view the winners of the "Why I Choose Oakland" contest. [The winning photos and videos have been posted.](#)



<<Clorox's Vice President Victoria Jones presents a check for \$50K to Mayor and Chief Batts.

CLOROX CHALLENGE TO HELP POLICE

From the first day I was elected, I tried to make most of the Police Department's patrol line-ups (28 shifts at two stations). One of the questions I asked was what we could do to help them in their work. I heard more officers, better cars and better lap tops. Since then I have brought back 40 laid off officers and improved service to an admittedly aging fleet. While meeting with CEO' s of Oakland companies I told Clorox's Don Knauss about the meetings and he asked how much the lap tops cost. As a result Clorox donated \$50,000 for 11 new lap tops and is challenging his fellow CEO's to match his donation. Many thanks to this great corporate citizen.



.Fist of Flour by Cooking with the Single Guy

Rotating food carts for July-Aug include those of El Tacobike, Tina's Tamales, Boffo, Jon's Street Eats, Docs of the Bay, Nick's Breakfast Truck, Breads of India, Grilled CheezeGuy, Go Streatery and Fists of Flour. Food is at an affordable price, from \$5-\$9 for a dinner portion. The range of food is family fare using the freshest ingredients including pulled pork sandwiches, wood-fired pizza, tacos, tortas, tamales, curries, burgers, plus fresh juices such as agua frescas and lemonades.

www.Bitesonbroadway.com

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



Oakland

Contingent at June's Parade in San Francisco.

OAKLAND PRIDE FUNDRAISER

Oakland's many festivals are a growing part of our economy. [Many of our hotels are offering special rates or packages for our summer](#) and fall festivals. **Next Thursday, August 4 at Oakland City Hall, I am sponsoring a fundraiser for [Oakland Pride](#).** Organizers are trying to relaunch this annual festival under the theme, "We Are Family." Last year over 25,000 attended this family friendly festival with music, food, and booths of all kinds. Proceeds will support the Oakland Pride annual event on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 4. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$75 per couple. [For additional information or to RSVP, contact Hatzune Aguilar.](#)



We can all help the local economy by encouraging our families or organizations to host events and conferences in the city. I often welcome conventions or conferences to the city. This week I was pleased to welcome over 700 delegates to the Asian Pacific Labor Alliance of the AFL-CIO (above), an organization that I helped found over twenty years ago. Many of the attendees commented to me how convenient the now lively downtown was for them. In addition to the wide variety of Asian restaurants in Chinatown next to the Marriott, many walked to downtown clubs for music and tried our nationally known restaurants including Flora, Plum, and Hibiscus. If you are planning an event in Oakland contact the [Oakland Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) for help. [They have free gifts to help organize smaller events for families and smaller gatherings, too.](#)

Oakland Mayor

1. Discover Oakland This Week

A's Unveil Refurbished "Together We Can" Summer Camp's Wiffle Ball/Kick Ball Area at OUSD's Police Headquarters, 1011 Union Street, Friday, July 29, 1 pm:

A's team president Michael Crowley, A's second baseman Jemile Weeks and team mascot Stomper will join Oakland Schools Police Chief Peter C. Sarna and Larry Harper from the Good Tidings Foundation, in an official ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the refurbished wiffle ball/kickball area. Children from the Together We Can summer camp will also be on hand to christen the area with a wiffle ball game after the ceremony.



Fireworks Tonight after the game against Minnesota, watch from the field (an experience in itself). Tomorrow is Beerfest with 30 micro breweries.



Intimate Evening at Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate, Friday, July 29, 6-10 pm: This white casual attire fundraiser will support both restoration and revitalization of this grand old estate. It promises to be an evening of fun and dancing under the stars with great music including: Jazz, Blues, R&B, Chicago Steppin' & Salsa Dancing, and Blue Grass. Delicious food, wine, and beverages will be served. You can also take a Carriage Ride, play a game of croquet, be intrigued by the Gatsby Cars, and participate in our silent auction -- or simply stroll through the beautiful grounds. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Chabot Science Center Friday Night Movies--July 29 and August 5, 6 & 8 pm: So Right So Smart profiles companies on the cutting edge of more sustainable business

practices who are proving that being environmentally friendly is both good for the earth and good for business. Their inspiring stories of leadership and innovative change provide hopeful models for the larger business community and other institutions. Free as part of admission.

While you are there see the new planetarium show. At Spaceport Chabot, lift off for a cosmic adventure! Cosmos 360 is a live planetarium presentation in Chabot's digital-dome planetarium. Your pilot will fly through the Solar System and warp out to the edge of our galaxy, exploring wonders of the night sky and lifting your imagination to a new orbit. With an expert guide and cutting-edge astronomical visuals, Cosmos 360 reveals the workings of the Universe from new perspectives.



Dancing Under the Stars, Jack London Square, 8:30-10 pm, every Friday night in the summer: This week its the Foxtrot, next week the Samba. Kick up your heels and enjoy a free dance lesson provided by the Linden Street Dance Studio! Each week features a different type of dance followed by a dance party to practice what was learned.

Lake Merritt Master Volunteers Work Day, Saturday, July 30, 9 am- Noon: Lake Merritt Master Volunteers are an informal can-do group dedicated to maintenance of the wonderful Measure DD improvements at Lake Merritt. These monthly work days are supported by the Public Works Agency parks maintenance staff who direct the volunteers' work. Meet at the Pergola on El Embarcadero (across from Lakeview Branch Library) to sign in and for assignment. Bring your own gloves, pruners and other favorite hand tools for your use, and water to drink. Contact [Jennie Gerard](#) in Council Member Pat Kernighan's office at 238-7023.

Final County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Workshop, Saturday, July 30, 9 am-Noon, Dublin Regional Meeting Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Dublin: The public is invited to help develop a community wildfire protection plan for Alameda County. While Oakland has a plan for the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District, there is no such plan for wildfire prone areas outside of Oakland. The workshops will focus on wildfire risks and hazards from Berkeley to Fremont. Please share your concerns and local knowledge. [Register here](#). For questions, contact [Cheryl Miller](#).

Oakland Municipal Band 100th Concert Season, July 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.

California Writers Club (CWC) Picnic in Joaquin Miller Park, Saturday, July 30, 1- 4 pm Fire Circle in Joaquin Miller Park: Join the [California Writers Club](#) for their annual picnic that celebrates the legacy of California's great writers: Jack London, John Muir, Joaquin Miller, and California's first poet laureate Ina Coolbrith, who was also an Oakland city librarian. Please bring your own drink and a dish to share. RSVP to Linda Brown by July 27 at 530-1261.



National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2, 2011: Last year Oakland residents held 457 block parties to celebrate National Night Out, an opportunity to build community in your own neighborhood. This year, we're at 537 and counting! The premise behind community policing is that strong neighborhoods are safe neighborhoods; and when neighbors work together with the city and police, we can make a real difference in the quality of life in the neighborhood. Call Brenda Ivey at 238-3091 or [check on](#)

Oakland East Bay Symphony Chorus Sing Along, Mozart's Requiem, August 2, 7-9 :30 pm --Maestro Michael Morgan, Oakland East Bay Symphony, conducts this special event, proceeds will help fund the free 10th Anniversary Remembrance of September 11, 2011 event at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Sunday, September 11. First Covenant Church, 4000 Redwood Road \$15 Special Event/\$60 for evening series pass including the Special event.

"Dimond Canyon Trails & Beyond," Dimond Improvement Association (DIA), Wednesday, August 3, 7 pm, Dimond Public Library, 3565 Fruitvale: Stan Dodson, DIA Board Member, will host the presentation "Dimond Canyon Trails and Beyond", how trails connect Dimond Park to the Bay Area Ridge Trail, via Dimond Canyon and Joaquin Miller Park. Guest presenters will include representatives from Friends of Sausal Creek, Friends of Joaquin Miller Park, and the East Bay Regional Park District. In anticipation of this August 3 meeting, Stan is leading community hikes to demonstrate the wonderful trails in Dimond Canyon, Joaquin Miller Park and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Stan invites Oakland residents to "Take a Hike with Stan" and is guiding a hikes every week. For the schedule, email stankdodson@yahoo.com or call (510) 710-5985.

Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Events--Los Viajaros Riding Club Trail Ride August 4-8, Joaquin Miller Park.

B.U.I.L.D. Orientation for Union Construction Job Training, Thursday, August 4, 6-7 pm, at 1448 10th Street, on the corner of 10th and Center; Alex Francois from B.U.I.L.D. will be at 1448 10th Street (10 and Center Street) to provide an orientation to people looking to get into union construction jobs on how to qualify. For details, contact Alex at 415-480-6886 or email at rnbuild11@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Aug 4th, Waterfront Flicks: RATATOUILLE, Sundown, Market Lawn at Jack London Square: Pixar Animations created this instant culinary classic. Enjoy free outdoor movies on the beautiful waterfront. Movies begin at sundown, but the fun begins earlier with cooking demos, trivia questions and prizes! Buy grilled treats from Miss Pearl's Jam House (10% of proceedings will be donated to help the hungry!) and beer from New Belgium Brewery, with proceeds benefitting the East Bay Bike Coalition. (Donations of food and cash accepted for Bay Area anti-hunger programs. Subtitles available.



I Choose Oakland Celebration @ Art Murmur, Friday, August 5, 7:30-8:30 pm, Classic Cars West, 411-26th Street, btwn. Telegraph and Broadway: Please join me as we showcase the finalists from the "I Choose Oakland photo" and video contest. Food, drink and multimedia show at 8 pm. A new member of Art Murmur, Classic



Cars West is an eclectic vintage car showroom and art gallery. The space is very cool - with great wall space for the multimedia show and an outdoor patio with huge Burning Man sculpture, tiki lights, etc. It's a cool space and will generate good foot traffic independent of our event.

[My Fair Lady, Woodminster](#)

Theater, August 5-14, 8 pm: Enjoy the outdoor theater in the redwoods of the Oakland hills. In their 45th season of musicals, the [kids come free offer is still on.](#)



UWX 6 - 6th Annual Urban Wine Xperience, Saturday, August 6, 2-5 pm, Jack London Square Pavillion: [The East Bay Vintner's Alliance 6th Annual Urban Wine Xperience](#) will return to Jack London Pavilion Saturday August 6th. Featuring over 20 local wineries, pouring a variety of white, rosés, reds & stickies, there won't be a shortage to sample. Each winery teams up with a local restaurant or food purveyor to create delightful morsels paired beautifully with their wine portfolio. Enjoy the sunshine and dance to live music on the sun drenched deck. Price of admission includes a souvenir wine glass.

An Afternoon with Bay Area Jazz Vocalist Anna Marie Flechero to Support Partnership for Affordable Housing, Sunday, August 7, 2-6 pm, Nadine's, 55 Washington Street: Great jazz, great food provided by Bay Area chefs. \$20, proceeds support Partnership for Affordable Housing serving seniors, singles and families in crisis. For details go to www.pfah.net or call (510) 430-0300.

2. Parcel Tax Vote Set for Fall, Parker Named Interim City Attorney



<<Francisco J. Sánchez, the under secretary of commerce for international trade (right) joins Port Director Omar Benjamin and Mayor Quan to announce a partnership between the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), [designed to help local small and medium-sized enterprises in seaport communities take advantage of new opportunities to grow and expand via exports.](#)

NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR STARTS MONDAY, COUNCIL ON RECESS: The Council is on recess until early September after this week's meeting. Deanna

Santana is eagerly awaited and will begin work on Monday.

MAIL VOTE SET FOR FALL: A new ballot measure that will extend the time, but not the payments of older police pensions fund was approved for the fall mail election. This will allow evening out of payments without increasing the amount paid by taxpayers.

Last week after several delays the Council on a 7-1 vote set a vote on the \$80/ Year Emergency Parcel Tax for November 15th. The temporary tax will last for five years; it is my hope that property taxes will recover by then. The \$11 M proceeds would restore some services in these areas:

- Restore 40% of the senior center hours.

- Enable us to schedule at least one more police academy to maintain staffing levels.
- Restore some of tree service and park maintenance crews, we are now at about 40% from five years ago.
- Add at least one street repair crew.
- Maintain youth violence and library programs.

COUNCIL REJECTS ELECTION FOR CITY ATTORNEY, APPOINTS PARKER, SETS VOTE ON ELECTED

ATTORNEY: In an interesting set of alliances and compromises the Council decided on several issues involving the City Attorney's position:

- The Council rejected adding the City Attorney to the special fall election. This was an alliance between those who support Parker and those who do not support an elected city attorney.
- The current acting City Attorney known as the attorney staffing Council meetings, Barbara Parke,r was named as the interim City Attorney.
- The Council supported Nancy Nadel and Pat Kernighan in putting a measure on the special election in November eliminating the elected City Attorney and returning to the appointed system of the pre-Brown days.

Unlike the District Attorney or Auditor, the City Attorney is not entirely an independent authority. By charter the City Attorney is the Council, Mayor, and City counsel and has legal obligations to them. The conflict between the City Attorney as a politician with his own policy views has required the Council/Mayor to hire outside counsel and raised issues of conflict of interest or failure to represent client interests. I am interest in seeing if there can be a compromise on how the City Attorney is selected or if guidelines/protectons from the conflicts can be established.

LAYOFFS COMPLETED, POLICE RECALLED: This week was the last week of employment for many city employees and the last day as city employees for dozens of museum employees; over 200 positions were eliminated as part of the budget process. We are compiling a complete list of the impact on city services which we will release later this week, an initial list is in the next section. In addition, based on the police contribution to their pensions, we brought back more police officers. The budget calls for 22 more positions but to compensate for attrition we called back 30 officers for a refresher academy and expect them to be back on the streets in two weeks.

3. More City News

BART Continues Oakland Airport Connector Construction on Outbound Airport Drive--Lane Reduction: Starting Monday, July 25, the section of Airport Drive that exits to Doolittle Drive will be reduced from three lanes to two lanes as part of the construction of the Oakland Airport Connector. The lane closure is necessary as contractors work on a descending grade transition to a tunnel that will be constructed under Doolittle Drive. Motorists should exercise caution while driving through the constricted lanes, which will remain in effect through spring 2013. BART's Oakland Airport Connector, scheduled for completion in 2014, is a cable-driven train service between the Coliseum Station and OAK. The automated, driverless trains will operate on an elevated 3.1 mile track, offering fast, reliable and sustainable transportation for millions of travelers and thousands of people who work at OAK. For additional information, please visit www.bart.gov/oac or call the Project Information Line at **(510) 464-6463**.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Seeks New Members

Oakland's Park & Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) reports and makes recommendations to the Oakland City Council on Office of Parks and Recreation policies. It consists of 11 seats, appointed by the Mayor and Council to represent the citizens of Oakland. There are current openings on PRAC. We are seeking candidates from all backgrounds and all parts of the city who are interested in preserving the city's parks and recreation facilities and who have one or more of the following desired work or volunteer experience:

- planning and implementing major projects
- experience with recreational programs
- mediation skills
- enthusiasm for Oakland

PRAC meets the 1st Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 6 pm at the Garden Center at Lakeside Park.

Contact [Richard Cowan](#) with a cover letter and your resume if you are interested in applying.

4. Governor Signs Dream Act, Cities File Suit Against the State on Redevelopment and Vehicle License Fee Grab



<<Pulitzer Prize winning NPR reporter [Jose Antonio Vargas](#) speaks at the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance in Oakland last week. Vargas familiar to listeners of KQED was brought to the US from the Phillipines as a child and only discovered he was undocumented when applying for a drivers license. He recently came out publicly in defense of the Dream Act admitting his status.

Governor Signs Dream Act: Governor Jerry Brown approved the first of two bills of the California Dream Act. AB 130, which allows undocumented college students to receive privately funded scholarships to attend California public colleges and universities. Although the bill does not create a path to citizenship like the federal DREAM Act, it is an important step toward granting educational opportunities to students who were brought to the U.S. as children.

Cities File Suit on Redevelopment; Hope for Decision on Injunction by August.

The California League of Cities and other government agencies filed its lawsuit against the state for the "ransom" of redevelopment this week. We thank Assemblyman Sandre Swanson for being our only state official voting against the elimination. Should the suit fail, the city would have to buy back redevelopment at the cost of \$40M this year and \$10 M in future years, greatly reducing the housing and other projects possible. The state would take the lion's share of funds.

Many cities have said they cannot afford to pay, including San Jose, so it is unlikely the state will get the funds they expect.

- **Swanson Bill Signed by Governor, "Johns" face \$25,000 fines:** Fines against "johns" who pay for sex with minors will now range up to \$25,000 under an East Bay legislator's bill signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Jerry Brown. AB 12, the Abolition of Child Commerce, Exploitation, and Sexual Slavery, or ACCESS, Act by Assemblyman Sandré Swanson, D-Alameda, also requires that the new fine -- which previously ranged up to \$10,000 depending on the circumstances -- be directed to groups providing therapy, housing, shelter, and education to child victims of sex trafficking. Swanson has worked with us to author several related laws in recent years. His 2008 bill created a diversion program in Alameda County for child prostitutes; Brown last week signed his bill to extend that program. And AB 17 of 2009 increased fines on pimping, pandering, or procurement of a minor, dedicating those funds to help sexually exploited minors obtain education, counseling, and shelter.
- **Final Proposals --State Redistricting Commission Releases Maps, [Comment On-line](#):** Oakland remains in one congressional district.

5. Building Oakland-- Jessica Flash & Oakland Animal Shelter

Many of us will think of volunteering as helping other people, but for 26-year-old **Jessica Flash** volunteering means helping the animals at Volunteer Oakland Animal Services. She started volunteering in early October of 2010 as a graduation requirement from the San Francisco State University (SFSU), where she majored in psychology.

After six months of volunteering at the Oakland Animal Shelter she expanded her focus from working with dogs to fostering cats and taking photos. She also counsels families at the shelter, helping match pets with their home and family. Besides working with people and animals, she help promotes adoptable pets by making fliers and posting bios to their website, www.oaklandanimalservices.org.

Now recently graduated from SFSU, Jessica said she is considering turning her volunteer work into career. "Besides gaining new skills for the future it is such a rewarding experience to see animals that need help and families that want to help give dogs love," Flash said.



She explained that due to funding challenges, the shelter can always use more volunteers. She encourages others to check OAS out, even if they don't like being in direct contact with animals. "There are a variety of ways you can help."

Submitted by Shelia Blandon, Youth Radio Intern in the Mayor's Office

6. The 25% Solution

At my Inauguration, I asked Oaklanders to increase local shopping by 25%. If we all do so, we could raise \$9-\$12 million more in sales tax-- that's enough to double our Park and Recreation Programs, or to add another 60 policemen!



Vegan Restaurants

Last week we provided a list of vegetarian restaurants but we won't stop there! We know there are many vegans out there, so here's our list of some of our favorite hot spots around town!



Souley Vegan Restaurant
301 Broadway
(at 3rd St)
Oakland, 94607 (510) 922-1615
www.souleyvegan.com

Pepples Donuts
6037 San Pablo Ave
(between 60th St & 61st St)
Oakland, 94608
(510) 712-0295
www.pepplesdonuts.com



Café Gratitude
230 Bay Pl
Oakland, 94612
(415) 824-4652
www.cafegratitude.com

No Worries
1442 Franklin St
(between 14th St & 15th St)
Oakland, 94612



(510) 444-4466
www.filipinovegetarianfood.com



Submitted by Kim Bardakian



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. Safe & Healthy Oakland



OPD Police Chief Anthony Batts and I accepted a check for \$50,000 from Victoria Jones, Vice President of Government Affairs from The Clorox Company, that covered the cost of installing 11 Panasonic Tough Book lap top computers in OPD vehicles and motorcycles. The lap tops allow officers to file paperwork

and check data while in the field, saving time and improving safety when questioning suspects. Clorox challenged other local corporations to match their donation, so that we can outfit another 120 vehicles with these sturdy, state-of-the-art lap top computers.

OPD Rehires 25 officers as of August 1: The new budget allowed for the rehiring of 28 police officers.. As of August 1, 25 will start on August 1, 2 additional officers will start in mid-August and 1 in December..

Operation Summer Tune Up Increases Police Visibility Among Probationers: The Oakland Police Department in partnership with the Alameda County Probation Department successfully completed Operation Summer Tune Up. The effort was a citywide project implemented as a proactive strategy to prevent crime and impact recidivism rates. Alameda County has a large number of probationers, and rates of recidivism are high. So far this year, probationers account for half of identified homicide suspects and are often victims of violent crimes. Police and probation agents worked together and identified over 100 probationers living in Oakland, at risk for re-offending. Over a four day period Oakland PD and Alameda County Probation Agents conducted residential searches and probation compliance checks throughout the City. 28 subjects had their probation violated, 17 arrests were made, and 7 guns were

recovered along with the seizure of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and marijuana. OPD will continue to focus on violence prevention and crime reduction in the City's aim to provide the community a safe place to live, work, and play.

New OPD Homicide Online tip line: The anonymous e-mail is Oaklandhomicide@oaklandnet.com. People can also call homicide investigators at 510-238-3821 to report information about homicides.

Keep the OPD phone numbers handy:

911 for emergencies

777-3211 for emergencies from your cell phone

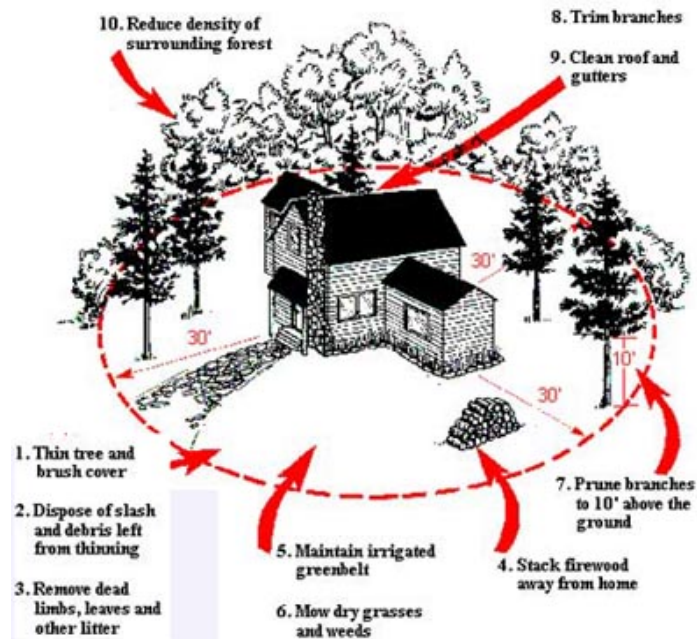
777-3333 for non emergencies

[2011 Free Child Safety Events at Habitot Children's Museum](#), 2065 Kittridge Street, Berkeley:

- Poison Control, August 3, 10 am -Noon
- Water Safety, August 15, 10-11:30 am, sponsored by the YMCA
- Choke Saving Skills-- Spanish, September 20, 1030 am-Noon; English, September 21, 10:30 am-Noon

For more information, contact Racel at 647-1111 ext 16 or parented@habitot.org

IT'S FIRE SEASON, INSPECTIONS UNDERWAY Part of Oakland's unique beauty is that our diverse terrain includes urban forests. One of my first projects as a Council Member was working with hill residents to establish the Wild Fire Prevention District.



One of the main features of that district is a program of annual inspections by the Oakland Fire Department. For residents living within the District, annual inspections started June 15. Go to the [City website](#) for more information: a map of the district, the phone numbers of the Fire Inspectors and tips on protecting your home.

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.

8. Circle Your Calendar.

Opportunities at [Chabot Space & Science Center](#) This Summer:

- **Summer Science Savings** \$10 Every Tuesday in July, 10 am-5 pm.
- **Summer Movie Nights**, Fridays and Saturday in July and August, Chabot's Giant Screen MegaDome theater is the ideal space for documentary films on [Friday nights](#) & classic science fiction on [Saturday nights](#). Free with General Admission. Check website for weekly shows and times.
- **Space Explorer Summer Camps**--week-long camps run from July 5- August 5, 9 am-4 pm: Camps include hikes in the surrounding redwood ecosystem, a planetarium show, science thrills and more. A different theme each week for kids entering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Register today while space is still available! [Watch the Summer Camp Video](#)



[Oakland Symphony Chorus Summer Sing Ins.](#), Tuesday's, 7:30-9:30 pm, St. Pascal Baylon Church, 3700 Dorisa Avenue: \$10 per evening, \$45 for 5 evening series pass.

August 19, Orff: *Carmina Burana*, Vance George, Conductor
Call 207-4093 for details.

If you would like to audition for the Oakland Symphony Chorus, call (510) 207-4093 or go to www.oaklandsymphonychorus.org/.

Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Events:

- Summer Miniature Horse & Pony Show, Sunday, August 21, 9 am, Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park
- TWHA/MHA Ride for the Ridge Trail Ride, Thurs.-Sat. September 1-3
- MHA Hunter/Jumper Gold Cup Show, Sunday, September 18, 9 am, Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park
- Dressage Schooling Show, Saturday, October 29, 9 am, Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park

For details, go to www.mhaoakland.org

Throw Down for the Town: The Oakland Service Festival, Saturday, August 13, 10 am-2 pm, celebration at Mosswood Park, 2-6 pm: Join [Soul of the City](#) on Saturday August 13th for [Throw Down for the Town: The Oakland Service Festival!](#) We have confirmed 20+ service projects for you to choose from throughout Oakland followed by a fabulous community festival! After four hours of people-powered community service from 10am-2pm, we're hosting a celebration and solar-powered performance stage by [Grind for the Green](#) from 2pm-6pm at Mosswood Park. There will be dancing, capoeira, vendors, crafts and a live concert highlighting local Bay Area artists. DJ Leydis and DJ Yaddos will be keeping you dancing while [Do D.A.T](#) headlines the performances. Free lunch provided to each service project participant!
This will be a family friendly event and an opportunity to build community! Please [sign up](#) for a service project.
Sponsored by the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights.

Fukuoka Sister City Wine Tasting Fund Raiser, Sunday, August 14, 3-5:30 pm, Cerruiti Cellars, Jack London Square: Oakland and Fukuoka will have been Sister Cities for 50 years in 2012. They are raising funds for the 50th Anniversary celebration, to which 100 people from Fukuoka will visit Oakland for the celebration. Tickets are \$18 per person or \$35 per couple in advance or \$25 per person at the door. Silent auction, artwork and wine for sale. For details, contact [Liane Scott](#), president of the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association, at 482-5896.

North Hills Community Association Fire Prevention Committee Workshop, Thursday, September 8, 7-9 pm, Highlands Country Club, 110 Hiller Drive. The first bimonthly educational session will focus on timing of fire prevention activities throughout the year. The Fire Prevention Committee, formerly named the Vegetation Management Committee, will identify its new focus on educating property owners to make their structures more resistant to ignition by embers, creating a non-ignition zone, creating and maintaining defensible space, and creating and maintaining a fire safe zone more distance from the house. For additional information, [click here.](#)

9. Oakland Celebrates Its Neighborhoods: Plan Your Summer Staycation



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!

- Saturday, August 13, [Laurel Street Fair](#), featuring the John Santos Sextet, creative crafts, merchants and more
- Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21 [Art & Soul](#), Civic Center
- Saturday-Sunday, August 27-28 [Chinatown Street Fest](#), Chinatown
- Sunday, September 4, [Oakland Pride Festival](#), Uptown
- Saturday, September 10, Noon - 5 pm, [Day in the Park, Maxwell Park](#)
- 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
- Saturday, October 1, [Black Cowboy Parade](#), DeFremery Park
- Saturday, October 1, 11 am-6 pm. [Oaktobefest](#) in the Dimond
- Sunday, October 2, [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, October 2, [Sundays in the Redwoods](#), Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Sunday, October 9, [Out & About in Rockridge](#)
- 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

