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Take A Fresh Look at Oakland

News from
Mayor Jean Quan

Greetings!



Several months ago we ran a story about Oakland participating in [Readers Digest's "We Hear You America"](#) contest- sort of an "American Idol" contest for the city doing great community service projects. The one with the most votes would win. While we didn't win the most votes overall, we learned this week that we did win \$10,000 in the municipal category of cities between 250,000 and 499,000. We thank all of you who voted, and look forward to adding the \$10,000 to the \$1000 check we received earlier (above)-- all going to the [Mayor's Mentoring Program](#).



Friends of Joaquin Miller Park's Dale Risdent and Chair Judi Bank join me in cutting the ribbon for the new educational panels at the Abbey

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this week. (Photo by Nina Egert.)

This week I had the pleasure of joining the Friends of Joaquin Miller Park in celebrating the installation of six educational signs as part of the restoration of the Abbey, the last remaining structure of Joaquin Miller's artists' retreat in Joaquin Miller Park. As a Council Member, my office held several workshops and organized a Joaquin Miller Working Group that developed plans and implemented several improvements to this 500-acre park. The Abbey restoration and the educational panels were among the last items I helped fund as a Council Member. Read [Annalee Allen's article in Saturday's Oakland Tribune](#). Learn more about the Park and the [Friends of Joaquin Miller Park at their website](#).

Alameda County's 211 service provides information and referrals for housing, employment and health care. The toll free number is available in more than 150 languages. All calls are confidential and are handled by professionally-trained resource specialists who assess needs and then provide referrals. [Click here for Chris Metinko's Oakland Tribune May 4 story.](#)

For the City of Oakland, contact the Oaklander Assistance Center at 444-CITY for information and referrals to city services.

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Discover Oakland

[Discover Oakland's Hidden Watershed & Creeks](#)



Follow the newly installed watershed markers in five Oakland neighborhoods to identify the location of a buried creek or underground culvert that is part of Oakland's extensive watershed system.

Designed by Wowhaus, each installation is a series of five bronze markers arranged like stepping stones to encourage the public to step across the creek while also highlighting the native fauna that inhabits streambeds. The five Watershed Markers locations are:

Arroyo Viejo on Macarthur Blvd. @84th Ave.

Sausal on La Salle Avenue. @ Mountain Blvd.

Lake Merritt on Lakeshore Ave. between Grand Ave. and Trestle-Glen Rd.

Glen Echo on Bay Place/27th St@Harrison St.

Temescal on Shafter Ave. @ College Ave.

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

1. Building Oakland: Oakland High Senior Valeska Gutierrez



Growing up where there weren't a lot of teenage leaders in her community, Oakland High student **Valeska Gutierrez** sought the advice of school registrar Cynthia Adams (pictured at right) and case manager Cynthia Clark. They saw a student who maintained her grades and displayed good time management, and they believed Valeska demonstrated quality leadership skills. They suggested she get involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Not only did Valeska take their advice, but other student members of the NAACP also saw her leadership qualities and elected her President of the NAACP Oakland Imani Youth Council, a position she has held for two years. During this time she has led the coordination of the NAACP Youth Leadership Conference. Open to young people from throughout the Bay Area, the conference seeks to inspire youth to get involved and to make sure that they have the support they need throughout their teen years. This year's conference, held

(when) focused on healthy food,

Along with being a great planner, Valeska ably represents the voice of Oakland's youth as a Vice President on the State and National NAACP Youth Committee. With her involvement, she is able to advocate for the teens in her community.

"The message I want to send to teenagers in my community is that there's nothing that they can't accomplish. With diligence, patience, and an open mind they can achieve anything!" she explained.

Although she is about to graduate from high school and attend California State University of Northridge, right now she is working hard for the 102nd National NAACP Conference that will be held in Los Angeles July 23rd-28. "I've always been the person who would truly do anything to help people, especially my own community."

Submitted by Lanaya Lewis, Oakland High School Junior and Youth Radio Intern in the Mayor's Office

For more information about the NAACP or about the upcoming 102nd National NAACP Conference, check it out: <http://www.naacp.org/content/main/>

2. Discover Oakland This Week

MacArthur Transit Village Groundbreaking, Monday, May 23, 1 pm: One of the tenets of smart growth policy is the idea of building mixed-use, mixed-income development adjacent to public transportation. The Fruitvale Village was our first Transit Village effort. Groundbreaking for another similar effort at the MacArthur BART station will be held on Monday, May 23 at 1 pm.

BART Seat Lab Comes to Fruitvale BART, Monday, May 23, 3-6:30 pm: BART seeks riders' design suggestions for their fleet of the future. Join BART Director Robert Raburn to evaluate seat cushions, cover materials and varying seat width and aisle configurations. Current BART seats are the widest (22") used on any transit system in the nation and have wool-covered cushions that are a challenge to maintain. You will be asked to compare BART seats and aisles with seats from many other trains. The Seat Lab will be located at the CityCareShare lot on E12th and 33rd Avenue, between the Bike Station and Parking Garage. For details go to <http://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2011/news20110519.aspx>



Oakland Budget Town Hall Meeting, Council Districts 2, 4 & 5, Monday, May 23, 6 pm, Fruitvale Elementary School, 3200 Boston Avenue: Join Council members Ignacio de La Fuente (District 5), Pat Kernighan (District 2) and Libby Schaaf (District 4) along with City Administrator P. Lamont Ewell and Budget Director Sabrina Landreth to discuss how to close a project budget deficit of \$58 million for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and \$76 million for Fiscal Year 2012-13. For details on the budget, see #3 below or [visit the City's website.](#)

Non Profits to Participate in Alameda County Disaster Exercise Using Social Media, Tuesday, May 24, 8 am-1 pm: In recognition of social media quickly becoming a disaster communications tool, the Alameda County Public Health Department is sponsoring a disaster exercise called Operation Independence (#OpIndy). To participate, agencies simply post the following message as their social media update:

Please reply to this message! We're testing our ability to reach out before, during, and after disasters. #OpIndy #ACPHD @CARDcanhelp

[CARD - Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters](#) - is leading the nonprofit social media portion of Operation Independence. Go to www.YouTube.com/CARDcanhelp for 60 second videos explaining this social media disaster exercise in English and Spanish. **In the event of an actual disaster**, CARD will use social media and other tools to help serve and coordinate the nonprofit sector from the Alameda County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). CARD will be posting about Operation Independence (#OpIndy) on their social media sites. Nonprofits are encouraged to link with CARD via Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

For info on nonprofit participation, contact Ana-Marie Jones at [510-451-3140](tel:510-451-3140) or AMJ@CARDcanhelp.org. For more info on Operation Independence, contact Sherri Willis or Zerlyn Ladua at [510-208-5962](tel:510-208-5962), and visit www.ACPHD.org.

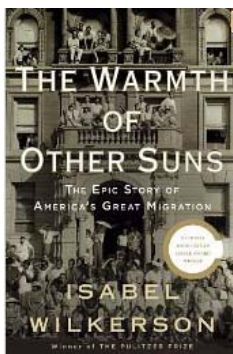


East Bay College Fund's Great Expectations Awards, Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm, James Moore Theater, Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak Street:

This year's 30 scholarships, totaling \$480,000, mark the largest number ever awarded by the East Bay College Fund, a community-based nonprofit. They will receive a \$16,000 scholarship along with a personal mentor, counseling and ongoing support services throughout their college years. Since its start in 2003, the East Bay College Fund has awarded 153 scholarships, totaling nearly \$2.5 million, to promising young people. To date, 75 percent of the students have graduated

college in six years or less, well above the average of 30-35% for students of similar backgrounds. Receiving a college education is a critical step toward reversing the trend of generational poverty and building strong leaders for Oakland's future. Pioneering TV journalists Belva Davis and Bill Moore will share their trailblazing stories with the scholarship recipients at the awards ceremony. Davis and Moore are the first African American TV journalists in California.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Mosswood Park, Wednesday, May 25, 12:30 pm: The basketball courts at Mosswood Park were refurbished as a result of a partnership between Kaiser Permanente and the Good Tidings Foundation. The short program and ribbon cutting ceremony will be followed by an inaugural game with Oakland students. Warriors' player David Lee, along with basketball legends Nate Thurmond and Alvin Attles are expected to attend.



An Evening with Author Isabel Wilkerson, "The Warmth of Other Suns", AAMLO, Wednesday, May 25, 7-9 pm: From 1915 to 1970, 6 million African Americans migrated from the rural South to start new lives in industrial cities in the North and the West. The Warmth of Other Suns is a best-selling non-fiction account of this massive shift in American demographics told in compelling, page-turning fashion. Books will be available for sale and signing. The AAMLO is located at 659 14th Street. Call 238-3271.

Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Fair, Thursday, May 26, 10 am-3 pm, Oakland Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way: If you ever wanted to be a part of Alameda County Emergency Preparedness or meet those who devote themselves to public health and safety, now is your chance. Learn more about Emergency Preparedness and pandemic influenza. Gifts, events, demos, training, vendors, presentations, first responders, emergency vehicles, volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact [Zerlyn Ladua](mailto:Zerlyn.Ladua@acphd.org) at 208-5962 or visit www.acphd.org



Joyce Gordon Gallery & Oakland A's Team Up for Youth Artists for "Aerosoul", Friday, May 27, 5:30-7 pm, Westside Club, Oakland Coliseum:

In an exhibit titled "Aerosoul," the youth artists will show their artwork from 5:30 to 7 p.m. this Friday, May 27, at the Westside Club at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way (near 66th Ave. & I-880). The exhibit will run through June 1. The opening Friday will feature free food and appearances by the student artists. Open to the public, game tickets start at just \$9. Once you buy a game ticket to enter the Coliseum, admission is free to the Westside Club and the opening. An Oakland A's vs. Baltimore Orioles game will follow at 7:05 pm. Admission to the Westside Club is free with purchase of game ticket. Tickets start at \$9.. Call 326-6802 or 465-8928 for details.

Late Spring Tree Plantings in Oakland, Saturday, May 28: Help the Sierra Club, SF Bay Chapter plant more trees in Oakland. They have planted 110 trees since January and have another 50 in the pipeline for the coming weeks. They will be planting on Saturday, May 28, June 4 and June 11. For details, contact Arthur R. Boone at arboone3@gmail.com

Children's Fairyland Garden Day, Saturday, May 28: Featuring Let Worms Eat Your Garbage, presented by StopWaste.org. The Bay-friendly gardening program of Alameda County will provide a demonstration of worm composting, a hands-on activity for kids with educational handouts. Also, spend some time in our vegetable garden with Fairyland horticulturalist Robin North (noon to 3:00pm) while moms and dads get a special opportunity to buy Fairyland-grown plants at super special prices!

Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association Concert and Fund Raiser for Japan, Sunday, May 29, 7 pm at Yoshi's Oakland, 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square: The [Oakland Fukuoka Sister](http://OaklandFukuokaSisterCity.org)

[City Association](#) is hosting a concert fund-raiser at Yoshi's Oakland with the band Hiroshima. The net proceeds from ticket and CD sales will be donated to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern CA (JCCNC) for Northern Japan Earthquake Relief. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased [online](#). For details, contact Liane Scott at 482-5896 or email her at lianescott@sbcglobal.net

3. City News: Budget Proposals Released: Parcel Tax or an ALL Cut Budget ?

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

Because so much is still in the air, we present 3 budgets:

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

[1 page comparison](#)

[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 not scheduled a new vote on a mail ballot for a 25 cent a day emergency parcel tax for 5 years; 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 next months because of the Council recess.
- **Why is the delay important?** It means that if we get a special election by mail, we will not know the results until August two months into the fiscal year. Even if the parcel tax passes, **we will likely have to layoff and cut programs during July & August.** This is something I was hoping to avoid.
- **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 furlough days 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.**



East Oakland Sports Complex Opens Thursday, June 30, 4 pm, 9161 Edes Avenue: Council President Larry Reid and the Office of Parks & Recreation invite you to the grand opening of the East Oakland Sports Complex. A lot of planning and best practice design concepts have been put into making it a regional first class facility to provide sports and physical activities for all ages and abilities. Please save the date to attend this historic

event.

4. Neighborhoods Speak Up: Final Town Hall Meeting in District 7



Close to 300 East Oakland residents turned out for the final Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, May 21 in District 7. The event was held at the East Oakland School of the Arts @ Castlemont High School. Participants met with Council President Larry Reid, School Board Director Alice Spearman and City department heads in small discussion groups where they shared their concerns and identified priorities for the city and their community. Since the first Town Hall last February, we've met with 2500 residents. We will use the feedback to help focus the City's priorities.

Blight and Beautification

1. Illegal Dumping
 - a. Community report illegal dumping
 - b. Surveillance cameras and enforcement to the fullest extent possible.
 - c. City wide cleanups, volunteers encourage others to help out
2. Beautification
 - a. Community gardens, particularly and MacArthur and 82nd
 - b. Teach folks to grow gardens and cook healthy meals.
3. Median strip maintenance
4. Abandoned and foreclosed homes



In general, promote pride of ownership among property owners.

Community Economic Development

1. Shopping in the neighborhood-grocery stores, local retail development and small business development



- a. New shopping more oriented towards mid-size and small business
 - b. Hire local
2. Festival or carnivals-to promote East Oakland and the benefits and joys of living here.
 3. Small business and new business development opportunities, opportunities for entrepreneurs, training for trades and for business owners.
 4. Public relations-promote what is going on in the city, what is available in terms of shopping, employment opportunities, outreach to churches and other groups. Make the City website more user friendly.



Education

1. Providing career and technology opportunities
 - a. City should have a lobbying agenda to support funding of certification credits for city-sponsored program
 - b. City should create volunteering opportunities with certification credit.
 - c. City should offer incentives and tax credits for businesses that hire Oakland students.
2. Absenteeism and truancy
3. City School Partnerships

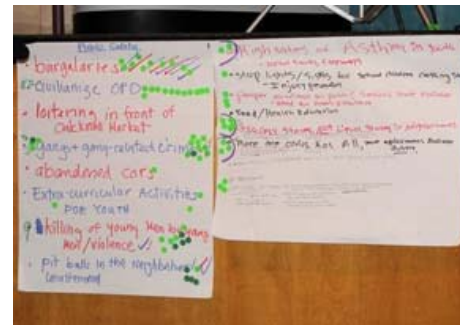


Health and Environment

1. More grocery stores, not liquor stores in our neighborhoods.
 - a. Limit the type of business that can come in
 - b. Use old buildings as grocery stores
 - c. If a store has the potential to sell produce, advocate for that.
2. Need for more care clinics for all-especially for seniors so that they don't have to wait for appointments.
 - a. Contact the county to negotiate this process, use old business buildings to house these clinics.
3. 82nd and Iris-a sewer system is not working and overflows every season. Asking the city to be accountable for the fact that it has not been repaired over many years.

Public Safety

1. Concern about proposed closing of fire stations in the hills-particularly Station 28
2. Support for civilianization of OPD
3. Need to reduce gang and gang-related activity, particularly drug related violence and the killing of young men.



Senior Services

1. No closure of any senior centers, particularly not theirs. There is a vital need for senior centers and the role it plays in their lives in terms of health care and nutrition.
2. More effective outreach to seniors to inform them of



what is available.

3. Traffic safety-issues around lighting around senior centers and parking designation, and the ability to cross the street safely.

As seniors and voters, we need to let our Council Members and Mayor know what it is that we need, not just what the city can do for seniors, but what seniors are willing to give back to the community.

Social Justice

1. Helping increase community love, understanding and kindness by developing programs to provide reconciliation and community empowerment.
 - a. Develop programs that deal with blight and social justice
2. Help community deal with anger through peer-to-peer counseling for 16 to 18 year olds, help young men deal with anger issue son a day-to-day basis.
3. Generally police issues-stronger sense of connection between OPD and younger people; more home-grown officers.



Spanish Speaking Group

1. Public Safety-more vigilance of groups hanging out and doing drugs, drinking, along 83rd to 85th on International Blvd.
2. More public safety ad more police officers near schools.
3. Opening a park at 105th and Edes that was closed, now an increase of crime/ drug abuse.
4. Combating drug dealing and delinquency in front of the liquor store at 105th and Edes.

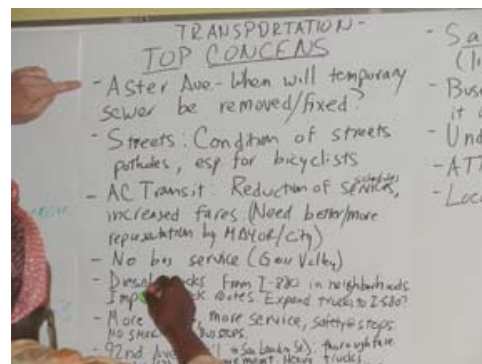
Solutions:

- a. Become more involved with the NCPC and neighborhood watch.
- b. Initiate a campaign around cleaning up blight.
- c. More education on how to make reports
- d. Having a group of families who work with the schools and police to increase adult presence around schools
- e. More of a focus on OPD to respond to needs of Latinos-a perception that OPD does not respond to reports by the Latino community.



Transportation

1. Condition of the streets
 - a. Improve new funding sources (bonds or sales tax revenues)
 - b. Develop priority lists that treat all streets equally
 - c. Advocate for more federal funding.
2. Bus service reliability and costs
 - a. Work closely with AC transit to advocate for improved service
 - b. Appoint an Oakland rep to the MTC board
 - c. Encourage AC Transit to advertise inside their buses to increase revenue
3. Diesel trucks in the neighborhoods
 - a. Look at revoking ban of trucks on 580
 - b. Look for funding from truck generators to restrict trucks on neighborhood streets.
4. Transportation safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and public transit
 - a. Brighter lights
 - b. More lights



- c. Green powered (solar) lights
- d. Adding and improving cross walks to improve safety for pedestrians

Youth

1. Jobs
 - a. Mentor youth, show stores that youth can be trustworthy
 - b. Make communities more appealing, more resources, positive mentors and outreach in financial literacy
2. Mentors
3. Programs for everyone and jobs-many of the current programs focus on particular youth (foster youth, those on probation), there should be more opportunities for others. "Why should kids have to do bad to do good??"



Photos by Howard Dyckoff and Sue Piper

5. Connecting Oakland

Code for Oakland: 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.

Free Community Listening Events at City Hall, Tuesday May 24, 5-8 pm or Friday, June 3, 3- 6 pm, City hall, hearing Room 3. There will be two Q&A sessions (specifics below), These sessions will answer, or at least work 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.

6. The 25% Solution

There are many "green" ways to get to Oakland's wonderful neighborhoods and around town:



WOBO Making Shopping Locally Easier

<< Jen Jackson, WOBO board member (left), & Renee Rivera, EBBC Executive Director (right) at Whole Foods for Bike to the Market Day

As part of Bike Month, Saturday, May 21 was Bike to Market Day, where local grocery stores offered freebies, prizes and discounts for those who biked



in. Thanks to Oakland's Farmer Joe's, Grocery Outlet, Whole Foods and the Food Mill for participating! During May, Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) and East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC) are offering joint [memberships](#). Members receive discounts all year long at Oakland's many bicycle shops, so you can get repairs and gear right here in Oakland.

By the end of this year, shopping locally by bike will be easier than ever, with the launch of WOBO's [Oakland Bikeways Campaign](#), which advocates for 30 miles of new bike lanes to be striped this year, continuous bikeways on five key corridors by 2015, and all 218 miles of the bike network complete by 2020.

It stands to reason that people who choose to walk and bike to get around are naturally local shoppers, keeping money in the Oakland economy. Thanks for being part of the 25% Solution.

Submitted by Jen Jackson

Drive "Green"



Oakland Airport is first Northern California Airport to Install New Generation Electrical Vehicle Chargers: [Coulumb Technologies' ChargePoint](#) charging stations were unveiled this week at the Oakland Airport with City of Oakland representatives Council President Larry Reid and Senior Policy Advisor for Economic Development Drew Lisac; Port of Oakland Director of Aviation Deborah Ale Flint; Coulomb Founder and CTO Richard Lowenthal; and a testimonial by a Bay Area EV driver and OAK customer.

The ChargePoint Network expansion into Oakland International Airport brings EV drivers easy-to-use

unique charging services including the ability to: check real-time status and location of unoccupied charging stations, reserve a charging station, track and report greenhouse gas and gasoline savings, and receive charging status notifications by SMS, email or smart phone (iPhone and Blackberry) applications. Coulomb's ChargePoint Network is open to all drivers of plug-in vehicles and all manufacturers of electric vehicle charging stations.

ChargePoint stations are located in OAK's Premier Lot, located directly opposite the terminals. There is no additional fee for EV charging. Parking rates are priced competitively at \$3.00 per 30 minutes for up to 5 hours, and \$36.00 for 5 to 24 hours.



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



Above: "Team Quixote" at the Bay Area Regional Odyssey of the Mind tournament in February. The students built the great props by themselves.

Help Glenview Elementary Students get to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at University of Maryland on May 27-30: Seven Glenview students in 3rd and 5th grade won the State Championship for Odyssey of the Mind, a competition that promotes creative thinking, problem-solving, teamwork and the arts. This is a big feat for an Oakland Public School. They competed against 11 teams in the Bay Area Regional Competition in February, and then competed against 15 other teams from across the state in the State Championship in March where they ultimately earned 1st place in their division. The team fundraising goal is \$10,000 to defray the registration and travel costs for team members and coaches, and to ship large props across the country. Parents and students are doing a lot of fund raising but could use additional support. **Donations can be made out to Glenview Elementary School PTA (please note Odyssey of the Mind on the check)**
4215 La Cresta Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602
Tax I.D. 94-6172195 For details, please visit www.glenviewootm.org

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.

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. 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**

Beware of Door to Door Solicitors: As the weather warms up, so do sightings of door-to-door-solicitors. Just this week, the list serv from Crocker Highlands was abuzz about "charming young men encouraging homeowners to purchase books for Children's Hospital as a fund raiser for their school orchestra to take a trip to play with the London Symphony. Note that the City of Oakland requires solicitors to have a permit from the Oakland Police Department. We recommend that you not even open your door to strangers, but if you do and they start their pitch, ask to see their permit and then let them know that it is illegal to solicit door to door without one and that you are going to call the police immediately. Then call the non-emergency number 777-3333 and report what you see. It is also a good idea to spread the word on your local list serv, as well.

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

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Celebration

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. OPD and community leaders in our neighborhood councils and in merchant groups such as the one in the Fruitvale are working together to address crime in our city.

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.

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.



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.

Free Art & Music in the Gardens, Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5: "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 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](#).

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...](#)



A leader in music education, Oakland East Bay Symphony has developed a comprehensive instrumental music program that serves over 3,000 students in grades 3-12 at eighteen Oakland public schools. Oakland East Bay Symphony's programs serve a student population that is primarily African American, Asian and Latino, in some of the city's most economically depressed neighborhoods. These include Music for Excellence (MUSE), Young People's Concerts, Young Arts Competition, and school visits and ensembles in the schools. *(Above, 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.

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.



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](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

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