

# August Newsletter

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Last week the city council broke for our summer recess. Council meetings and committee meetings will not be held throughout the month of August, and we will return to our regular schedule in September. However, this does not mean we as city councilmembers are taking a break. There is still plenty of work to do on homelessness and affordable housing, gun violence and robberies, pedestrian/transportation safety, and more in our neighborhoods. My office will continue to monitor our neighborhoods and work with you to solve any issues that come up.

Before leaving for the break, the city adopted a new budget with amendments from the city council. I have included an overview of the budget in this newsletter as well as the amendments of mine that went through to share with you. I encourage you all to keep sharing with us ways to improve our district and our city.

Best,  
**Dan**

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## City Budget Update

On June 26th, after a two-month long process, the City Council adopted a two-year budget effective July 1st. Facing a nearly \$180 million dollar deficit each year, the Mayor and Council were forced to make tough decisions in difficult circumstances to balance city services and available funding.

A few highlights of the adopted budget include:

1. A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The Proposed Budget allocates over \$200 million over the next two years for the creation and acquisition of affordable housing -- some of which will serve our homeless population.
2. FUNDING OF SIX POLICE ACADEMIES along along with funds for violence prevention.

3. EXPANSION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: The Proposed Budget uses federal, state and local funds to allow for the expansion of hours and services at Oakland's Head Start and Early Head Start program.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS: The Proposed Budget includes more than \$106 million in funds to build, repair and upgrade parks, recreation facilities, libraries, storm drains and non-road infrastructure. And it includes \$87 million to continue street repaving as part of Oakland's 5-year paving plan.

The Council amended the budget to preserve fire service, phase in 24/7 crisis response, add civilian investigators to the police department, and add community ambassadors to business districts. .

Meeting with constituents, community organizations and city staff helped inform our budget conversations. I have received a lot of feedback from residents of District 1 regarding requests for this budget. I was able to fight for a number of key services for Oakland. As public safety is a top priority, I wanted to make sure we provided funding for the Police Department and for the Department of Violence Prevention. I also made it clear that it is essential to prioritize 911 dispatchers to improve our 911 wait time. Additionally, I worked to ensure we did not lose essential senior center programs.

The budget provides necessary resources for violence prevention and effective crime prevention/intervention efforts. I am thankful my colleagues agreed to three of my critical additions to the proposed budget:

1. Restoring critical senior center services via unfreezing a key supervisor position.

2. Restoring an additional \$750,000 dollars of grant funding to the Department of Violence Prevention for grantees working to curb violence on our streets.

3. Prioritizing hiring and retention of 9-1-1 dispatchers to improve response time.

We are very appreciative to our City Staff, and especially to our Finance Department, who worked tirelessly through nights and weekends to ensure that we have the most timely and accurate information. Their work helped us create and pass a thoughtful and balanced budget.

We still have many challenges in front of us. We will continue to serve our good City with integrity and concern for all as we navigate the challenges ahead.

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**New Police Area Captain**

I want to express our thanks for Captain Jeff Thomason who served as our acting area police captain for over a year. We had the pleasure of working with Captain Thomason on a wide range of issues, and I want to commend him for the job he did in our area.

Moving forward, Captain Lisa Ausmus will be the new area captain for the overwhelming majority of our council district. With the new captain, I and our District 1 team will continue to meet with her monthly to discuss crime trends and the pressing issues of our district. We look forward to working with her and her team on priorities such reducing robberies and assaults in our neighborhoods and along our business corridors.

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## Catalytic Converter Thefts

Our office is aware of the rise in catalytic converter thefts across the city and the state. Last year, the California State Legislature passed 2 bills to help address this issue. They were AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) and SB 1087 (Gonzalez).

These new laws are intended to disincentivize black market operations and dissuade further theft. Even before COVID-19 and rising inflation, most families could not afford to replace a stolen catalytic converter. A report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau found that owners pay \$1,000 to \$3,000 out of pocket to fix their vehicles. I urge the state of California as well as my partners at the local level to continue to look at additional ways to address catalytic converter theft.

**AB 1740 (Muratsuchi):** This law passed in 2022 went into effect on January 1st, 2023.

This new law requires catalytic converter recyclers to include in the information of the required written record the year, make, and model of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed and a copy of the title of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

The law prohibits these recyclers from entering into a transaction to purchase or receive a catalytic converter from a person that is not a commercial enterprise or a verifiable owner of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

This new law also requires written agreements to include a log or other record of all catalytic converters received pursuant to the agreement that describes each catalytic converter with sufficient particularity so that each of those catalytic converters in the recycler's inventory can reasonably be matched to its description in the agreement.

**SB 1087 (Gonzalez):** This law passed in 2022 went into effect on January 1st, 2023.

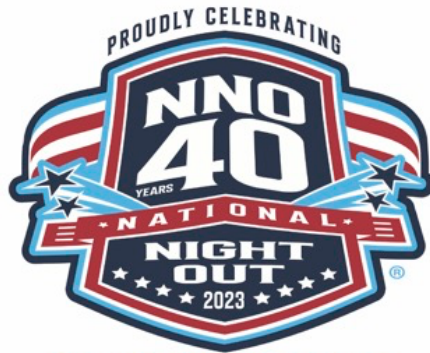
This new law prohibits any person from purchasing a used catalytic converter from anybody other than certain specified sellers, including an automobile dismantler, an automotive repair

dealer, or an individual possessing acceptable documentation that they are the lawful owner of the catalytic converter. The law prohibits a recycler from purchasing a catalytic converter from anybody other than these specified sellers.

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## National Night Out

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WHEN NEIGHBORS KNOW EACH OTHER,  
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SAFER

### IT'S TIME TO ORGANIZE YOUR BLOCK PARTY!

Organize a block party, barbeque, ice cream social, or other outdoor event that brings neighbors together.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023**  
**6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

Register by Friday, July 21st to receive a Host packet.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER**  
**OAKLANDCA.GOV/NNO**  
**510-238-6200**

Today, August 1st, join your neighbors for the National Night Out! City of Oakland staff, the Oakland Fire Department and the Oakland Police Department personnel and elected officials including my staff and I, will be roaming the neighborhoods and visit some of the gatherings.

I encourage everyone to take some time to attend one NNO event and meet some of your neighbors and city officials. **Click [here](#) to find a list of events near you.**



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## Police Chief Search

The Oakland Police Commission is seeking community feedback while they embark on the search for Oakland's next Chief of Police. They will be hosting a virtual forum on **August 9 from 6 – 7 pm** on Zoom, click [here](#) for more information.

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## Mask Mandate Update

On July 1, the City Council's policy detailing mask-wearing requirements at City of Oakland locations will sunset, and there will no longer be any specific requirements regarding mask wearing in our City facilities. Additionally, please be aware that the City of Oakland's local state of emergency regarding COVID-19 sunsetted on June 18, after emergency declarations at the county, state, and federal levels were also ended.

Oakland Public Works' Facilities Services Division will continue to make disposable masks available upon request at the access points to City facilities staffed by contract security guards on the Civic Center Plaza. Departments managing other public facilities may also do so, at their discretion.

We still encourage those who are at risk and those who still wish to wear one to still do so. COVID still is in our communities, and the health of everyone in our community remains a priority of ours.

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## Stop Waste Names Winners of Environmental Leadership Awards

At a recognition event on June 8, StopWaste named the recipients of the 2023 StopWaste Environmental Leadership Awards. Celebrated for the 21st time, this annual awards program honors Alameda County entities for their leadership and innovations in advancing environmental sustainability, waste prevention, and contributions to building healthy, climate-resilient communities in Alameda County.

StopWaste Executive Director Timothy Burroughs noted, "We are truly inspired by this year's awardees who are courageously challenging the status quo and advancing a more sustainable local economy that is not only good for the planet but also its people. It takes the wisdom and initiative from all sectors—local governments, businesses, nonprofits, the school community and more—to build a future marked by resource efficiency, equity, and economic opportunity. It's an honor to recognize these leaders who are an inspiration to all of us."

The award winners and categories are:

[Fertile GroundWorks](#) – Livermore  
Excellence in Community Engagement

[Common Vision](#) and [Good Eggs](#) – Oakland  
Excellence in Food Donation Partnerships

[Bay Cities Produce](#) – San Leandro  
Excellence in Food Waste Prevention and Equity

[Barnett Plumbing and Water Heaters](#) – Livermore  
Excellence in Advancing Electrification

[FUSD's Climate Literacy and Environmental Education Network](#) – Fremont  
Excellence in Sustainability at School

To read more about each awardee's achievements and view or download the presentation slides, visit [www.StopWaste.org/2023Awards](http://www.StopWaste.org/2023Awards).



A special shoutout to our Oakland winners pictured with me on the right, Common Vision and Good Eggs

**Common Vision:** Common vision believes that the children of California deserve quality outdoor education. Over the course of their history, we tenaciously refined their programming, ensuring thriving orchards. This year, their legacy of more than 18 acres of fruit-producing outdoor classrooms has brought opportunity for wonder, nourishment, and critical life perspective to over 100,000 kids at 300 public schools. This is a huge accomplishment, and I am proud that they got the recognition they deserved with this award.

**Good Eggs:** Good Eggs is a pioneering online grocery service delivering to families throughout the Bay Area. They are able to bring you the freshest groceries you've ever tasted. Picked yesterday, caught last night, baked this morning. This service makes it easy

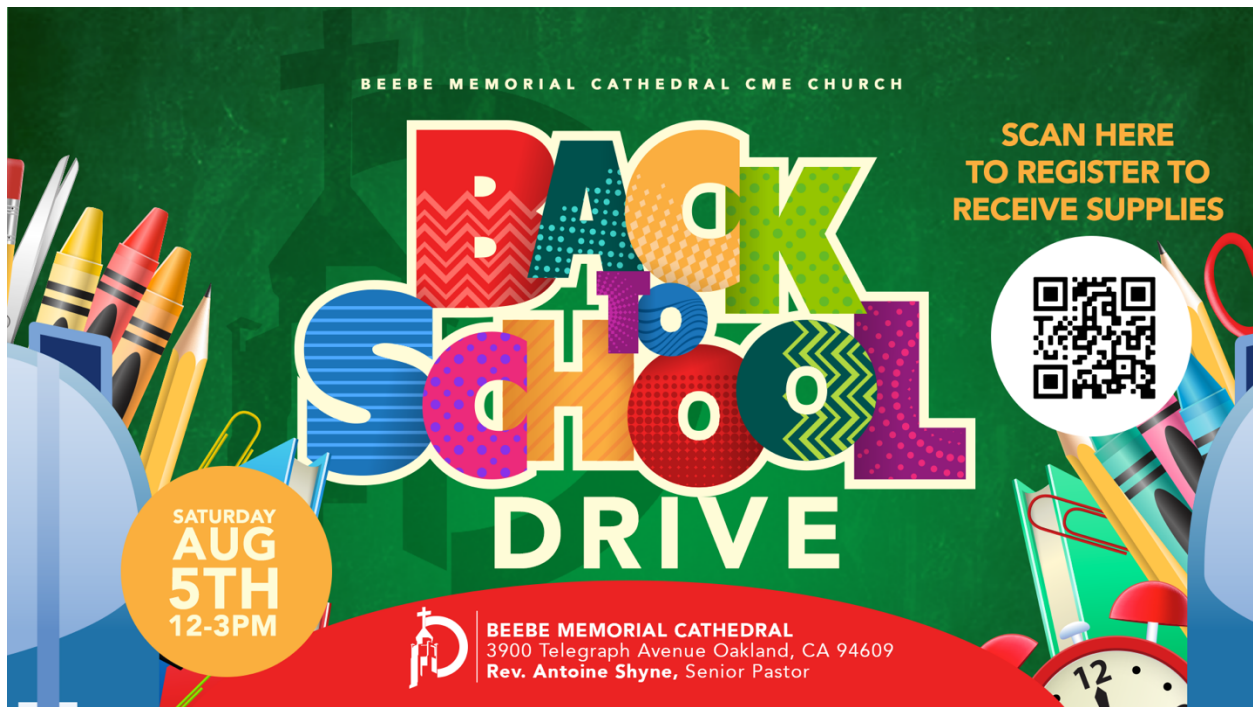


for consumers to access the highest quality ingredients and I look forward to seeing them continue to grow.

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## Beebe Memorial Church Back to School Drive

Beebe Memorial Cathedral is hosting a back to school drive. Please use the QR code to receive supplies.



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## 19th Annual Backpack Giveaway

Team Giveback is hosting their 19th Annual Backpack Giveaway on Saturday 8/26/23 at Pepsi Park.



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## Oakland United Rowing for Students

Oakland United Rowing is open to all OUSD high school students in the city of Oakland - all students are encouraged to join the team. No experience is required. The team strives to be competitive while also developing every athlete's skills in leadership, collaboration and mental fortitude. Athletes of all sizes, abilities, and genders are welcome. We are committed to making rowing accessible, including giving every student who wants to row the opportunity to do so, regardless of the family's ability to pay. Reduced monthly fees are available for those with limited financial resources.

Use the following link to view OUR's learn-to-row sessions during the month of August: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ousd-high-school-learn-to-row-day-registration-675581802357>



# OAKLAND UNITED ROWING

OPEN TO ALL  
OUSD STUDENTS

**No Experience Necessary**

**No Roster Cuts**

ROWING is often called the  
ultimate team sport



Scan to learn more about  
OUR



Join OUR

Fall Season Info Session: Sunday, August 6 at 10AM  
Jack London Aquatic Center

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## City Boards and Commissions

There are vacancies among the City's numerous boards and commissions. To fill these vacancies quickly, we need a pool of applicants that can be vetted for these seats as they become available. Most positions are filled by the Mayor, but some are filled directly by each Councilmember.

Please visit this website for information about the City's boards and commission and their

vacancies: <https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6681>.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions regarding these opportunities. If you are a District 1 resident and decide to apply for a city board/commission, please let Councilmember Kalb know. He may be able to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

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## Dan's Community Office Hours

Dan continues to hold monthly **Community Office Hours** to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood or citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents -- currently via phone due to Covid safety protocols -- and looks forward to doing these in person in the near future.

Please contact Keara O'Doherty ([kodoherty@oaklandca.gov](mailto:kodoherty@oaklandca.gov) or 510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month -- next ones are August 5th and September 2nd.



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## City of Oakland is Hiring!

While some city positions are being frozen at many city departments to help balance the budget, there is still hiring going on to fill certain vacancies. From Parks and Recreation to Economic Workforce Development, the City of Oakland has selected job opportunities available. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

**Apply to be a 911 dispatcher.** This person must have excellent communication skills and work well in a high-stress and fast-paced environment. More [here](#). This is a key public safety position in our city. **Please spread the word that we are training and hiring 911 dispatchers.**

**Apply to work on our Community Homeless Services Team.** This person will **lead and** design the implementation of emergency crisis response strategies and support program implementation. More [here](#).

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## Dan in the Community



**Top Left:** At Bike East Bay event discussing making our streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists

**Top Right:** Dan at the Giffords annual event with Anne Marks advocating for stronger laws to get guns off our streets

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## Contacts

### Oakland

**SeeClickFix** Call 311- [https://seeclickfix.com/web\\_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location](https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location); <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

**Alameda County Social Services and Referral** - Call 211 - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>

**Dan Kalb's D1 Council Office** - 510-238-7001

**OPD Emergencies** - 911 (or 510-777-3211)

**OPD Non-emergencies** - 510-777-3333

**Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline** - (510) 238-7283 ([recycling@oaklandca.gov](mailto:recycling@oaklandca.gov))

**Oakland Animal Services:** <https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org>

**Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center** - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/oakland-launches-in-person-one-stop-permit-center-2>