

Council NEWSLETTER – June 2021



The main focus of this month's work is on our FY 2021-23 City of Oakland Budget. As part of this work, I and my colleagues are delving deep into each City Department's finances, paying particularly close attention to Police, Homeless services, Housing, and essential services.

We also have several important citywide plans, including Oakland Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan coming to the Council. I invite all residents to review these important plans and provide your feedback. Please see specific links and more information below.

Serving our City is an honor and a passion, and I continue to work hard along with my staff to make a difference during these challenging times.

-Dan

***In order to continue receiving my regular newsletter and updates, <u>please signup at this link</u>. Thank You!

COVID UPDATES - Recovery Update

Please note that most COVID services in Oakland are administered by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. For more information, please go here: https://covid-19.acqov.org/index.page.

On June 15, 2021, the State of California plans to reopen the economy and will allow all sectors in the current Blueprint Activities and Business Tiers Chart to return to usual operations with some limited exceptions (e.g. mega events). The Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) is hosting two virtual community updates to help assist during this transition:

- Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM: Alameda County Community Update: Moving Beyond the Blueprint. Register for the town hall online (please note: registration is limited for the town hall, but event will be livestreamed). Register HERE
- The Alameda County Employer Update (time TBD) will offer employers and business owners with guidance on returning to usual operations. Subscribe to ACPHD's newsletter to be notified when the event is scheduled. Register HERE

According to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, more than 3 out of 4 eligible Alameda County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, making our county one of the most vaccinated nationwide among counties with 250k+people (as reported by the *San Francisco Chronicle*).

Your mask protects everyone, your vaccine protects you. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and help protect the health of you and your loved ones.

The Alameda County Health Care Services Agency reminds everyone to get tested if you are sick – whether or not you have been vaccinated. Even after getting the COVID-19 vaccine, it's important to get tested if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID, or if your job requires that you get tested. If you're vaccinated and have been exposed to the virus, you may spread it to others, even though you are protected. Please <u>find a testing site near you</u>.

Additional COVID-19 resources and information in Oakland:

Oakland have set up their own websites with relevant information, resources, and updates regarding COVID-19. Whether you want to know about what essential services will remain open, if parking rules will be enforced, or how you can help support your neighbors and local businesses in need of assistance, be sure to check back regularly on these websites for the most up-to-date information: https://bit.ly/2JernUc

Oakland's Budget FY 2021 - 2023

Councilmember Kalb is working with Council President Fortunato Bas as part of her Budget Team and his council colleagues, as well as community organizations on the Fiscal Years 2021-23 Budget. The Budget Town Hall that Councilmember Kalb held on May 20th provided an overview of the Budget process, answered some constituent questions, and most importantly, provided an opportunity for District One residents to ask questions and share their service priorities and concerns. We appreciate everyone's input and thoughtfulness in approaching this complex process.

This year's budget process has been unique as the Council President's Budget Team members have been meeting directly with almost all departments to hear their concerns

and budgetary needs. Unfortunately, it does not mean that all of the requests can be honored, but it means that the Council members have a much better grounding of the needs and of how they tie together within and between the departments and therefore can make better decisions based on overall needs of the City.

This Tuesday at the <u>Council meeting</u> there were several staff presentations on the Budget, including a special <u>presentation and report by Harvey M. Rose Associates</u>, LLC on their independent budget and finance analysis of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Budget for The City Of Oakland.

On June 7th at 9:30am, please tune in to the City Council meeting to hear continuing Council discussion of the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-23 Operating And Capital Improvement Budgets and on June 17th the Council President will be presenting her budget recommendations. Please check the posting on Oakland Legistar when it becomes available.

JUNE 5th – Neighborhood Clean-up

Councilmember Kalb is partnering with Forever Oakland for the June monthly clean-up.

Please join us this **Saturday, June 5th**, as we clean the San Pablo corridor in the Golden Gage neighborhood from 60th Street to 65th Street from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. COVID protocols will be followed and tools and gloves will be provided. Please email dmoss@oaklandca.gov with any questions.

What: City Wide Clean-up: District One – San Pablo Ave. between 60th Street to 65th Street

When: Saturday, June 5, 2021 | 9:00am - 11:00am

Meet at: Paradise Park Cafe, 6334 San Pablo Avenue

COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB'S DISTRICT 1 JUNE CLEANUP



9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
MEET AT PARADISE PARK CAFE
(6334 SAN PABLO AVE)

All healthy volunteers are welcome · Masks/coverings are required to participate · Tools will be provided · Social distancing will be practiced



For more information contact Deidra at dmoss@oaklandca.gov or 510.238.3557



If you have any questions or to RSVP, please send an e-mail to Deidra Moss at dmoss@oaklandca.gov or call 510-238-3557.





As always, we are very grateful to all the neighbors who joined us at our previous clean up events!

Oakland Local Hazard Mitigation & Emergency Operations Plans

The City is working on two important plans, Local Hazard Mitigation & Emergency Operations. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is coming to the Council for adoption on June 15th and has been amended based on constituent feedback.

The <u>Draft Emergency Operations Plan</u> (EOP) is available for review on the website <u>here</u>. It is "a document that describes how people, property, and the environment will be protected during an emergency. The EOP details who is responsible for carrying out specific actions, establishes lines of authority and organizational relationships and outlines how actions will be coordinated. The EOP provides guidance for all-types of hazards which may impact the City throughout the year. The EOP guides personnel in performance of their duties before, during, and through initial emergency recovery."

Please share your helpful feedback by emailing to Emergencyplanning@oaklandca.gov. Thank you!

Remembering Our Heroes – John Sutter



The greater Oakland community is saddened by this tremendous loss and tremendously appreciative of the many accomplishments that the Honorable John Sutter amassed during his long and distinguished public service career.

https://www.eastbaytimes.com/.../exoakland.../

John presided as an elected Oakland City Councilmember for three terms in the 1970s, was previously appointed by former Governor Pat Brown to the first Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). He also was appointed by former Governor Jerry Brown to a seat on the Alameda County Superior Court. He subsequently served for 20 years as an elected Director on the East Bay Regional Park District board.

Way back in 1967, he initiated the creation of the new park at the foot of the Bay Bridge by advocating that part of the Oakland army base be turned into a park should the base close, which it eventually did. This became Gateway Regional Shoreline, and was later renamed the Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Park.

He was a long-time, passionate environmental advocate who fought for preservation of open space, against detrimental sprawl, and for better regional planning. He was a big mover for a completed Bay Trail.

He was acknowledged by many with awards including from Greenbelt Alliance, Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters of Oakland.

John will always be remembered not only for his environmental stewardship, but for the kindness and determination he exuded while engaging in his public service work.

He and his wife Ellie raised three daughters in Oakland while they each held public service jobs and volunteered in their community for the betterment of Oakland and our residents. Ellie passed away in April of this year.

May their memories be blessings and inspirations for all of us.

Statewide Eviction Moratorium & Increased Flexibility for Rental Assistance

Many people in the Bay Area are struggling to make their rent payments. According to PolicyLink "Rent debt continues to be a significant issue, with millions of renters — 14 percent of all renter households — currently behind on rent. As of the end of March 2021, 5.7 million renters — 14 percent of all renter households — were behind on their rent payments, placing them at risk of eviction in the absence of strong eviction moratoria and other renter protections."

Mayor Schaaf together with other Bay Area Mayors signed a letter to urge Governor Newsom to extend the statewide Eviction Moratorium and increase flexibility for Rental Assistance. The City Council is continuing to lead and support critical efforts to prevent displacement of our residents.

Police Military Equipment Policy

Vice-mayor Rebecca Kaplan and Councilmembers Dan Kalb and Noel Gallo are sponsoring a military equipment policy ordinance, originally proposed by the Oakland Police Commission and subsequently recommended by the Reimagining Public Safety Taskforce.

The ordinance will go before the Public Safety Committee of the City Council on June 8. The policy aims to bring greater transparency and accountability to the procurement and use of certain militarized equipment. Tune in to Oakland Legistar on the 8th to learn more.

Supporting AB 988

Councilmember Kalb is sponsoring a resolution to support Assembly Bill 988 (Bauer-Kahan). AB 988 will lead to creating a new three-digit phone number (9-8-8) for suicidal and other immediate mental health crises throughout California, so trained mental health professionals and mobile crisis teams could respond when needed instead of law enforcement officers. This is consistent with Oakland's efforts to set up our MACRO civilian emergency response system. Councilmember Kalb is introducing his resolution this month to endorse the legislation.

Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Performances



Friday, June 4th is the Oakland Public Library's 2021 **Oakland Youth Poet Laureate** announcement and performances.

Check out a few of the most talented young poets in the Bay Area.

https://oaklandlibrary.org/events/online-program/2021-oakland-youth-poet-laureate-announcement-performances

UCSF Children's Hospital Community Meeting



If you would like to be on our email notification list, please email bchoakland.communitv@ucsf.edu.

UCSF fully subscribes to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

If at any time you feel you have a need for accommodation, please contact UCSF Community & Government Relations at 415-238-5369 or

bchoakland.community@ucsf.edu with your suggested accommodation.

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Virtual Community Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2021 | Time: 6:00-7:30 PM Registration Link: tiny.ucsf.edu/OakMeeting

Please join UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland for a meeting to continue our dialogue with the community and receive an update on activities at the hospital.

At this meeting, Matt Cook, the new President, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, will be the featured speaker and our team will provide an update on the planning process for Phase 2 of the Oakland Campus Facilities Master Plan.

We look forward to continuing our conversation.

Register by scanning the QR Code or at: tiny.ucsf.edu/OakMeeting





Pride Month

On June 1, Councilmember Kalb participated in the pink triangle and flag raising ceremony of the progressive Pride Flag to kick off June Pride Month. The progressive Pride Flag including its brown and black stripes shaped into an arrow alongside pink and baby blue stripes from the transgender flag, shows the need for progress among HIV-positive, trans and QPOC communities. Councilmember Kalb is excited and honored to continue his long-standing commitment to and support for LGBTQ+ rights, acceptance and pride.





Juneteenth Events in Oakland



See <u>here</u> for a partial list of 2021 Juneteenth events/gatherings in Oakland. Celebrate Freedom!

June 19 Garber Park

Please join the Garber Park Stewards for their monthly workday, the 3rd Saturday of month, 10 AM-Noon. All are welcome to join, no experience necessary. This month's date is June 19. Opportunities to work alone or in small, social distancing groups, as well. For more information, contact Shelagh at garberparkstewards@gmail.com or visit our schedule webpage for details.

Local Hero Sue Piper

Winner of Jefferson Award

Congratulations to Sue Piper for receiving a 2021 Jefferson Award for her exceptional public service. Sue, a conservancy member, has worked diligently in wildfire preparedness and prevention—with the North Hills Community Association since the 1991 Firestorm, as a board member of United Policyholders, and as founder of the Oakland Firesafe Council. Jefferson awards are given to individuals who have devoted their life to exceptional public service in any arena. Sue was featured throughout May on radio and television (see a short video of her story here). Congrats Sue and thank you for all your dedication and great work.

Oakland's Firestorm Memorial Garden Rededicated



The long-term commitment of the community to build and maintain this garden is a testament to the critical need for residents, along with elected officials, to make wildfire prevention a priority.

As we have all heard, CalFire, the Oakland Fire Department, and even Governor Newsom have clearly stated that this year's wildfire season could be the worst we've seen. Two years of drought and climate change have made wildfires hotter, faster and more

destructive.

The City of Oakland's annual defensible space inspections have already started--and residents need to not only ensure that their homes and loved ones are protected, but work together for the safety of their surrounding neighborhood.



While we honor the memory of Battalion Chief Riley, who gave his life protecting others in the midst of the 1991 Firestorm, we need to be proactive NOW so that first responders and residents don't lose their lives in the next wildfire.



Council Member Dan Kalb; Oakland Fire Chief Reginald Freeman; Firefighters Union President Zac Unger; Deputy Chiefs Melinda Drayton and Nick Luby; Sue Piper, Chair of the North Hills Garden Committee; firefighters and members of the North Hills community.

Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY)

You are invited to participate in an OFCY Town Hall on June 9, 2021 to share your thoughts on priorities about OFCY strategies being developed for the next funding cycle.

The **June 9 Oakland Town Hall, from 5:30 to 7:30 is** focused on gathering input from youth, family members and community leaders/advocates and is co-sponsored by two outstanding organizations - **Youth Uprising** and **Attitudinal Healing Connection.** Here is the Eventbrite link.





OAKLAND FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Community Town Hall

The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) invites you join a discussion around future funding priorities support Oakland's youth!

DETAILS

Date: June 9, 2021

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Register Today:



ofcy-community-town-hall.eventbrite.com

- Learn about the mission and goals of OFCY
- Learn about OFCY funding strategy areas for 2022-2025 being considered by the OFCY Oversight Commission
- Share your reactions and feedback to the future funding strategies





Contacts:

Dan's COVID Resources page.

Oakland SeeClickFix - Call 311

- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location

Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211 - http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311

Dan Kalb's 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)

Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center - https://aca-

prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx