



## NEWSLETTER – February 2021



Greetings neighbors,

My staff and I hope that this newsletter finds you and that your loved ones are in good health.

There is much happening in our City and we are still living through a serious pandemic.

Please feel free to reach out to my office if you have any questions or would like to see a particular topic covered in an upcoming newsletter. Remember that I also have monthly community office hours generally the first Saturday of the month. To schedule at time slot, contact Deidra Moss at [dmoss@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmoss@oaklandca.gov).

Thank you! Always with deep care, *-Dan*

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## February 6<sup>th</sup> – Make Oakland Better Neighborhood Clean-up

**What:** City Wide Clean-up: District 1

**When:** THIS **Saturday, February 6, 2021 | 9:00am – 11:00am**

**Where:** West Street between 36th and 35th Streets

**Meet at: 36th and West streets**

All COVID protocols will be respected. Please wear a mask. And if you are exhibiting any symptoms or have recently encountered someone who has tested positive, please stay home and take good care of yourself.

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



## Make Oakland Better

City Wide Clean-up: District 1

**February 6, 2021 | 9am – 11am**

West Street between 36<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets

Meet at: 36<sup>th</sup> and West

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



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## COVID UPDATES

### **Alameda County Returns to Purple Tier with Region's Exit from State's Stay at Home Order**

On Monday January 25th, the California Department of Public Health announced that the [Bay Area region meets the criteria to exit the Regional Stay At Home Order](#). Alameda County has issued a [new Health Officer Order](#) to align with the [State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), and activities and businesses permitted in the Purple Tier may resume operation immediately. There are no additional local restrictions at this time.

While the return to the Purple Tier is welcome news for our community and largely the result of our continued efforts to use COVID-19 [precautions](#), the number of new cases reported daily is more than double the summer peak. **We must continue to**

wear masks, keep 6 feet apart, and avoid crowds - this includes individuals who have received the COVID vaccine.

## COVID-19 Tests in District 1



While vaccine rollout is underway, we believe it's important for people to get tested regularly and encourage everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Curative is making it easy for the District 1 community to get access to regular, free COVID-19 tests. You can visit their mobile van for a self-administered oral PCR-swab from 10AM - 4PM on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church in Longfellow and from 10AM - 4PM on Sundays at Park

Day School in Temescal. Appointments are preferred and can be made [here for Saturdays](https://curative.com/curative/SacredHeart) ([cur.tv/SacredHeart](https://curative.com/curative/SacredHeart)) and [here for Sundays](https://curative.com/curative/ParkDay) ([cur.tv/ParkDay](https://curative.com/curative/ParkDay)). Walk-ups are limited - please bring your insurance information and ID, if applicable. Please reach out to [support@curative.com](mailto:support@curative.com) with any questions or visit [their website](https://curative.com) to learn more.

## COVID Vaccine Update

Vaccine supply remains limited. On January 25, the Governor announced that the State will transition to an age-based framework for vaccine prioritization after Phase 1b Tier 1 of the State's [vaccination framework](#). No additional details about the new framework are available at this time.

The Governor's announcement aligns with our plans transition to Phase 1b, Tier 1 (65+, First Responders, Education workers, Food and Agricultural workers) in February. The total number of doses administered in Alameda County as of January 28, is 116,304 according to the State's [Vaccine Dashboard](#).

## Vaccine Prioritization Framework *as of 1/25/21*



We held our third [meeting](#) of the [Vaccine Community Advisory Group](#) this week, and you can watch the recording [here](#). As we plan for vaccinating groups beyond health care workers and placement of County Points of Dispensing (PODs), we are taking into consideration disproportionately impacted communities, which include large numbers of essential workers who do not have the option to work from home. Geographically, many of our disproportionately impacted communities overlap with [Healthy Place Index](#) (HPI) Quartile 1 census tracts. We already use the HPI to monitor rates of testing positivity.

The County's community PODs continued at St. Rose Hospital at Castro Valley Library this week, administering ~1,000 vaccinations per day. We continue planning mega PODs for February that will ramp up to 5,000 vaccinations while we await further details for the recently announced age-band framework and pending changes to statewide distribution.

Additionally, the Governor and the Biden Administration, with cooperation from Alameda County and City of Oakland, will be using the Oakland Coliseum site as a mass vaccination location. [Details can be found here](#).

Residents, employers, and health care providers are asked to complete one of the following forms to be notified when the vaccine might be available according to the state prioritization framework:

- [Alameda County residents](#)
- [Alameda County employers](#)
- [Health Care Providers](#)

When there is enough vaccine to expand vaccination options, Alameda County will share that information widely, along with information on when and how eligible groups can get vaccinated. A photo ID, proof of registration, and proof of belonging in the current phase and tier being vaccinated are required. If an appointment is made, but a person is not a part of the phase of being vaccinated, they risk having the appointment canceled or turned away.

For more information about our vaccine distribution plans, please visit our [Vaccines](#) page. General inquiries about COVID-19 vaccine may be directed to [covax@acgov.org](mailto:covax@acgov.org)

## Statewide Vaccine Delivery Network

Expanding on comments made by the Governor yesterday, the Administration announced that they are simplifying and standardizing vaccination process with equity as a core focus. The major changes will be made to the vaccine process:

- **Simplifying Eligibility:** Beginning mid-February, the state will implement a statewide standard under which health care workers, individuals 65+ and education and child care, emergency services and food and agriculture workers will be eligible to start making appointments to receive the vaccine, pending vaccine availability. These are the groups identified in Phase 1B, Tier 1. Future groups will become eligible based on age.
- **Standardizing Information and Data:** The state is officially launching My Turn today, a new system for Californians to learn when they are eligible to be vaccinated, a place to make an appointment when eligible and a

mechanism to easily track vaccination data. Having been piloted in Los Angeles and San Diego counties, individuals can visit <https://myturn.ca.gov> to register for a notification immediately. Scheduling appointments beyond the pilot counties is expected to be available in February.

- **Streamlining the Vaccination Process:** The state, through a Third Party Administrator (TPA), will allocate vaccines directly to providers to maximize distribution efficiency. The vaccine provider network is expected to include public health systems, pharmacies, health systems, public hospitals, community health centers, pharmacies and pop-up and mobile sites with an immediate focus on allocating to today's high-throughput providers.

More info on vaccines and vaccine distribution can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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## Black History Month Celebration!

This year, Councilmember Kalb is thrilled to honor **SOS Meals on Wheels**, which has many active and influential members of the African American community of Oakland at its helm, including **Sylvia Stadmire**, an SOS Meals on Wheels board member and long-time community leader and volunteer who also serves on the Mayor's Commission on Aging; **Eric Gremillion**, Kitchen Manager and Head Chef, such that without Eric's work there would be no meals to deliver; and **Cynthia Arrington** who serves as the all-important Volunteer Coordinator for SOS Meals on Wheels. The work of SOS Meals on Wheels, even more so during the pandemic, ensures that many home-bound seniors, nearly two-thirds of whom are African American, receive healthy meals on a regular basis. We are grateful for those in Oakland's African American community for the critical positions they hold that enable the organization to carry out its mission, which includes promoting nutritional health, decreasing the possibility of premature institutionalization, and fostering the independence and dignity of homebound seniors in City of Oakland.

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## Young constituent chosen as top storyteller!



The PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs (SRL) are pleased to share that one of your constituents, **Nairobi Barnes**—a student of Oakland Military Institute (OMI)—was selected as [one of our 20 under 20 storytellers of the year](#)! The students chosen for this list produced poignant video pieces in 2020.

Here's the link to one of Nairobi's most recent stories: <https://studentreportinglabs.org/youth-reporting/my-grandmother-became-a-civil-rights-activist-as-a-teen-this-is-why-we-must-continue-her-fight/>.

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## Recognizing Ken Lupoff as Executive Director of OPRF

At our February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Oakland City Council will be honoring and expressing appreciation to Ken Lupoff for his 10 years of dedicated service to the residents of the City of Oakland as the Executive Director of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation. Please join us in thanking Ken for his great service.

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## Key Business & Workforce Resources

The City of Oakland's Economic & Workforce Development Department (EWDD) sends periodic important updates to businesses, nonprofits, independent contractors and our partner organizations who support them. These are just highlights of available resources. For information on all of the support programs available, please visit our [Business & Worker Resource web page](#).

**Shuttered Venue Grants FAQs:** The Small Business Administration released FAQs with more information about the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program, attached. Key takeaways:

- The FAQ do not provide information on when the grant program will open
- If an entity applies for a First Draw or Second Draw PPP loan on or after Dec. 27, 2020, they would not be eligible to apply for an SVOG unless and until the PPP loan application is declined.
- SBA recommends preparing to apply by:
  - Registering for a DUNS number so you can then register in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).
  - Gathering documents that demonstrate your number of employees and monthly revenues so you can calculate the average number of qualifying employees you had over the prior 12 months
  - Determining the extent of gross earned revenue loss you experienced between 2019 and 2020.
  - Gathering additional information such as floor plans, contract copies and other evidence will be needed to apply for an SVOG

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## City of Oakland to Resume Residential Permit Parking

The City of Oakland had decided to suspend street sweeping enforcement and residential permit parking enforcement during the original Shelter-in-place order last year. However, when autumn came and brought rain, people were concerned that a lack of complete street sweeping would result in debris going into storm drains and causing flooding. Warnings were given through December and then enforcement for street sweeping began again in January. There were press releases, website announcements and the information was shared on social media. The City will begin enforcement of residential permit parking this month.

Starting February 1st, the Department of Transportation (OakDOT) will resume the enforcement of residential permit parking areas. Please take this into consideration while parking throughout the city. <http://ow.ly/yXKU50DeSHt>

The City will provide no-penalty warning citations for RPP violations from February 1 through February 28. Vehicle owners are entitled to *ONE* warning citation for violations of O.M.C. 10.44.120A (concerning RPP regulations) in February and are subject to penalties for all subsequent and other violations. You can renew or apply for a parking permit [here](#).

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## Help Lead the Public Ethics Commission to even Greater Impact

[Help Lead the Public Ethics Commission to even Greater Impact](#). The City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission (PEC) is now accepting applications to fill one PEC-appointed Commissioner position, as part of its seven-member volunteer citizen board. This is a special vacancy to begin February 2, 2021 and will expire in January 21, 2023. The deadline is March 5, 2021. You can read the announcement at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2021/help-lead-the-public-ethics-commission-to-even-greater-impact>

Apply online: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ejj4gm>

For more information about the Commission or this position, contact Whitney Barazoto at [wbarazoto@oaklandca.gov](mailto:wbarazoto@oaklandca.gov) or (510) 238-6620.

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## Help Oakland Become More Resilient to Natural Hazards

The City of Oakland is in the process of updating its 2016-2021 [Local Hazard Mitigation Plan \(LHMP\)](#)! The LHMP serves as a meaningful guide to increasing the Oakland community's resilience in the face of natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, extreme heat and fires. Help us understand what's important to you!

Please take 10 minutes to submit answers to a survey about Oakland's risks to natural hazards. The information will help us understand what is important to you, which hazards impact you the most, and how you would like to see the City become more resilient to natural hazards.

Find more information and sign up for updates on our [website](#).

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## Oakland Workforce Development Board - Community Input Questionnaire

The Oakland Workforce Development Board is seeking input from District 1 residents, employees, and business owners to share their input to the 2021-24 Local Plan via a community questionnaire.

Please fill out the questionnaire and feel free to share this link with your neighbors and relevant networks: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6169476/OWDB-Local-Plan-Survey> Thank you!

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## DAN IN THE COMMUNITY



Dan and one of the 15 Oakland residents who participated in our annual save-a-life blood drive on MLK Day last month.

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## Contacts:

- **Report Problems & Request Infrastructure Maintenance:**  
[311.oaklandca.gov](http://311.oaklandca.gov) | Call OAK 311 | From outside Oakland: 510-615-5566  
OAK311@oaklandnet.com | Mobile app: [Apple](#) or [Android](#)
- **Alameda County Social Services and Referral** – Call 211 <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>
- **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))
- **Observe a Council Meetings on Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82252209901>  
**Request to Speak** on action items by using a "Raise Your Hand" button during Open Forum - Item 1



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