

## DISTRICT ONE NEWSLETTER – JANUARY, 2016

Greetings and best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy and productive 2016. We have a lot planned for this year and my staff and I are working hard to address the challenges we face and continue moving our city forward. In the coming weeks and months, I will be putting forth proposals to deal with housing affordability, seismic safety, campaign finance disclosure, environmental protection and more.

As part of starting the year with an eye towards serving the community, I invite you to join me in donating blood and saving lives on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at the Red Cross center in North Oakland (see details below).

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your neighbors. And if you haven't already done so, you may follow me on my [Council Facebook page here](#).

### **City Council Approves *Gun Violence Prevention* Legislation Sponsored by Councilmember Kalb and his Colleagues**



On January 5<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved three gun violence prevention and gun safety laws for Oakland. I, along with Councilmember Annie Campbell Washington, sponsored two of the ordinances—a ban on possession of large capacity magazine clips, and a safe storage requirement for firearms kept in homes. Annie and I, with Vice-mayor Rebecca Kaplan and City Attorney Barbara Parker sponsored

the third ordinance, which requires safe storage of firearms and ammunition kept in unattended vehicles. Final approval of these ordinances is scheduled for the January 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

We are jointly sponsoring an upcoming fourth ordinance that will require all *City-issued* firearms in unattended vehicles be secured.

Though opposed by the National Rifle Association, all four ordinances are supported by the Alameda County Chapter of the Brady Campaign and dozens of Oakland community leaders. The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence was consulted in their development.

Following the expiration in 2004 of the federal ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines, our country has seen a rise in the use of large-capacity magazines in crimes. Mass shootings occur almost daily in the U.S., and the ones with these magazines have more injuries and deaths on average. California has long banned the sale of these magazines but allowed 'grandfathered' magazine clips to remain in legal possession. Oakland now joins Sunnyvale, San Francisco, and Los Angeles in closing that loophole.

Firearm safe storage laws promote sensible precautions that keep residents safe. All too commonly, unsecured guns in homes end up in the wrong hands and cause fatal, tragic accidents or are used in suicide. Unsecured guns also are frequently stolen during home or auto burglaries and then used to commit other crimes. According to information from the Oakland Police Department, from 2005 through 2015, there were approximately 700 residential burglaries reported where a firearm was stolen.

These new laws will not stop all violent crimes, but they are steps that local jurisdictions can take to save lives. What we ultimately need is for Congress to stand up to the domestic arms dealers and the NRA and pass comprehensive reform including universal background checks at point of sale and requirements for serial numbers on all gun parts to allow for better tracing by law enforcement. That's how we get on top of illegal sales that bring so many handguns into our community. In the meantime, I and other public officials across the country will continue to call for action at the federal, state and local levels to enact common sense gun violence prevention laws.



# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service NORTH OAKLAND BLOOD DRIVE

If you live or work in or like to visit any North Oakland neighborhood, please help save a life by participating in our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service North Oakland Blood Drive. Join with me and your neighbors on Monday, January 18th at the Red Cross Blood Donation Center, 6230 Claremont Ave.

**Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
and serve your community**



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*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service  
Sponsored by Councilmember Dan Kalb:*  
**North Oakland Blood Drive**

Location: American Red Cross Donation Center  
6230 Claremont Avenue, Oakland 94618

**Monday, January 18, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment contact Monica Harris at 510-238-7014  
MMHarris@oaklandnet.com

For information on eligibility and travel outside the U.S. in the past 12  
months, please call 1-866-236-3276 or go to redcrossblood.org

*By using RapidPass, you can reduce the time you spend at the blood drive by up  
to 15 minutes. Learn more by visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.*

**Identification is required.**

\*\*\*To schedule a time slot, contact Monica at 510-238-7014, [MMHarris@oaklandnet.com](mailto:MMHarris@oaklandnet.com).

Giving blood is easy and painless. If you are able to donate, I look forward to seeing you on the 18th. Thank you so much! *Sponsored by the Office of City Councilmember [Dan Kalb](#) and the American Red Cross.*

## Oakland offers El Niño Preparedness Resources/Workshops

*City of Oakland encourages residents and business owners to prepare for more severe weather...*

The City of Oakland is preparing for more winter storms with above-average rainfall and strong winds. Residents and business owners are urged to prepare. **Information, videos and resources for winter storm preparation are available at [oaklandnet.com/elcino](http://oaklandnet.com/elcino).**

The Oakland Fire Department offers Weather Ready Workshops to help Oakland residents and business owners prepare. Participants will learn important information and the steps to take to prepare for severe weather situations including heavy rains, flooding, high winds and power outages. The workshops will highlight the actions to take ahead of time to keep your family, pets and property safe. Two workshops are scheduled for January 2016.

**Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10 a.m. to Noon**

81st Avenue Library, 1021 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue

This workshop will be presented in **English and Spanish**.

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd

Special presentation by landslide expert Jonathan Stock from the USGS

This workshop will be presented in English.

There are **three ways to register** for a workshop.

Online: [oaklandcore.com](http://oaklandcore.com)

Phone: (510) 238-6351

Email: [core@oaklandnet.com](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com)

When registering by phone or email, please include your name, address and phone number with the class date and time you would like to attend. Additional workshops are being planned and will be posted at [www.oaklandnet.com/elcino](http://www.oaklandnet.com/elcino).

For more details on the City of Oakland's preparedness steps, please see an earlier release at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK056236>.

# AC Transit Transbay Service

Vice-mayor Kaplan and I hosted a community meeting in North Oakland with AC Transit officials on January 11<sup>th</sup> that was attended by more than 55 residents. We heard from AC Transit staff, and AC Transit staff heard from us. Many residents shared their concerns over the earlier proposed plans to effectively curtail transbay service in North Oakland during mid-day, evening and weekend time frames.

## LINES F AND J: FACTS ABOUT FUTURE SERVICE

### TODAY'S SERVICE

The existing F line is not an efficient route from Berkeley to Emeryville, or between those cities and San Francisco. The current line attempts to provide a local route around campus; links Berkeley and Emeryville; and acts as a Transbay route for Berkeley and Emeryville. It has become unreliable and difficult to manage effectively.

### GOALS OF THE INITIAL PROPOSALS

As part of the Service Expansion Plan (SEP), AC Transit proposed changes to Transbay lines F and J as well as significant improvements to local service in the area.

#### TRANSBAY

The proposals included more direct local service between Emeryville and Berkeley and a quicker, higher frequency all-day connection from both Berkeley and Emeryville to San Francisco. Berkeley and Emeryville generate by far the highest ridership on lines F and J. That said, this proposal meant the loss of all-day Transbay service along 40th Street in Emeryville and Market Street in Oakland.

#### LOCAL SERVICE

The proposals improve local service in an effort to alleviate the reduction of service along Market and 40th streets. This will require some customers to transfer in order to use Transbay service off-peak and during weekends but will greatly improve reliability.

- **L22** – The proposed new line provides a direct 20-minute frequent service between Bancroft Way in Berkeley through to Christie and Hollis streets in Emeryville. This route provides a strong local service between Berkeley and Emeryville.
- **Line 52** – Increases in frequency to every 20 minutes in the off-peak, providing better all-day service around UC campus.
- **Line 57** – The existing route will extend to Public Market in Emeryville. This will create a 15-minute frequent service along 40th Street and will connect with the Transbay route proposed in Emeryville.

## NEW ALTERNATIVES

AC Transit is currently seeking input on the following potential service alternatives for lines F and J.

#### Alternative 1: Modified Existing

**Line F:** Modified slightly to serve the area around 64th and Shellmound streets before getting on the freeway to cross the Bay Bridge. It will serve the same area in the reverse direction before continuing on its current path. There would be no loss of service along 40th or Market streets.

**Line J:** No changes.

#### Alternative 2: Current Proposal

**Line F:** Would travel southwest from Berkeley along Adeline Street before turning west on Alcatraz Avenue and 65th Street then south on Shellmound Street to access the freeway. Market and 40th streets will retain peak-hour Transbay service and have enhanced local service to access BART and Line F.

**Line J:** From Berkeley, would travel south along Sacramento and Market to access the freeway via Macarthur Blvd.

#### Alternative 3: Stanford/Powell

**Line F:** From Berkeley, Line F would travel along Adeline Street and onto Stanford Avenue/Powell Street. Prior to entering the freeway, it would loop north along Christie Avenue to 64th Street then Shellmound Street. It would do the same upon exiting the freeway in the reverse direction. Market and 40th streets would retain peak-hour Transbay service and have enhanced local service to access BART and Line F.

**Line J:** From Berkeley, would travel south along Sacramento and Market streets to access the freeway via Macarthur Blvd.

#### Alternative 4: Split Line F

**Line F:** Split Line F into a Transbay route originating at Powell Street in Emeryville, with direct access to the freeway. The remainder of the current Line F would become a local line that would provide timed connections with Line F. Areas currently served by Line F would continue to have either direct all-day Transbay access or would have all-day local service with a timed connection to all-day Transbay service.

**Line J:** No changes.

## PROVIDE INPUT

The most popular alternate proposal was to make only minor modifications to the F and J Transbay lines with the goal of increasing service frequency, coupled with the creation of a new Transbay line to service the growing needs in Emeryville. By having a dedicated line servicing Emeryville, the hope is that we would protect the service in North Oakland, which is subject to ever increasing demand.

If you want to have your voice heard, please email [planning@actransit.org](mailto:planning@actransit.org) with your comments.

## Survey Regarding Potential Transit Improvements on Broadway

The City of Oakland is conducting a survey to solicit community feedback about proposed improvements to the Broadway Shuttle (a.k.a. "B Shuttle" or "Free B") in downtown Oakland. Visit [Oaklandnet.com/BroadwayTransit](http://Oaklandnet.com/BroadwayTransit) more information about the proposed improvements.

This survey will take approximately 4-5 minutes. Thank you for your participation:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BroadwayCirculator>

## 43rd/44th Street Community Garden Park Now Open



The [43<sup>rd</sup>/44<sup>th</sup> Street Community Garden Park](#) opened in the Temescal this past November. This neighbor-organized effort has resulted in the transformation of a location previously plagued with dumping and blight into a vibrant community space.

Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Rob Selna for initiating and leading this successful project, and to all the volunteers who helped make it a reality.

## Dan receives California Public Library Advocates' 2015 Elected Local Official Award for Outstanding Service to Public Libraries



On November 5<sup>th</sup>, California Public Library Advocates (CPLA) presented Councilmember Dan Kalb with one of their annual awards for outstanding service to public libraries, the 2015 Award for Elected Local Official for Outstanding Service to a Local Library. Dan was selected because of his advocacy on behalf of the Oakland Public Libraries.

Public libraries are more than just wonderful books. They are the great equalizers in our society. Working to expand library access for the Oakland public, especially our youth, is an obvious necessity.

With Oakland Public Library services having seen significant reductions since the great recession, Dan has repeatedly pushed for increased funding for the Oakland Public Library system since he assumed office in January 2013. In the spring of 2014, Dan was successful in getting the Mayor and Council to set aside \$500,000 in reserve for the Oakland Public Library, due to anticipated future deficiencies in Measure Q library funding starting in July of 2015.

In the spring of 2015, Dan proposed increasing Oakland Public Library funding to expand hours at various branches throughout Oakland. Dan's proposal made it into the 2015-17 budget for the City of Oakland, which a majority of the City Council approved in June of this year. The increased funding will provide expanded library hours at selected branches beginning in July 2016.

Commissioner Andrew Racle of the Oakland Library Advisory Commission stated, "As a library advocate, I was proud to see my own District 1 Council Member, Dan Kalb, step up and become one of the Oakland Public Library's most fervent champions. His leadership over the past year and-a-half was instrumental in maintaining library services, and he remains outspoken and committed to creating long-term sustainability for the library going forward."

# Children's Hospital Oakland



After several months of diligent planning and community engagement, UCSF-Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO) broke ground for the construction of their new hospital facilities in North Oakland. The new facilities will enable CHO to expand their world class services to children and their parents from all across Bay Area. Several elected officials, including Governor Brown, Mayor Schaaf and Councilmember Kalb, along with community members, attended the ceremony in October 2015. We wish the hospital and surrounding neighbors a smooth and successful project implementation over the next few years.

## Oakland Public Library Announces 5th Annual Youth Poet Laureate Competition

The Oakland Public Library is accepting applications for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate competition. Teens between the ages of 13 to 18 who live in Oakland are encouraged to enter. Hosted by the Oakland Public Library, in partnership with Youth Speaks Inc., the Youth Poet Laureate program represents an unprecedented citywide effort to celebrate literacy through poetry and promote youth voices in Oakland's thriving arts scene. Once named, the contest winner will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and serve as a citywide ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. All applications must be received by Friday, April 1. To learn more or to apply online, youth, parents and teachers should visit <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate>.

For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Supervising Librarian for Teen Services, at [oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org](mailto:oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org) or (510) 238-7613.

# Dan in the Community



Dan with Debbie Taylor of Lao Family Community Development at Tony Thurmond's office.



Dan talking with other Thanksgiving Day volunteers at College Avenue Presbyterian Church.



Councilmember Kalb and Pleasanton City Councilmember Jerry Pentin accepting the Build It Green Sustainability Award on behalf of StopWaste.



The Mayor and I are honored to have such great partners in our community as Dr. Bert Lubin, CEO of UCSF-Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.

## Upcoming District One Events

### Dan's Community Office Hours

Councilmember Kalb has Community Office Hours each month at rotating North Oakland cafés. District One resident can sign up for a 20-minute slot by emailing Monica Harris at [mmharris@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mmharris@oaklandnet.com), 510-238-7014. Please include the topic of your inquiry or issue when you reserve a spot. Thank you!

**February 6, 2016**

**10:00am – 12:30pm**

Gaylord's Caffe Espresso,  
4150 Piedmont Ave.

**March 5, 2016**

**10:00am – 12:30pm**

Terrace Gifts and Coffee

5891 Broadway Terrace

Dan also holds drop-in Community Office Hours at the **Temescal Farmers Market on the 3rd Sunday of each month**, 10:30am – 12:30pm.

### **Wednesday, January 13 – Santa Fe Community Association And Neighbors General Meeting**

Learn about the latest projects in the Santa Fe Neighborhood. The public is encouraged to attend and contribute to the discussion as well as add any of their own announcements. Santa Fe-CAN also frequently has exciting guest speakers.

**When:** Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, **6:30pm** (Every second Wednesday of the month)

**Where:** Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI), 5700 M.L.K. Jr Way, Oakland, CA 94609.

For more information about Santa Fe CAN, please visit: <http://santafecan.org/>

### **Wednesday, January 13 – Heading Into a Healthy 2016: Mental Health Town Hall**

This event is hosted by Supervisor Keith Carson with special guest, renowned psychotherapist Dr. Brenda Wade.

**When:** Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, **6pm – 8pm**

**Where:** Ed Robert's Campus, 3701 Adeline St., Berkeley

For more information, please visit: <http://d5mentalhealthtownhall.eventbrite.com>

### **Wednesday, January 13 – PANIL Meeting**

At this month's meeting of Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League (PANIL) Katherine Gavzy, former president of the Oakland League of Women Voters, will speak on the very timely topic of Money in Politics. Q and A to follow. Your questions and comments are welcomed.

**When:** Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, **7:30pm – 9:00pm** (Every second Wednesday of each month)

**7:30pm** - Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)

**8:00pm** - General Meeting - Money in Politics

**Where:** Piedmont Gardens, 110 41st Street

For more information about PANIL, please visit: <http://www.panil.org/>

## Saturday, January 16 – Prune Trees in Oakland

Do some good for Oakland by pruning private street-trees with the Sierra Club Tree Team! Pruning trees improves their structure and long-term health. No experience is needed, you will be taught proper pruning techniques and organized into small teams, with an experienced planter to lead each team. All the tools are going to be provided. The pruning leader will be Christopher Buckley.

**When:** Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, **9am – 1pm**

**Where:** North Oakland, between Shattuck and MLK, nearly halfway between Ashby and MacArthur BART stations, a little closer to Ashby.

For more information or to join our Tree Team mailing list, contact Derek Schubert at [SCTreePlanting@gmail.com](mailto:SCTreePlanting@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.meetup.com/sanfranciscobay/events/227771493/>

## Sunday, January 17 – “In the Name of Love” 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Musical Tribute Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The event showcases locally and internationally known performing artists, children from Oakland public elementary schools, archival footage of Dr. King, and the presentation of the “Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award” presented by Mayor Libby Schaaf.

**When:** Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, **7pm – 9pm**

**Where:** Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.livingjazz.org/mlk-about/>

## Monday, January 18 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Blood Drive

Please join Councilmember Kalb and the District 1 team in an opportunity to give back to the community on Dr. Martin Luther King Day. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives!

**When:** Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, **10am – 3pm**

**Where:** American Red Cross Center, 6230 Claremont Ave.

Please share and view the flier [here](#).

## Monday, January 18 – North Hills Community Association Board Meeting

**When:** Monday, January 18, **7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Where:** Family Room of the Montclair Presbyterian Church at 5701 Thornhill Drive

For more information about this and future meetings, please visit: <http://www.northhillscommunity.org/>

## Thursday, January 21 – MGO Democratic Club meeting – The Heads Up on Oakland Gun Control

For more information on Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club, visit [www.mgodems.org](http://www.mgodems.org).

**When:** Thursday, January 21, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where:** Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit Street, Oakland, CA 94609

For more information about the event please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mgo-the-heads-up-on-oakland-gun-control-tickets-20497531669>

## Thursday, January 21 – RCPC Monthly Town Hall Meeting

**When:** Thursday, January 21, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

**Where:** Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave., 2nd floor meeting room

[Rockridge Community Planning Council \(RCPC\)](#) has monthly meetings every third Thursday of the month.

## Saturday, January 23 – Claremont Canyon Conservancy - Stewardship in the Upper Canyon

Join the Claremont Canyon Conservancy Stewards as they repair any damage to the Willow Trail that may have occurred due to the recent rains, remove any accumulated debris and install another step or two as needed.

**When:** Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:15am – 12:30pm

**Where:** Signpost 29, 1.5 miles up Claremont from Ashby Ave.

For a map of the area and directions to Garber Park, visit: [garberparkstewards.org](http://garberparkstewards.org)

## Wednesday, February 10 – PANIL Meeting

**Councilmember Kalb** will be participating in this meeting and addressing neighbors' questions.

**When:** Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

**Where:** Piedmont Gardens, 110 41st Street

For more information about PANIL, please visit: <http://www.panil.org/>

## Thursday, February 11 – Rockridge NCPC Meeting

**When:** Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 9pm

**Where:** Rockridge Library, 5366 College Avenue, 2nd floor meeting room

For more information as well as future meeting dates, please visit: <http://www.rockridge.org/>

<http://www.rockridge.org/events/rockridge-ncpc-meeting-2013-11-14>

## Thursday, February 11 – North Hills Community Association Surveillance Camera Discussion

**When:** Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 9pm

**Where:** Family Room of the Montclair Presbyterian Church at 5701 Thornhill Drive

For more information about this and future meetings, please visit: <http://www.northhillscommunity.org/>

## Thursday, February 25 – North Hills Community Association Quarterly Public Safety Report

**When:** Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 9pm

**Where:** Family Room of the Montclair Presbyterian Church at 5701 Thornhill Drive

For more information about this and future meetings, please visit: <http://www.northhillscommunity.org/>

## Saturday, February 27 – Claremont Middle School Pancake Breakfast

This annual event is generously hosted by the **Oakland-Durant-Rockridge Masonic Lodge #188** in association with the **Rockridge District Association** and the **CMS Dads Club**.

**When:** Saturday, February 27th, There are THREE seatings: **8am, 9am, 10am**

**Where:** Rockridge Masonic Lodge located, 5449 College Avenue

For more information please visit <http://www.claremontms.org/archives/5465>

## Saturday, March 12 – Oakland Technical High School Auction

100% of the proceeds for this auction go towards student life expenses for the senior class (graduation, prom, class trip, scholarships, etc.)

**When:** Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

**Where:** Uptown Body & Fender, 401 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

For more information or to donate, please visit: <http://oaklandtech.com/staff/> or email [auction@oaklandtech.com](mailto:auction@oaklandtech.com)

In addition to receiving my periodic e-newsletter, I invite you to follow me on [Facebook](#) and/or [Twitter](#). And to read [past newsletters, click here](#).

Yours truly,

**Dan Kalb**

Oakland City Councilmember

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