



Greetings Neighbors,  
Now that the Alameda County mask mandate has ended, it's more important than ever to receive your COVID booster. On Tuesday, the FDA and CDC released new recommendations that allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over 50 years of age who received a booster shot at least

four months ago to receive an additional COVID-19 booster. Please read the updated recommendations [here](#). Those eligible can schedule their booster at the White House's new centralized website [COVID.gov](#) or at California's [MyTurn](#).

In this newsletter, you will find updates on COVID-19, our April community clean-up, my annual blood drive, homelessness, the city's general plan, and upcoming community and Earth Day events.

In service,

-Dan

## COVID-19 Updates

The Alameda County face mask order has changed, and the County has implemented some changes highlighted below. Please consider exploring the Alameda County COVID-19 page for additional information: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/index>. There are a few particular updates we want to make sure you are familiar with:

## March 17, 2022 marked the Two-Year Anniversary of the Original Shelter in Place Order

Alameda County's Health Officer, along with other Bay Area health officials issued the first shelter-in-place order in the country in 2020. The

State of California followed a few days later. Read more [here](#).

## **Alameda County health officials strongly recommend protection against COVID-19 including:**

Getting vaccinated and boosted, wear good quality masks (N95/KN95/KF94 recommended), get tested if you are exposed or ill and stay at home if you feel sick. Be sure to talk to your medical care provider if you are immunocompromised. Read more [here](#).

Here is up-to-date Information from the state on [vaccines](#) and [masking](#).

## **Saturday April 9th Community Clean-up**

**COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB'S  
DISTRICT 1  
APRIL CLEANUP  
(THIS MONTH IN LONGFELLOW)**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2022  
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM  
MEET AT GROVE SHAFTER PARK  
(CORNER OF 36TH ST. & MLK JR. WAY)**

All vaccinated volunteers are welcome · Masks/coverings  
required to participate · Tools will be provided



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## **Oakland & Northern Alameda County Blood Drive - Saturday!**

\*\*\*Please join me today in helping to save lives by donating Blood *THIS* Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Red Cross Blood Center in North Oakland. From start to finish, plan for the painless process to take no more than an hour. The donation itself lasts about 10-15 minutes. Contact Deidra Moss now at [dmoss@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmoss@oaklandca.gov) or 510-238-3557 to sign up for a specific time slot. A few time slots are still open. Walk-ins can sometimes be accommodated.



**Cesar Chavez  
Day of Service  
Sponsored by  
City  
Councilmember  
Dan Kalb**

**Save A Life**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Saturday,  
April 2, 2022**

**Appointments  
available between  
9a.m. and 2p.m.**

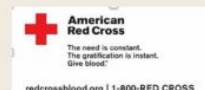
**To register, contact  
Deidra Moss at  
dmoss@oaklandca.gov  
or (510) 238-3557**



**Location: American Red  
Cross Blood Donation  
Center**

**6230 Claremont Avenue,  
Oakland 94618**

**For more information, including  
eligibility requirements, visit  
[https://www.redcross.org/give-  
blood.html](https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html)**



## **Oakland General Plan Kicks Off**

More than 100 people attended the City of Oakland's first public workshop for the General Plan update. The virtual workshop focused on the [Housing Element](#) - an important component of the General Plan that outlines how the City will meet its housing goals for the next two decades. Participants shared their ideas on the major housing issues facing the city and opportunities to plan for new housing throughout Oakland.



The City of Oakland's General Plan serves as the guiding policy document for the City's future, based on community values and priorities. [Learn more](#) about the General Plan.

Councilmember Kalb is working to ensure consistency with our Equitable Climate Action Plan and to make sure principles of sustainability and resiliency are incorporated in all elements of the General Plan.

The next workshop will be held on April 7. Visit the schedule [here](#).

## Oakland Flex Streets Continues into 2023

On March 15, the Oakland City Council passed a series of ordinances to make

the [Flex Street Initiative](#) a long-term option for businesses to use outdoor public

rights-of-way. Since launching in June 2020, the streamlined Flex Street permit

processes have helped Oakland businesses weather the pandemic by expanding

their operations outdoors through 140 sidewalk cafes and parklets, 13 street

closures, 14 permitted private spaces and more than 60 mobile food truck permits.

The existing permit programs will remain mostly unchanged and free through

July 2023 for public right of way and December 2023 for

adjacent parking lots on private property. Businesses interested in expanding

their operations outdoors should apply

at [www.oaklandca.gov/flexstreets](http://www.oaklandca.gov/flexstreets).

[Read the Full Press Release](#).

## Dan's Community Office Hours



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

Please contact Deidra Moss ([dmoss@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmoss@oaklandca.gov) or 510.238.3557) if you'd like to sign up to speak with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month--although this month (April) will be on the 2nd Saturday.

## Oakland Welcomes New Homelessness Administrator, Daniel Cooper



This month, the City of Oakland announced the appointment of Daniel A. Cooper, MPH as the City's new Homelessness Administrator. Daniel has more than 10 years of experiences as a public health professional, and his work has focused on addressing the [social determinants of health](#) through housing, homelessness, and public policy.

As Homelessness Administrator, Mr. Cooper will serve as liaison to both internal City staff and external agencies, lead the City's Encampment Management

Response teams, support broad policy development, coordinate homeless interventions across relevant City departments, and facilitate transition of the City's unsheltered population into homeless shelter and housing programs. A key focus of this work is to address the disproportionately Black, Indigenous, People of Color homeless population by analyzing and removing barriers to equitable service delivery to those residents.

Mr. Cooper comes to Oakland from Charlotte, North Carolina, where he served as Division Director for Mecklenburg County Government. In that

role, Cooper served as the Division's liaison both internally and externally, leading a multidisciplinary team of approximately 31 staff. His responsibilities included: performing strategic planning; ensuring federal, state, and local policy compliance; providing oversight and direction for the implementation of programs and services; representing the Division Countywide and to elected officials; and taking on legislative initiatives. In addition, Cooper was responsible for ensuring the success of a 300+ unit Shelter Plus Care Program, a 120-bed permanent supportive housing complex, a 90+ unit scattered site housing model, and expanding the Coordinated Entry System for accessing homeless services. He also served as a project evaluator for the distribution of \$212 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for countywide housing and homeless-related projects.

In a previous role, Mr. Cooper worked for the Maryland Department of Health where he was directly responsible for developing Maryland's Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Program and providing technical assistance to 23 jurisdictions statewide conducting fatal and nonfatal overdose review.

Mr. Cooper also served as Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Upstate Continuum of Care (CoC) in Greenville, South Carolina where he was responsible for improving the homeless response system over a 6,100 square mile region while leading a coalition of 80+ community partners. As Director, Cooper developed and submitted the first system-wide gap analysis of homeless services in the region and drafted the first Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) submitted in the region to HUD in 2019.

Mr. Cooper earned a Master of Public Health from Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelor of Arts in Health Services Administration from Florida Atlantic University. He is both a Florida Bright Futures Scholar and TRIO Program Scholar.

Mr. Cooper has begun his transition to Oakland, and he will relocate permanently in April. Read [more here](#).

## Homelessness in Oakland

UC Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation recently released [a report](#) detailing [Project Homekey](#)'s critical impact on homelessness in

## Oakland and other California cities.

Project Homekey is an innovative program to address homelessness by dramatically increasing funding for permanent supportive housing. The report

finds that the grant structure of Homekey, which gives local jurisdictions flexibility in how to use funding, allowed cities like Oakland to quickly respond

to local needs. In Oakland, Homekey has been a vital tool in addressing homelessness. As the state considers renewal, this report provides a great illustration of the impact of this program and of greater attention to this issue

from our state legislators.

This month, Oakland was awarded \$215 million by the state to build more

than 500 deeply affordable housing units, including 224 units for our unsheltered residents. This funding shows the power of leveraging City affordable housing investments to achieve greater State funding for homes in

our community. With every new funding commitment, every new project, we

are able to provide a dignified home for more low-income Oaklanders.

Plus, thanks to the California Housing Accelerator Program, many of these projects will start construction in the next six months!

### [Oakland's Response to Homelessness](#)

## Ride for a Reason

**RIDE 4A  
REASON**

Saturday, April 23, 2022 --- Here is your chance to enjoy a bike ride and support local Public Schools in Oakland.

Join parents, students, teachers and community members in this year's Ride for a Reason bike ride/school fundraiser. Cyclists chose from rides of 45, 68 or 109 miles; 100% of the proceeds benefit public schools.

If you are not available to ride, please [make donation](#) to support this event and our local [public schools](#). Over the past 13 years, Ride for a Reason has raised \$1.2 million for local public schools. Sign up [here](#).



# New BikeShare Station Coming to 40th St and Piedmont Ave

The City has authorized a new bike share station on 40<sup>th</sup> street at Piedmont Avenue (adjacent to Blue Bottle) on Tuesday, April 5th. This site was chosen from among several alternatives by community members. A presentation was made to PANIL in December and received positive feedback. This has been a long time coming and will be a great asset for the Piedmont Ave. neighborhood of Oakland.



## Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Meetings - Beat 10

Longfellow neighbors, the 10Y Neighborhood Council is seeking more community participation at its monthly meetings. Join your Neighborhood Services Coordinator, an OPD representative, staff from Supervisor Keith Carson's Office and Councilmember Dan Kalb's Office, 10Y NCPC Chair Max Kurtz-Cadji, and your neighbors to say hello and share what's going on in the neighborhood. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month. Here's how you can stay up to date.

- Sign up [for the mailing list](#) and we need people to get involved in leadership roles
- [Like the new NC 10Y FB page](#) (where will have guest speaker videos, crime stats, etc)

The **Beat 10X** (Golden Gate neighborhood) NCPC meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. More [info here](#).

# OUSD Update

on [Social and Emotional Learning with Young Men of Color](#)



## Apply for Grant Money to Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful

Would you like financial support to help beautify Oakland? Every year Keep Oakland Beautiful gives out [small grants](#) of up to \$800. Individuals or community groups can apply for a grant to fund a project that helps keep Oakland clean, green and beautiful. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring people together in public spaces and safely give back to the community.

Successful past grant projects have included park and open space clean-up and beautification; planting trees, shrubs, flowers, community gardens; little free libraries; graffiti removal and murals; and litter container tile mosaics.

## Community Events

### FROG Park Earth Day Cleanup

**April 23, 9:00am to noon** -- A cleanup of Big Frog Park, the Temescal Greenbelt (between Big Frog and Little Frog), Little Frog Park, along with sealing the Little Frog Park play structure. This year's Earth Day theme is "The Great Global Cleanup" a campaign to remove billions of pieces of trash from neighborhoods, beaches, rivers, lakes, trails, and parks— to reduce waste and plastic pollution and to improve habitats and prevent harm to wildlife and humans.

Additional information about Earth Day events in Oakland can be found [here](#).

## **45<sup>th</sup> Street Encampment Meal & Care Pop-Up**

**April 10** -- This month's event is in memory of neighbor Kenyon Graham. If you are able to contribute canned food, bottled water, garbage bags, hygiene products, or money, please email [malachi@rjoyoakland.org](mailto:malachi@rjoyoakland.org) or donate using [this link](#).

## **Mosswood Park Community Earth Day 2022 Clean-up and BBQ - April 23rd**

OAKLAND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OAKLAND PARKS AND REC. PRESENTS

## MOSSWOOD PARK EARTH DAY 2022



**SATURDAY - APRIL 23RD - 10:00A.M.**

**JOIN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY  
THIS IS A FREE FAMILY EVENT, SO COME HELP CLEAN UP**

Tools, masks, vests and gloves are provided along with coffee, snacks and a BBQ lunch. Volunteers will pick up litter, remove graffiti, weed, plant and restore native habitat.

**FREE BBQ AT NOON + SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AT 1:15PM**



**BY THE**

**PRESCOTT CIRCUS THEATRE**

ASL AND SPANISH TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED  
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**Dan in the Community**







Clockwise (from top left): Dan with Councilmember Thao speaking to advocates/supporters of state legislation to create a community services grant program that strengthens cradle-to-career networks; Dan with Assemblymember Mia Bonta among others at Youth Uprising showing support for the above-mentioned It Takes a Village legislation (AB 2517); Dan with students from Oakland Tech and Bishop O'Dowd getting ready to plant trees throughout Oakland; Dan and Val in front of Aunt Mary's Café during Taste of Temescal.

# Contacts:

Dan's [COVID Resources](#) page.

**Oakland SeeClickFix** - Call **311**-

[https://seeclickfix.com/web\\_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location; https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311](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 Council Office** - 510-238-7001 (contact DMoss@oaklandca.gov to sign up for Dan's monthly Community Office Hours)

**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>

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**[Dan's list of Good Books worth Reading](#)**