



Greetings Neighbor,

**From my friend and colleague Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney:** *"It is with the utmost sadness that I share with you the tragic news that my son, Victor McElhaney, was slain last night in a senseless act of violence.*

*Victor was a 21 year-old senior at USC Thornton School of Music, where he was pursuing his lifelong love of music with some of the greats.*

*Victor was a son of Oakland. He was a musician who drew his inspiration from the beat, soul, and sound of the Town and he belonged in every nook and cranny of Oakland.*

*I miss my baby. Please keep me, my family, and all of my son's friends in your thoughts and prayers.*

*We are beginning a new chapter in this reoccurring circle of violence... And it will take all of us together to make it through this tragedy."*

**Valarie and I offer our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers and condolences to Lynette and her family on the tragic loss of her son, Victor. May his memory be a blessing.**

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### **District One March Newsletter**

As you know by now, the week-long Teachers Strike is over and our educators and students are back at school. Our Oakland Unified School District and our teachers, represented by the Oakland Education Association, found a fair compromise that gave our teachers a well-deserved raise (11% over 4 years, *plus* a 3% bonus).

There is still a lot of work to do to achieve smaller class size and to better staff our student counseling offices and school libraries. While the school district approved substantial cuts in District Administration personnel expenses, they also cut back some school librarians and restorative justice counselors.

In the meantime, the City Council--OUSD Education Partnership Committee, on which I am a member, will be meeting on April 1st to discuss ways the city can better partner with our OUSD schools.

Next year, we will have the opportunity to modify the commercial property side of the 1978 Prop. 13. If the voters approve this modification, our public schools will have additional funds to better serve our students.

In addition, I am working on developing my City Budget priorities for the upcoming Fiscal Years 2019-21 Budget, which the City Council will adopt in June of this year. Save the Date: I will be hosting a City Budget workshop on Saturday morning, May 18th (location tbd).

Best, -Dan

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### **Ride For A Reason - Help Local Schools**

If you want to do more for Oakland's schools, you'll feel great about **Ride for a Reason**. Join us for a full day of fun and advocacy for Oakland's schools and students on Saturday, April 27th. Ride for a Reason is a mashup of a bike ride, political rally, fundraiser, and community builder. Participants will ride from Oakland to Sacramento to demonstrate for better funding for California's public schools, and we raise much-needed funds for ten Oakland public schools. In our ten years of rides, we've raised \$1 million that schools use for libraries, counselors, after-school childcare programs, sports teams, computer equipment, field trips — all kinds of things students and teachers need. It's a fully-supported bike ride with shorter course options for various riding fitness levels. Find us at [www.r4rschools.com](http://www.r4rschools.com) to ride, volunteer, or donate. It's a rolling Oakland feel-good and do-good party.

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### **Moving? Spring Cleaning? Waste Management will pick up your bulky waste**

All Oakland residents – homeowners AND renters – are eligible for one bulky waste pickup per year from Waste Management. If you are a homeowner, [contact](#) Waste Management directly at (510) 613-8710; if you rent, contact your landlord or property manager to schedule a pick up. Go [here](#) for more information.



### **OPRF 2018 Oakland Parks Report**

In its new report, [\*Continuing Crisis: The 2018 Report on the State of Maintenance in Oakland Parks\*](#), the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF) gives Oakland's City Parks an overall grade of C / C+ for park amenities including ball fields and courts, play equipment,

park furniture and landscaping. This 12<sup>th</sup> report by the OPRF will be presented to the Oakland Public Works Committee (which I chair) on Tuesday, March 5 at 11:30am. Thanks especially to OPRF Stewardship Committee Chair Susan Montauk who has dedicated to much time and energy to improving Oakland's parks.

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### **Remembering and giving thanks to Larry Benson**

This past December, the Golden Gate neighborhood and Oakland lost a Community Champion with the passing of Larry Benson. From the renovated Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center on 62nd Street to the San Pablo street lighting connecting Berkeley to Emeryville to the local Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), residents will benefit from Mr. Benson's leadership for years to come. For those who knew him and those who will only know the changes he made possible in our community: Thank You Larry!

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### **Black History Month: Honoring Josephine Lee**



The Oakland City Council continued its tradition of marking Black History Month by honoring local African-American heroes. This year I was thrilled to honor Oakland native and District 1 resident Josephine Lee. Ms. Lee has had an immeasurable positive impact as a community organizer and booster. As a leader of the Friends of the Golden Gate Library, Ms. Lee founded the Library's annual Free Jazz on Sundays series which started in 1990. Thanks to her tremendous effort, in concert with Larry Benson and Charles Porter, Ms. Lee helped raised the tens of millions of dollars necessary for the new Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center, named in Mr. Porter's honor. They also helped designate the San Pablo corridor as a Redevelopment area - which paid for the medians, lights, and neighborhood signs. Ever the leader, Ms. Lee also helped organize and chair her community's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (10X), and leads her neighborhood block's National Night Out every year.

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### **Small \$\$ Grants from Keep Oakland Beautiful**

[Keep Oakland Beautiful](#) (KOB) gives out [small grants](#) of up to \$800 to individuals/organized groups. The types of projects funded in the past are: park and open space clean up and beautification projects; planting shrubs, flowers, community gardens; pop-up libraries; graffiti removal and murals; litter container tile mosaics, etc. Use this [link](#) to learn more and submit applications.

*Applications **due by May 24, 2019.***



### Increase Safety in the Oakland Hills by Restricting On-street Parking on Narrow Streets

Created by community demand, phase 2 of the Oakland Hills Fire Safety Parking Project has begun. This month, residents should see new parking restrictions enforced on more narrow streets in the North Hills. Phase 1 of the program started in 2017; Phase 2 restrictions started February 2019. OakDOT has promised increased enforcement; feel free to encourage this by calling PARKING ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH at (510) 238- 3099 when you see infractions.

Streets to receive parking restriction signage and enforcement were prioritized by the Oakland Fire Department based on reports of blockage and emergency vehicle access, with input from the community based on a survey conducted among residents of the Hills.

PHASE 1		PHASE 2	
STREET	Location	Street	Location (address)
Buckingham Blvd	6900-7001	Bristol Drive	6971-6981
Butters Drive	2801-3460	Brunell Drive	3341-3400
Capricorn Avenue	123-494	Chelsea Drive	2501-2525
Charing Cross Road	6848-6970	Dwight Place	511-595
Charing Cross Road	6840-6970	Dwight Way	3300-3560
Grand View Drive	1005-1615	Florence Terrace	5715
Marlborough Terrace	7070-Grizzly Peak	Gravatt Drive	458-638
Merriewood Circle	All	Stonewall Road	233-end
Norfolk Road	7121-End	Westview Drive	1415-1459
Sherwick Drive	6801-6900		
Vicente Place	All		
Westover Drive	6139-6316		

Note that the Oakland Fire Department also requested no parking on both sides of certain segments of **Alvarado Road** because emergency response units have reported safety hazards and traffic blockage due to parked cars in these spots. The City is working through

relevant issues to make Alvarado Rd. safer in terms of egress and ingress. In addition, my office will be working with the City of Berkeley to align parking restrictions on Alvarado since it crosses back and forth between jurisdictions. Stay tuned....

**Looking to the future....** We are working with our colleagues in the District Four office, the Oakland Fire Department, the Oakland Department of Transportation and community residents and groups to develop the next phase of the project. If you have ideas, thoughts or questions, please contact Lisa Jacobs at [ljacobs@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ljacobs@oaklandca.gov) or (510) 238-7014 who manages this project in Dan's office.

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### **OakDOT 2019 Three-year Paving Plan**

In the past, Oakland has only been able to repave a handful of major streets due to limited funds. Now with Oakland's Infrastructure Bond (Measure KK) and guaranteed gas tax revenues (Senate Bill 1), the City can increase paving on neighborhood streets while still keeping major streets in good condition. Following policy direction from City Council, OakDOT developed a [proposal](#) that incorporates equity, street condition, and safety to prioritize repaving. The new three-year plan will go to City Council for adoption this spring.

#### **Highlights:**

- Deliver **\$100M in paving construction**, tripling Oakland's average annual spending
- **Prioritize \$75M on local streets** to improve neighborhood quality of life
- **Major** streets prioritized based on **street condition** and **traffic safety** history
- **Local** streets prioritized based on **equity, street condition**, and proximity to **schools**



OakDOT staff are holding scheduling community meetings to share the new strategy with residents. North Oakland residents can hear about the new strategy and provide input:

- **Wednesday, March 20, 6:30pm. Golden Gate Recreation Center**, 1075 62<sup>nd</sup> St.
- **Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm. Berkeley Tennis Club**, One Tunnel Road (next to the Claremont Hotel)

For updates and information on the three-year paving plan please check this [link](#).

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### **Upcoming community events\*\*\***

**North Hills Community Association Annual Meeting**, featuring Assemblymember [Buffy Wicks](#) | **Thursday, March 21** | 6:30 – 9:00pm | Highlands Country Club, 110 Hiller Drive

**Taste of Temescal 2019 Culinary Crawl!** | **Tuesday, March 19** | 6 – 8:30pm | 25+ Temescal Restaurants | Telegraph Ave, 40th to 52<sup>nd</sup> | \$40 | Tickets available online [HERE](#)

**Women Celebrating Women Event** | **Friday, March 29** | 11:00am - 1:00pm | 470 27th Street | Organized by the Alameda County Family Justice Center

**Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Day** | **Saturday, April 13** | 10:00am - 2:00pm | | Chabot Elementary School | 6686 Chabot Road | Valuable tips and resources to keep you, your loved ones, and neighbors safe when disaster strikes. The first 300 families will receive a FREE emergency kit! Sponsored by County Supervisor Keith Carson.

\*\*\*If you have an event you would like us to include, PLEASE CONTACT LISA JACOBS  
[ljacobs@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ljacobs@oaklandca.gov). We will try our best to include your event in a subsequent newsletter.

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### **Police Commission Seeks Applicants**

The Oakland Police Commission is looking for new Commissioners. The Selection Panel is [seeking candidates](#) that reflect Oaklanders' diversity of experiences, especially individuals from communities experiencing the most frequent contact with the Police Department. Strong commitment to police accountability and public service will be prioritized.

Commissioners must be residents of Oakland and over the age of 18. In addition, the following are *not* eligible to serve: current sworn police officers; current city employees; former OPD sworn employees; current or former employees, officials, or representatives of an employee association representing sworn police officers; attorneys with a pending claim or lawsuit against the Department; and attorneys who have filed a claim or lawsuit against the Department that was resolved during the past year.

[Download](#) the application here. Applications are due by March 30, 2019.

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### **Job Opportunities with CENSUS 2020!**

The U.S. Census Bureau is [recruiting](#) thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country – a perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine each state's representation in Congress, as well as how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads, and more. This is your chance to play a part in history and help ensure that everyone in your community is counted! For more information on eligibility and jobs application forms, visit the Census jobs [website](#).

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## The return of Town Camp – Summer 2019!

Register now for [Summer 2019 Town Camp](#). Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development (OPRYD)

Town Camp offers activities such as swimming, field trips, crafts, games, and cooking projects. Various

[opportunities](#) are offered at Golden

Gate, Bushrod and Mosswood Recreation Centers in North Oakland. OPRYD also invites you to participate in a [survey](#) to help them better understand who is attending, who isn't, and barriers to participation, as well as what works and what you would like to see changed.

The survey can be found at this [link](#).

### .... and Spring Break Camps

From Monday March 25, 2019 to Friday March 30, 2019 Bushrod Recreation Center and Studio One Art Center in North Oakland will be offering Spring Break from 8am to 5 pm. Please contact Bushrod at (510) 597-5031 and Studio One at (510) 597-5027 for more information. (Spring Break is also being offered at Dimond, Franklin, Montclair, Studio One and Rainbow recreation centers - contact those Centers for info.)

### 2020 Census Jobs available in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties One application qualifies you for any of the following positions:

Position	Pay rate
Office Clerks	\$20.00 per hour
Office Operations Supervisors	\$26.00 per hour
Census Field Supervisors	\$27.50 per hour
Enumerators (Census Takers)	\$25.00 per hour
Recruiting Assistants	\$27.50 per hour

- ✓ Excellent Pay
- ✓ Flexible Hours
- ✓ Paid Training
- ✓ Temporary Positions

#### Basic Requirements

- 18 years of age or older
- Valid Social Security number
- U.S. Citizen
- Valid email address
- Must apply online

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### Reminder: How to engage with your city

[OAK311](#) -- Report illegal dumping, traffic safety, and infrastructure issues

[Code Enforcement](#) -- Report blighted buildings and yards

[Animal Services](#) -- Report distressed or vicious animals

[Vehicle Abatement](#) -- Report abandoned vehicles

[Police Misconduct](#) -- Report police misconduct and complaints

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Dan dons a Dr. Seuss hat as he reads, "Oh, the Places You'll Go" to children in the Kaiser Permanente Pediatrics Department on March 1st in Oakland as part of Read Across America Day.

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