



Greetings Neighbor,

I am pleased to inform you about a number of items including an update on the City's Three-Year Paving Plan, an updated draft of Oakland's Vegetation Management Plan and an update on Oakland's response to Homelessness. Also, this month I am very excited to announce my new Chief of Staff: Seth Steward (see below for more information). Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

-Dan K.

Paving Update

Three years of ramped-up paving officially kicked off this summer with **The Great Pave**, a major street repair campaign focusing on local neighborhood streets and many under-served neighborhoods. Measure KK, passed by Oakland voters in Nov. 2016, provides \$350 million in bond funding over a ten-year period to repair and enhance Oakland roads and make additional transportation infrastructure and traffic safety improvements. In May, the City Council adopted this 3-year plan to put the first \$102 million tranche of Measure KK funds to work. The three major features of the plan are more funding, more local residential streets, and more equitable investment.



Given the poor condition of so many of Oakland's streets this \$102 million, while significant, is not enough to fix every street that needs it; however, after this three year plan is near completion, OakDOT will continue urgent repairs with the next multi-year plan.

Discretionary Paving funds

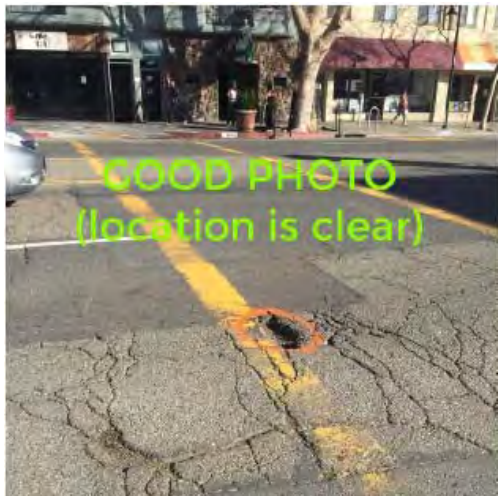
Each Councilmember had very difficult choices to make about how to apportion their \$1 million in discretionary paving funds, but I had the hardest choices -- District One has the largest number of streets in very poor condition that were not included in the 3-year paving plan. I decided to make sure the streets I chose were spread throughout the district, and given the high costs of paving, I could only choose four:

- **Taft Avenue** between Broadway and Manila (\$151K);
- **Genoa Street** between Aileen and Adeline (\$208K);
- **38th Street** between Telegraph and Webster (\$383K) and
- **Alvarado Road** between Claremont and Amato and Oakland portion of lower Alvarado (\$300K).

For a map of all streets to be paved and estimated timeframe, please see the map at [this link](#):

We know that there are many streets that need serious work; please continue to report potholes and other street defects through the City's 311 (SeeClickFix) service. In cases where there are multiple potholes in a small area, city crews are now able to do substantial patching - more significant and long-lasting than merely filling holes. For example, my office is submitting requests for patching on 57th Street and on Forest Street.

- Phone: Call 311 from any phone within Oakland. (If calling from outside Oakland, use the number 510-615-5566.)
- E-mail: OAK311@oaklandca.gov
- Web: 311.oaklandca.gov
- Mobile App: OAK 311, available free for Apple and Android smart devices (powered by SeeClickFix)



Introducing Seth Steward

I am thrilled to welcome my new Chief of Staff **Seth Steward** to my team. Prior to joining our office, Seth worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office for more than 10 years. Before becoming an attorney, Seth was Director of San Francisco's Small Business Commission, and served as a Fiscal and Policy Analyst for the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Finance and Legislative Affairs.

Seth received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. He earned his Juris Doctor from the George Washington University Law School and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy from Occidental College.



Originally from Portland Oregon, Seth moved to Oakland in 1999 and has lived in a few neighborhoods including Lake Merritt, Temescal and the Dimond District where he currently resides. He serves on the Peralta Colleges Foundation Board, the Race, Policy & Law Academy Advisory Board at Oakland Tech High School, and is thrilled about the Oakland Roots soccer team. Welcome to the team, Seth.

Updates on Oakland's Response to Homelessness

The [Keep Oakland Housed](#) initiative, which launched just over a year ago, is now credited with saving 1,800 families from evictions. The Holland navigation facility and multi-service center on Grand Ave., which the [city purchased and opened last year](#), has helped 80 percent of those who've moved in find permanent affordable housing. In other news:

- Oakland partnered with Emeryville to convert an [empty rec center into a facility for homeless families from Oakland](#).
- Oakland opened a new [City Team](#) shelter in East Oakland exclusively for women exiting homelessness. [Watch the story here](#).
- Kudos to these [amazing Oakland residents who are raising funds](#) to help purchase new cabins for Oakland's next Community Cabins space, which will serve the Chinatown/Jack London Square area.
- Oakland's [new Mandela site](#) now hosts 80 Community Cabins that provide shelter, safety, and services to residents who formerly lived in encampments.
- The [new Safe RV Parking Site](#) is a safe, clean, facility that brings electricity, sanitation facilities, and security to those living in their vehicles. Councilmember Kalb believes we need more of these designated sites.

Finally, Oakland's Community Cabins continue to show positive results -- 60 percent of those who exit now live in permanent affordable housing units or transitional housing. We have a lot more work to do.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Domestic violence is a global problem, with millions of annual incidents in the United States. Here in Oakland, the Domestic Violence Unit of the Oakland Police Department is one of the highest volume investigative units within OPD's Criminal Investigation Division.



Survivors of domestic violence must deal with the effects of physical injuries, long-term psychological damage, financial instability, and trouble finding safe housing. However, survivors are not the only people effected. Friends and family members of survivors often experience trauma that detrimentally impacts their lives too. It is widely known that children who observe domestic violence in the home growing up are much more likely to engage in violent behavior as an adult.

To bring public awareness to the seriousness of this issue, Councilmembers Dan Kalb, Lynette Gibson McElhaney, and Sheng Thao sponsored a resolution to recognize October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Councilmembers also honored some of those who work to protect and serve domestic violence victims, including OPD, the Alameda County Family Justice Center, Bay Area Women Against Rape, and the Family Violence Law Center, by presenting representatives from each organization with ceremonial copies of the resolution.

Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP)



After nearly a year of development with numerous community partners and climate experts, the City has released a working draft of the 2030 ECAP. City staff and the Oakland Climate Action Coalition invite you to review the draft [here](#), and send in your comments to climate@oaklandca.gov.

Dan speaking at the League of Women Voters of Oakland Community Roundtable on the Climate Crisis in Oakland.

Wildfire Prevention / Vegetation Management Plan / PG&E

We are facing a global climate crisis that impacts our communities locally including the increasing risk of tragic wildfires, problematic power shutoffs, and an investor-owned utility that appears to prioritize large shareholders over the public.

We have a lot to do to address these interconnected challenges, including:

- Additional regulations to further reduce heat-trapping greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Substantial investments in hardening of our electrical transmission and distribution systems;
- Dedication to effective vegetation management;
- More clean energy locally, including distributed generation; and
- Serious consideration of taking over elements of PG&E by creating new public power authorities or ratepayer-owned cooperatives.

The spate of power outages is simply unacceptable, particularly for the most vulnerable members of our community who depend on electricity for their health and well-being.

In other news, the Oakland Fire Department has just released its updated draft Vegetation Management Plan (Plan). The Plan - which you can download at [this link](#) [warning: 42,000 KB] - will cover more than 1,400 acres of City property plus treatment areas approximately 300 miles of roadside. Vegetation management activities conducted on these lands currently includes goat grazing on nine sites covering approximately 1,300 acres, vegetation clearing along 16 roadways (58 miles), monitoring for vegetation clearance along approximately 300 miles of road within the High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (16.5 square miles), and brush clearance on critical City-owned properties (~332 acres).



The Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will evaluate these and additional vegetation management practices to reduce fire hazard. There are two immediate opportunities to give feedback:

1. Scoping comments to give input regarding the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis, including the significant environmental issues, the proposed range of alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be included in the EIR. Send comments no later than 5:00pm, December 12th to arobinsonpinon@oaklandca.gov
2. Tuesday, December 3, 6:00pm, at City Hall: Public Safety Committee meeting. The draft Vegetation Management Plan is on the agenda.

For more information and resources, please visit oaklandvegmanagement.org.



Oakland Community Preparedness and Response Program and Outreach

In light of devastating wildfire and earthquake disaster threats to our City, the [Oakland Firesafe Council](#) is launching a new program called [Oakland Community Preparedness and Response](#) (OCPR). This program will provide *awareness and educational workshops, materials and on-going support to help increase the overall community preparedness level and to improve disaster response capabilities*. The OCPR outreach, workshops and support are planned to commence in January, 2020.

The OCPR program is funded by a grant from [CAL FIRE](https://www.fire.ca.gov/) (<https://www.fire.ca.gov/>) Oakland City Council approved matching funds from the City of Oakland in the 2019-2021 budget.

OCPR's goals are to increase the number and effectiveness of organized neighborhoods, promote [NFPA Firewise USA](#) certifications, coordinate [CORE](#) emergency preparedness and response training and communicate evacuation and notification procedures, among other activities. The program will focus on the Oakland Hills and foothills areas first—communities most at risk of a wildfire or earthquake disaster.

OCPR hinges on community involvement, starting with NCPCs, Neighborhood Associations and organized neighborhood groups. OCPR is requesting that the leads of these organizations email ocpr@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org or call (510) 499-8933 with your contact information so that you will be informed of activities and be able to schedule awareness and education programs for your communities.

For more information please contact Doug Mosher at ocpr@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org

Chabot School suspected noose incidents

Incidents involving apparent nooses at Chabot Elementary School several weeks back evoked worries, dismay and anxiety in our community. It is critical that we take a stand against racialized violence and fight discrimination and symbols of oppression.

We cannot ignore the racially violent history of the noose, the serious emotions it elicits, and the kinds of conversations many parents are forced to have with their children concerning it. The noose,

used to commit lynchings and inflict terror on the African American community is a symbol of violence directed towards African Americans. I condemn all symbols of hate and violence without reservation. Everyone must be made to feel safe and welcome, especially our youth. Whenever that sense of safety is threatened, it is imperative that we do what is necessary to restore it.

I have had conversations with the Chabot principal Cannon, OUSD and OPD about these two incidents. I commend OUSD and OPD for their investigations, and I appreciate that Chabot Elementary School leaders took steps to help heal their community. My staff also attended the Chabot PTA meeting on Sept. 17th (I was unable to attend due to a conflicting City Council meeting). We are continuing to follow up with OPD and OUSD officials.

I commend the Chabot School community for having difficult conversations and genuinely supporting each other through this unfortunate experience. I know that the healing process can take time and I affirm my commitment to do what I can to help now and in the future.

Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway - Mistah FAB

Local rap artist Mistah FAB will be hosting his 14th annual Thanksgiving Feeding on **Tuesday, November 26th in front of 4506 Market Street from Noon to 6:00 p.m.**



Those who attend will receive a free turkey, a free meal on-site, and a free coat if needed. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who help make this happen each year.



Studio One's Annual Pottery and Crafts Fair

Sunday, Dec. 8th, Noon - 4:00pm. Studio One will be fully stocked with donated art pieces in pottery, ceramics, glass and jewelry. Come out and buy your gifts for the holiday season. **365 45th Street • Oakland.**

Help Bring Holiday Joy to Oakland's Children

The annual Mayor's Community Toy Drive makes the holidays joyful for Oakland children whose families can't afford gifts. Thanks to City staff, hundreds of volunteers, more than 16,000 toys, books, gift cards and sporting equipment were given to thousands of children from low-income families.

Each year, demand exceeds the number of toys collected - especially for older kids. To help us meet our need, please make a tax-deductible monetary donation, which enables us to purchase additional toys needed. To make a secure online donation, visit this [page](#).

Please Donate toys! Drop a new, unwrapped toy in one of the many collection bins in place through December 9th including:

- Oakland City Hall, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza & 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza
- Any Oakland Fire Station
- Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue
- Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue
- Oakland Museum of CA, 1000 Oak Street

For more information, including details on how Oakland's low-income families can register for toys, please call (510) 777-TOYS or visit [this page](#).

Rockridge NCPC - December 12

I will be attending the next meeting of the Greater Rockridge NCPC on Thursday, December 12, at the Rockridge Library, at 7.30pm. The new District 1 representative for the Community Policing Advisory Board will also be there. Hope you can join us.



Dan showing support at the National Abortion Rights Action League booth at the 2019 Oakland Pride parade.

Reminder: Click Below to File a Complaint

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

[Council Meeting Agendas](#) -- Dates and agenda links for all Council and Committee meetings

[Code Enforcement](#) -- Report blighted buildings & yards, and other Code violations

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

[Parking Information](#) -- Info and Answers on all things Parking in Oakland

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

[City of Oakland's Homeless Response Info](#) & [Keep Oakland Housed](#)

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