

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development Re-Opening Report Week of May 17 - 21, 2021

RECREATION CENTERS (Town Enrichment Program)

Current Offerings: Our school-year Town Enrichment Program (TEP) is currently offered at the following recreation centers: Redwood Heights, Lincoln Square, Manzanita, Redwood Heights, Studio One, and Tassafaronga. (See link below to register)

TEP is administered in compliance with current State and County public health orders, and includes numerous protocols to maintain social distancing and other relevant measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. All social distancing and proper hygiene and sanitation requirements are being followed, and increased outdoor activities have been added to the program curriculum. Participants must wear face covering. Temperature checks and other health screening takes place daily.

TOWN CAMP (SUMMER 2021)

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD) is excited to provide a fun and safe summer camp experience for youth ages 5-12 years old at 18 recreation centers citywide. Campers participate in a variety of enrichment activities including field games, craft making, arts, fitness, tee shirt tie dying, wacky water Fridays, introduction to lacrosse, soccer, golf, camp songs, STEAM projects, math & reading power hour, performances for town expression week, giant bubbles, gardening, and lots of fun outdoor games. Safety was, and continues to be our top priority. Campers are organized into fun pods, where camp staff regularly remind and encourage health and safety practices such as social distancing and hand washing as outlined by the Alameda County Health Department.

Register here:

https://cityofoakland.perfectmind.com/23603/Clients/BookMe4BookingPages/BookingCoursesPage?calendarId=2d0d8045-8a9a-4d48-9e3e-46380c8b107b&widgetId=15f6af07-39c5-473e-b053-96653f77a406&embed=False&utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Town+Camp+Welcome&utm_campaign=Town+Camp+-+2021

Update: We are currently in the process of reinstating staff previously placed on inactive status and processing our new hires in anticipation of the end of 'school year' programming (TEP) and transition into Summer, 'Neighborhood Town Camp' (NTC). Staff will spend time in coming weeks getting ready to serve Oakland's youth by, training on safety, curriculum, cleanliness/sanitation best practices, and in some cases new employee orientation. Staff are eagerly anticipating a return to their home work sites to ready the buildings and grounds for the influx of youth participants.

YOUTH SPORTS

Ace Kids Golf: Is currently programming at Lake Chabot Golf Course following the guidelines of Alameda County. The program includes an Introduction to golf for three groups, Academy II, Academy III and Pee Wee. Register at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com.

Davie Tennis Stadium: Junior Tennis Camp will resume in the summer. Register at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com. For more information contact Marc Weinstein, Center Director at MWeinstein2@oaklandca.gov or (510) 444-5663.

Basketball: Oakland Neighborhood Basketball League (ONBL) coming this summer. For more information contact Frederick Morris III, Sports Coordinator at FMorris@oaklandca.gov.

ADULT SPORTS

Adult softball league will start June 14th. Register at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com. For more information contact Frederick Morris III, Sports Coordinator at FMorris@oaklandca.gov.

AQUATICS

Lions Pool: As of April 5, 2021, public lap swim resumed at Lions Pool following the activation of certified lifeguards from non-pay status. Effective the week of May 17-21, 2021 public lap swim at Lions Pool has expanded to Saturday's from 11:00am-3:15pm. Due to limited initial availability of certified lifeguards, public lap swim at Lions Pool is currently available Monday-Friday from 9:30am-3:15pm and Saturday from 11:00am-3:15pm. Due to Covid-19 lap swim is limited to one person per lane, or five lanes per 30 minute session, followed by a 15 minute transition period. Current pool capacity is five residents per session and 40 residents per day on weekdays, 30 residents per day on Saturday's, and 240 residents per week. In addition to lap swim, Skyline High School swim team conducts practice after lap swim, while Temescal Masters program swims Monday-Saturday at various times. For questions about Lap Swim at Lions Pool email lionspool@oaklandca.gov or call (510) 482-7852.

Temescal Pool: Public Works is working to complete resurfacing of the pool deck which was required by Alameda County before resuming use of Temescal. Upon completion of the resurfacing, OPRYD Aquatics plans to offer public lap swim at Temescal pool Tuesday-Friday from 3:00pm-7:00pm.

Live Oak Pool: Available for rental usage only. Currently Oakland Barracudas Masters are using the Live Oak Pool Monday- Saturday at various times. Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) has the facility reserved through joint-use agreement from 8:30am-5:30pm. Beginning May 17, 2021 – December 17, 2021, Oaklantis an Oakland-based youth non-profit swimming club will begin use of the pool Monday-Saturday.

Fremont Pool: Seasonal use. Fremont is scheduled to reopen for summer programming June 14 – August 8, 2021 pending the return of certified lifeguards.

DeFremery Pool: Effective May 3, 2021 the DeFremery Pool Public Facility Improvement Project completion timeline has been extended to November 30, 2021. The CBDG FY 2021/2022 budgeted \$295,000 for the overall project of which \$156,371 is allocated for the installation of a bulkhead that will support swimming instruction, and other purposes for which separation of the pool into sections necessary. In addition, \$136,629 are allocated to purchase and install spectator benches/bleachers and will support re-pavement and resurfacing of Defremery Park's tennis courts. DeFremery Pool is scheduled to reopen for summer programming June 14 – August 8, 2021 pending the return of certified lifeguards.

East Oakland Sports Center and Water Park: The East Oakland Sports Center is scheduled to re-open, 6/14/21. The following will be the facility schedule; M-F, 6:30am-9pm, Sat-Sun, 8am-6pm. The facility will initially be opened to 25% capacity, potentially to be increased based upon county guidelines, staffing capacity and other considerations.

Focus areas for re-opening to include: workout gym, dance studio/balcony (classes/activities, i.e. dance, Yoga, Spin etc.), and pool (lap swim & Water Aerobics).

BOATING

Lake Merritt Boating Center: Lake Merritt Boating Center (LMBC) is developing a plan to resume boat rentals which will emphasize boat cleaning and sanitization, socially distant daily operations, and touch-less rental transactions in order to offer services at a limited capacity.

Staff are currently being contacted to return to work from non-pay status in anticipation of in-service training and resuming weekend Boating rentals at LMBC on Saturday June 5, 2021.

Boating and Sailing Camps: Basic Sailing (ages 10-17), Intermediate Sailing (ages 10-17), and Explorers Camp (ages 7-10) Youth Boating Town Camps are set to open at LMBC this summer with three sessions: June 14 – July 2 (Session 1), July 6 – July 23 (Session 2), and July 26 – August 6 (Session 3). All sessions are currently full with the exception of Intermediate Sailing Camp which has (1) one spot remaining in session 1 and (2) two spots remaining in session 2. For questions or concerns about boating contact Gabriel Gipson at GGipson@oaklandca.gov.

Jack London Aquatic Center: The Jack London Aquatic Center Dock Replacement Project is nearing completion pending an inspection by City Engineers and the installing contractor. Due to the current Alameda County guidelines and out of abundance of caution, we are not able to offer Jack London Aquatic Center (JLAC) camps or rentals, as the sailboats used for programs at JLAC do not provide users the ability to maintain 6 feet social distance. Due to the size of the boats and the nature of the Oakland estuary, JLAC requires a minimum of two (2) persons to safely operate the vessels. However, future updates of the State's reopening blueprint along with the loosening of local restrictions could boating rentals to resume at JLAC.

CULTURE, ARTS, NATURE, & SCIENCE

Rotary Nature: Currently closed. Staff continues to perform regular maintenance of the sanctuary and surrounding area. Programs are tentatively scheduled to begin Fall 2021.

Studio One Art Center- Our OFASS program (Oakland Fine Arts Summer School) has 140 spaces, with 80 registered; Studio One Art POD will host three sessions between June 14 and August 6, each session has 60 spaces, with 48 registered; Studio One Teen Leadership Arts Academy ages 12-14. Maximum enrollment is 16 youth for each session, July 6 - July 23 and July 26 – August 6; Staff has continued firing services and selling clay.

OFASS Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0sLDWbds4s8CsFOK-fOzvYZInnF5IbOFa2ahADQeXwjK76Q/viewform>

Clay Firing Services:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/studio-one-clay-firing-services>

Discovery Center: Currently closed due the temporary reassignment of staff to assist with the City of Oakland food distribution program. Beginning June 1, the center will transition its primary location to Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center. Program is tentatively scheduled to begin Fall 2021.

Community Gardens: There are 12 active community garden sites, with 12 registered gardeners and 247 thriving planting boxes. Staff is actively recruiting community gardeners to utilize unused boxes; and to reactivate dormant gardens. Staff has performed regular management of garden space, and report vandalism and public safety issues.

Register for a box, or sign up to volunteer at:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/community-gardening>

CENTRAL RESERVATIONS UNIT **Facilities & Parks Available for Rent**

Malonga Casquelourd Center For The Arts, 1428 Alice Street
Available for Rent: Tues-Fri (12:00pm – 8:00pm), Sat (8am – 8pm)
Studio E – small public groups only
Studio A & C resident company classes only

Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue
Available for Rent: Tues-Friday (12:00pm – 8:00pm), Sat (8:00am – 8:00pm)
Garden Center: Vista & Garden Room only
Picnic & Wedding Sites: Japanese Garden, Lakeside Park Band Stand, Sailboat House Picnic Tables

Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3300 Joaquin Miller Drive
Available for Rent: Tues-Fri (12:00pm – 8:00pm), Sat (8:00am – 8:00pm)
Wedding Sites: JM Cascades, JMCC Deck
Picnic Sites: Fernwood Picnic, Park Place

Leona Lodge Community Center, 4444 Mountain Blvd.
Available for Rent: Tues-Fri (12:00pm -8:00pm), Sat (8:00am-8:00pm)

Morcom Rose Garden, 700 Jean St.
Available for Rent: Tues-Fri (12:00pm -8:00pm), Sat (8:00am-8:00pm)
As of today 4/26/21, we have received a total of 51 reservation requests through the online Reservation Request Form link including 5 requests for Malonga, 41 for CRU, and 5 for Dunsmuir.

For application information please contact us at : <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/rentals-and-reservations>

CITY-WIDE UPDATES

- Tennis: Citywide tennis courts are open to the public. The newly renovated tennis courts at Dimond Park are also open. Patrons can make reservations online to reserve local tennis courts at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com
- Fitness Courts at Lowell and Arroyo Viejo Parks: The courts are in final stages with court unveiling on Friday, June 4 in District 6 Arroyo Viejo Park at 10:30am and District 3 Lowell Park at 2:00pm.
- Basketball courts have re-opened. Hoops & nets are being restored citywide. Progress is steady, but the process is expected to take several weeks.
- City playgrounds are open for “Use At Your Own Risk”.
- DeFremery Skate Park “Town Park”, and Rainbow, and Montclair Parks Skate Ramps are open for use within social distancing guidelines.

OPRYD RACE & EQUITY TEAM

OPRYD's recently reestablished Race Equity Team includes a diverse, seasoned and passionate group of staff, with many years of experience and training in the recreation and youth development field. Cynthia Armstrong, Center Director of Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center; Kola Thomas, Center Director of Golden Gate Recreation Center; Alethia Walker, Center Director of Studio One Art Center; Zermaine Thomas, Special Events Coordinator for Central Reservations Unit; Bianca Posada, Recreation Program Director for Inclusion Programs; Asmerom Kidane, Recreation Specialist for Ace Kids' Golf. Each team member offers a unique perspective, and their individual experience on the issues of Race Equity within OPRYD.

The OPRYD Racial Equity Team supports the mission of the City of Oakland to transform practices in City government in order to promote inclusion and full participation by a broad representation of residents, and to end racial inequity in the community and in the workplace. The Team works to implement the racial equity mission within Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development by supporting capacity building, the development of the department's

annual Racial Equity Strategic Plan and promoting the application of a racial equity framework and tools across the department's activities.

HIRING UPDATE

Summer hiring is in progress. Temporary part-time staff are scheduled to return to work mid to late May to support summer programming. There is a continuous recruitment for recreation and aquatics staff.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

OPRYD is looking for artistic, enthusiastic, and creative individuals to join our team. We are recruiting candidates for temporary part-time employment to support our summer & fall programs. This is a great opportunity for youth and young adults. Applications are currently being accepted online only for the following positions:

- Recreation Aide, Attendant, Leader, Specialist
- Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, Pool Manager

Interested candidates, sixteen (16) years old and older, may submit their application online visit www.oaklandca.gov/services/apply-for-city-of-oakland-and-port-of-oakland-jobs

Click on apply for City jobs select a position and apply online.

Watch video <https://www.facebook.com/195652360492986/videos/444993623488949>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mosswood Community Kindness Day

Mosswood Park celebrated Community Kindness Day on Saturday, April 24. There were 91 volunteers that participated in this park cleanup. It was a lovely day of community coming together with a common goal to clean up Mosswood Park and build relationships with the unhoused residents living in the park. Together we made a difference!

The Community Kindness Day was led by Angela Moore, NCPC Beat 8x Manager, Nate Moon, Beat 8x Community Coordinator, and Terri Westbrook, Mosswood Center Director.

Organizations that contributed to making this event successful were Noah's Bagels, Sharon's Wings of Love, The Lost Cause Project, Mosswood New Community Center Design Team, OPW, and Starbuck's Coffee Company who had 24 volunteers participate in their green t-shirts. Total number of bags picked up: 148 bags of debris and 58 bags of trash.