

**Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD)**  
**Weekly Informational Report**  
**Week of November 29 – December 3, 2021**

**OAKLAND PARKS AMBASSADORS RENAMED PARKS STEWARDS**

We are targeting Spring 2022 to have our Park Stewards out in the field. External searches for 20-25 Park Stewards and one Program Director should initiate shortly. At present, we are in conversations with leadership of similar programs in San Leandro and SF to learn best practices, successes and challenges, etc. We are also soliciting input from all stakeholders as we build out the vision for this program. Anyone interested in providing input is encouraged to reach out to Oakland Parks Steward Supervisor Marc Weinstein at: [mweinstein2@oaklandca.gov](mailto:mweinstein2@oaklandca.gov)

**TOWN CAMP - December is all about LIGHTS**

Participants will [learn about shadows](#) by creating their own shadow puppets and learning about what happens when light is blocked.



Participants will be immersed into different [festivals of lights](#) celebrated around the world. Festivals of lights across different cultures have a common thread in celebrating 'light' as opposed to the 'dark'. Part of this will include a [virtual field trip to India](#), to celebrate Diwali a Hindi festival of lights and create their own [Rangolis](#), an art form in which patterns are created on the floor or a tabletop.



Participants will learn about the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) and create their own Northern Lights [Winter Landscapes](#)

Click here for Northern Lights video - [YouTube](#)

[All About Auroras: Aurora Borealis \(Northern Lights\) and Aurora Australis for Kids - FreeSchool](#)

Participant will also get to [play fun games](#) like Flashlight Tag, Statues in the dark, Firefly, Red light Green Light and more!

[All December curriculum can be found here!](#)

TAP enrolled 361 participants for the month of November.

## **YOUTH SPORTS**

### **Flag Football:**

- OPRYD in partnership with the Oakland Athletic League Flag Football for Middle School playoffs will be held Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at McClymond's High School, 2607 Myrtle Street, Oakland, CA from 9am to 3pm. For more information contact Frederick Morris III, Sports Coordinator at [FMorris@oaklandca.gov](mailto:FMorris@oaklandca.gov).

### **Ace Kids Golf:**

- Ace Kids Golf has just kicked off their Fall Youth Program. Program enrollment is full through December. The after-school program runs Mondays through Thursdays, and the PGA Junior League Fridays and Saturdays. There are still openings in the Junior League program. For additional information, email Preston Pinkney at [ppinkney@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ppinkney@oaklandca.gov)

### **Davie Tennis Stadium:**

- The Junior Tennis fall session is currently full. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list register at [www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com](http://www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com).
- Davie's adult instructional program offers Group Lessons six days a week. All current classes are full. New classes will be posted on the last day of the current session.

For more information contact Marc Weinstein, center director at [mweinstein2@oaklandca.gov](mailto:mweinstein2@oaklandca.gov) or (510) 444-5663. Additional information about Davie Stadium, including adult programs, can be found at <http://oaklandtennis.org/index.php/about-davie/ip>

## ADULT SPORTS

**Get Out, Get Active!** Workout on our newly installed National Fitness Campaign (NFC) courts at Arroyo Viejo Park and Lowell Park. Download the app @ National Fitness Campaign and become a fitness ambassador, receive workout trainings, access locations, outdoor fitness, and challenges. The fitness court is a 7 minute-7 movement full body circuit training workout. Fitness courts are designed for ages 12 and workouts are FREE! For more information contact Myka Hammock, Rec Sports Supervisor at [mhammock@oaklandca.gov](mailto:mhammock@oaklandca.gov).

### *Motivational quote...*

“If you can dream it, you can do it” ~Walt Disney

### Adult Softball

- Adult Softball League programs began in September. Approximately 500 players including women, men and co-ed teams participate at three fields including Owen Jones Field, Allendale Park and Curt Flood Field. Leagues play Monday-Friday evenings from 6pm to 9pm.

Register at [www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com](http://www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com). For more information contact Frederick Morris III, Sports Coordinator at [FMorris@oaklandca.gov](mailto:FMorris@oaklandca.gov).

## AQUATICS

OPRYD Aquatics team members are committed to providing pool access citywide while following current health guidelines. The Covid-19 pandemic had a negative impact on the availability of OPRYD certified aquatics staff. As we add additional certified lifeguards, program hours, days, and times are subject to change. Please scroll down for information on future lifeguard certification classes and employment opportunities.

**Lions Pool:** Lions Pool currently offers year-round programming including Lap Swim and Fall Family/Recreation Swim. Lions Pools is expected to resume pre-pandemic programming including youth learn-to-swim lessons, junior lifeguards, youth competitive swim team, adult swim lessons, and Parent & Child Swim Lessons for ages 6 months to 3 years-old. As of October 11, 2021, the Oakland Undercurrents, an Oakland-based non-profit, began its swimming program. Classes are offered Monday-Wednesday from 4:00pm-5:45pm.

**Public Swim Fees (Outdoor Pools) ~Exact Change Required~**

\$1.00 Youth (under age 18)

\$2.00 Senior (55 and over)

\$3.00 Adult

The Lions Pool Fall Outdoor Lap Swim Schedule effective November 4, 2021 – March 19, 2022, is as follows:

- 6:30am – 9:30am (Tue)
  - 11:00am – 2:30pm (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)
  - 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)
- 11:00am – 2:30pm (Sat)

**Temescal Pool:** The following is the Temescal Pool Fall Outdoor Lap Swim Schedule effective November 4, 2021 – March 19, 2022, is as follows:

- 12:30pm – 2:30pm (Mon – Fri)

- 5:00pm – 7:00pm (Mon – Fri)
- 11:00am – 2:30pm (Sat)

**Face coverings** are required the duration of the visit at City of Oakland pools except when swimmers are in water. **Locker rooms** and **Showers** remain open. **Pre-Admission Screening** is required and includes a series of questions and a temperature check.

**Lifeguard Certifications Courses**

OPRYD Aquatics is seeking teens 16-year-old and up, college students, adults, seniors, swim team/water polo participants, lap swimmers and the broader community interested in becoming certified lifeguards. **OPRYD Aquatics completed Blended Learning Lifeguard Certification courses during the OUSD Thanksgiving break hosted at Live Oak Memorial Pool November 20-24, 2021.**

Registration is \$100.00 for OUSD students, \$190.00 for Oakland residents, and \$225.00 for non-residents seeking to join future Lifeguarding Certification courses.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR UPCOMING LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES](#)

**East Oakland Sports Center (EOSC) Pool**

The East Oakland Sports Center Pool closed on Wednesday November 23, 2021, due to a pool circulation pump that failed along with a burst in a dehumidifier pipe that caused flooding in the pump room and Men’s locker room. ABM Facility Services reported that the dehumidifier pipes are scheduled to be replaced on Friday December 3, 2021. This will allow EOSC to reopen on Monday December 6, 2021.

Water Aerobics classes are held Monday-Friday mornings from 8:30am-9:30am and Monday and Thursday evening from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Sign up is not necessary. Just come on in and join us! We ask attendees to be prompt for class as the instructor reserves the leave after the first 15 minutes if there are no attendees. Masks are required. Appropriate attire for the class consists of fitness or comfortable clothing and sneakers.

**2021 East Oakland Sports Center (EOSC) Pool Fall Schedule**

- Water Aerobics (All Ages) \* Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 9:30AM (Lap Pool)
- Water Walking Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 1:30PM (Lazy River)
- Adult Swim\* Mon – Fri 9:45AM – 1:30PM (Lap Pool)
- Adult Swim\* Mon & Thu 5:00PM – 5:30PM (Lap Pool)
- Water Walking\* Mon & Thu 5:00PM – 7:00PM (Lazy River)
- Water Aerobics (All Ages) \* Mon & Thu 5:30PM – 6:30PM (Lap Pool)
- Adult Swim\* Mon & Thu 6:30PM – 7:00PM (Lap Pool)

**\*Monthly no contract passes, or daily rate required. No outdoor pool lap swim passes will be accepted.**

Monthly no contract passes are \$25 youth (ages 14-17), \$40 seniors, and \$55 adults. Drop-in fees are \$3 youth, \$6 seniors, \$8 residents, and \$10 non-residents.

Monthly no contract passes, or drop-in fees includes access to the following: fitness center, group fitness/group X classes, Fit Care, water aerobics, lap swim, water walking, and recreation swim (when available).

**For those interested in obtaining a monthly no contract pass email [Stephanie Siles at SSiles@oaklandca.gov](mailto:SSiles@oaklandca.gov) or call 510-615-5838.**

**DeFremery Pool:** Lions Pool will reopen for the summer of 2022.

**Fremont Pool:** Fremont Pool will reopen for the summer of 2022. Future lifeguard certification courses at Fremont Pool during the OUSD Thanksgiving break from November 20-24 are previously listed.

**Live Oak Pool:** Live Oak Memorial Pool reopened following the replacement of the pool heater on Friday November 19, 2021. When Live Oak Pool is available for rental usage only. Oakland Barracudas Masters utilizes Live Oak Monday-Saturday mornings. Oaklantis, an Oakland-based youth non-profit swimming club, utilizes Live Oak Monday-Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) has the Live Oak Pool reserved through joint-use agreement from 8:30am – 4:30pm which allows for usage by Oakland High School students.

### **Employment Opportunities**

For those possessing current lifeguard and water safety instructor certifications, OPRYD Aquatics' next oral interviews and water exams are scheduled for Wednesday December 8, 2021 at Temescal Pool.

[Click here to apply for open Aquatics Positions](#) or visit us online at [Job Opportunities | Job Opportunities \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

## **BOATING**

- **Lake Merritt Boating Center (LMBC):** LMBC offers boat rentals each Saturday & Sunday from 11:00am – 5:00pm throughout Fall 2021. Please call 510-238-2196 or email Gabriel Gipson at [GGipson@oaklandca.gov](mailto:GGipson@oaklandca.gov) for questions or inquiries.
- **Boating and Sailing Camps:** Ended on Friday August 6, 2021. Will resume in Summer 2022.

For questions or concerns about boating contact Gabriel Gipson or visit us online at [www.sailoakland.com](http://www.sailoakland.com).

- **Jack London Aquatic Center (JLAC):** JLAC Summer Camps for youth will resume in the summer of 2022.

## **CULTURE, ARTS, NATURE, & SCIENCE**

- **Rotary Nature Center:** Program planning for RNC is underway, with the first program tentatively scheduled to begin December 1st. Regular maintenance of the pond and surrounding landscaping continues. Local Scout Troop 97 completed an Eagle Scout project at RNC. The Scouts constructed and installed nine brand new planter box and planted native plants and flowers. Through the Adopt-A-Spot program, Troop 97 has committed to long-term beautification of the planter boxes. Project Photos: [Troop 97 Eagle Scout Project at RNC](#)
- **Studio One Art Center:** Adult programming has resumed at Studio One Art Center. Registration is currently open. Classes are available in ceramics, glass, jewelry design, painting, drawing and much more.

Link to current class

catalog. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GcgGUEJF89eFZrZuPSQCoC4v2\\_Qn46oV/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GcgGUEJF89eFZrZuPSQCoC4v2_Qn46oV/view)  
Updated Studio One Fall & Winter 2021-2022 Catalog.pdf

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

In partnership with the City of Oakland's Department of Human Services (DHS), Watercolor classes are offered via Zoom to all 4 senior centers including one citywide Spanish version. Plans for a second collaboration via Zoom is in the works for a beginning dance class for seniors. Date to be determined.

The Oakland Civic Orchestra has resumed weekly rehearsals.

**Discovery Center:** As of October 1, 2021, the Discovery Center transitioned to its secondary location at Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center. The primary location is undergoing a deep cleaning and will be open on a limited basis. Science curriculum has been created and distributed for Town Afterschool Program locations.

**Community Gardens:** There are 12 active community gardens, 12 registered gardeners, and 247 thriving planting boxes. Staff are actively recruiting community gardeners to utilize unused boxes and to reactivate dormant gardens. Staff regularly manage gardens, and report vandalism and public safety issues. Meetings with community gardeners are being scheduled to address concerns of the gardeners and re-establish regular communication and support.

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

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

### **East Oakland Dance Ensemble:**

The East Oakland Dance Ensemble is the East Oakland Sports Center's pre-professional dance competition team. It was founded with the intent to showcase the years of work from dancers who have grown up in the EOSC's Introductory School of Dance. It also provides them with the opportunity to represent the EOSC and OPRYD at various events, such as national dance competitions, OPRYD's Open House, EOSC dance recitals, In10sity Dance, Art & Soul Festival, SFSU Children's Dance Festival etc. The EODE also currently holds the reigning first place championship for the Junior and Teen Small Group Division at In10sity Dance. In 2019, the EODE was honored to have been invited to perform at PUSH Fest in San Francisco, alongside many other Bay Area professional dance companies.

For more information please contact Stephanie Siles, EODE Founder and Artistic Director, at [ssiles@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ssiles@oaklandca.gov).

## **CENTRAL RESERVATIONS UNIT**

### **Facilities & Parks Available for Rent**

The calendar for Central Reservations is currently open thru December 31, 2022. To ensure a safe environment for all visitors, applicants are required to observe the following:

- Masks are required for gatherings for ages 3 yrs. of age and older.
- Anyone who is experiencing COVID symptoms must not attend and stay home if sick.

## **Facilities & Parks Available for Booking Monday-Sunday 8:00 am -10:00 pm**

- Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks
- Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue
- Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3594 Sanborn Dr.
- Leona Lodge Community Center, 4444 Mountain Blvd.
- Jack London Aquatic Center (JLAC), 115 Embarcadero

### ***\*Booking hours vary based on venue availability.***

- **\*Malonga Casquelourd Center for The Arts**, 1428 Alice Street  
Available for Booking: Tuesday-Saturday 8:00am – 8:00pm, Sunday-Monday Closed  
Malonga Theater: Book now for calendar dates beginning August 1, 2021.

Studio E: Public groups only

Studio A & C Resident Company Classes only

- **\*Sequoia Lodge**, 2666 Mountain Blvd.  
Available for Booking: Fridays 5:00pm-10:00pm & Saturday-Sunday 8:00am-10:00pm

- **\*Morcom Rose Garden**, 700 Jean St.  
Available for Booking: Monday – Sunday 8:00am –7:00pm

- **\*Parks: Stand-Alone Parks not adjacent to Recreations Centers**  
Available for Booking: Monday- Sunday 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

To book a reservation click on the link [https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/rentals- and-reservations](https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/rentals-and-reservations) or contact Central Reservations via email at: [CRU@oaklandca.gov](mailto:CRU@oaklandca.gov)

## **CITY-WIDE UPDATES**

- **Tennis:** Citywide tennis courts are open to the public. Patrons may make reservations online to reserve local tennis courts at [cityofoakland.perfectmind.com](http://cityofoakland.perfectmind.com).
- **Pickleball:** Courts are open to the public at Bushrod, DeFremery and Montclair. Patrons can make reservations online to reserve local courts at [www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com](http://www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com).
- **Dog Parks:** Please enjoy one of Oakland’s 18 on-leash dog play areas, 5 off leash fenced parks, and/or 4 off leash open play areas. For a list of Dog Parks and Play Areas, and other related information, visit <http://oaklandca.gov/resources/dog-friendly-parks>.