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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Mayor, OPD, and Community Leaders Confirm Steady Decline in Violent Crime Since 2012 – On Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Mayor Libby Schaaf and representatives from the Oakland Police Department held a press conference to announce the steady decline in the City's violent crime rate over the past five years. The sustained trend is due to a consistent crime-fighting strategy that focuses on stronger community relationships, stabilized leadership at the top of the Oakland Police Department, and better intelligence-sharing among rank and file, officials said. The FBI's violent crime index – which tracks murders, rape, robbery, and assault – has dropped 23 percent in Oakland from 2012 to 2017, with the steepest declines in shootings (down 50 percent) homicides (down 42 percent) and robbery (down 38 percent) during that time frame. In 2012, the city saw 553 shootings and 125 homicides. By comparison, in 2017 the city witnessed 277 shootings and 72 homicides – Oakland's second lowest homicide total since records were kept in 1985. For more information, contact the Oakland Police Department's Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238- 7230.

Oakland Restaurant Week 2018 – Through Sunday, January 21, Bay Area foodies can savor great meal deals during Oakland Restaurant Week (ORW) 2018. Participating restaurants will offer prix fixe lunch and/or dinner menus at \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40 and \$50 price points. The most diverse restaurant week in the region, ORW runs over two weekends giving ample time to feed your inner foodie by taking full advantage of the dining deals. To help those in need, select restaurants are donating a portion of their ORW proceeds to the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Follow Oakland Restaurant Week 2018 on social media by following #ORW18. Oakland Restaurant Week is organized by Visit Oakland. To view the roster of participating restaurants and details on the special offers, please visit www.oaklandrestaurantweek.org.

Presentation of The Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award to Ms. Wendy Jackson at "In the Name of Love" -- The 16th Annual Musical Tribute Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 7:00-9:30 pm at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr., Oakland, CA 94612, Ms. Wendy Jackson will be presented with the Oakland Citizen

Humanitarian Award for her outstanding work on behalf of the Oakland community at "In the Name of Love", the 16th Annual Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an extensive civic and cultural event that pays homage through music, to one of the greatest humanitarians of our time.

The theme of this year's tribute is "Songs of Change" highlighting five outstanding vocalists: Nicolas Bearde, Kim Nalley, Tiffany Austin, Amikaeyla Gaston and Jessica Lá Rel, along with an exciting backup band including Tammy Hall on piano, Marcus Shelby on bass, Allison Miller on drums, Adam Theis on horns and Terrence Brewer on guitar. The 2018 program will bring them together onto the stage for the first time to rekindle Dr. King's message of love and nonviolence as captured in Marvin Gaye's outstanding music. Additionally, the tribute will include the 55-voice Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir; and the 200-voice Living Jazz Children's Project backed up by the Oakland School for the Arts Ensemble. Dana King, formerly with CBS, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. For further information or to purchase tickets, please call 510-858-5313, Tickets: \$25-\$40; children 12 and under- \$8-\$12 or visit www.livingjazz.org/mlktribute .

Save A Life Blood Drive -- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service sponsored by Councilmember Dan Kalb – Did you know that donating one pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? On Monday, January 15, 2 – 5 pm, at the American Red Cross Blood Donation Center (6230 Claremont Ave. in Oakland), Councilmember Dan Kalb and the District 1 team are sponsoring a local Blood Drive on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in partnership with the American Red Cross. Please join us for a great opportunity to contribute to your community and help save lives. If you are available and able to donate, please RSVP by sending an e-mail to Oliver Luby at oluby@oaklandnet.com or calling 510-238-7013. We encourage those who are available to take a moment to read helpful eligibility requirement information: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/eligibility-requirements> .

Day of Service at Bushrod Park – On Monday, January 15, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation invite you to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. with a Day of Service at Bushrod Park located at 560 59th Street, Oakland, CA. Join the Foundation "Build Community by Giving Back" with the creation of a pollinator garden. Food, refreshments and coffee will be served. To rsvp or for more information, please contact Liz Westbrook at tsuga.agua@gmail.com or (510) 465-1852.

Sequoia Nursery School Open House – On Tuesday, January 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Sequoia Nursery School, a play-based parent co-operative preschool, is opening its doors for a special informational event. Prospective families will have the opportunity to meet the school's Director and teachers, learn about its philosophy, hear from current parents, and sign up for a campus tour. Event is for adults only. For more information or directions, please contact Heather Ladov at www.sequoiakids.org or (510) 531-8853.

2018 Basketball League – Starting Saturday, January 20, at 9:00 am Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development (OPRYD) begins its seasonal youth basketball league at various sites within the City of Oakland. Is your young athlete interested in hooping it up? Let them channel their basketball hero by participating on one of OPRYD teams. Hurry and register youth at your nearest recreation center or at schools within the Oakland Unified School District. Interested in being a coach? Attend the mandatory coaches meeting on January 10 at 6:00 pm at Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. For more information about how to register your child for the OPRYD

2018 Basketball League or other OPRYD youth sports activities, contact Marsalis Gibson, Recreation Lead II, at mgibson@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2952.

City Hosts Employment Law Workshop for Businesses – On Monday, January 25, the City of Oakland invites Oakland employers to a workshop on new 2018 State employment laws and the City's Minimum Wage increase that went in to effect on January 1. The free workshop will be held in the Council Chamber, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza from 8:00 to 10:00 am Spanish and Cantonese interpretation will be provided. This meeting location is wheelchair accessible. To request disability-related accommodations or an ASL, Mandarin or other language interpreter, please email oaklandbac@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 238-7952 or TDD/TTY (510) 238-3254 at least five working days before the meeting. For more information, please contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Coordinator, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3254.

Oakland Civic Orchestra "A Glimpse of Heaven" – On Sunday, January 28, at 4:00 pm at Lake Merritt Unified Methodist Church, 1330 Lakeshore Ave., the Oakland Civic Orchestra (OCO) celebrates its twenty-sixth year of providing free classical music to the community. This year OCO presents its "A Glimpse of Heaven" concert featuring Mahler's Symphony No. 4 and Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel Overture. Come share in the joy and magic of music-making. Admission is free! Donations are gratefully accepted. For additional information on OCO events, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/oaklandcivicorchestra/home> . For more information about OPRYD cultural activities and specialty arts, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at kriffin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2259.

January 31 Deadline for Youth Mini-Grants -- The Human Services Department's OYAC Releases Mini-Grant – On Wednesday, December 13, the City of Oakland Human Services Department's (HSD) Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC) announced the release of the second #OYACgivesback Youth-to Youth mini-grant application: Supporting Community Resiliency and Healing for Oakland. #OYACgivesback is a project of Oakland Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST), an HSD initiative funded by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), which focuses on resiliency and equity for communities that have been impacted by high levels of violence, trauma and civil unrest. #OYACgivesback is one component of the project goal of supporting community work to address tensions in law enforcement-community relations and promote community healing. To support the goal, the Oakland Youth Commission will select creative and dynamic projects for mini-grants awards of up to \$5,000, developed by youth between the ages of 13 and 21, to support and increase community resiliency and healing. For updates follow OYAC's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/oakyac . Applications, which are available at <https://tinyurl.com/OYACgivesbackAPP>, are due by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 31. For more information and to RSVP please go to <https://oyacgivesbackinfosesh.eventbrite.com> . For more information, please contact Stephanie Montgomery, Project Manager, at OYACgivesback@oaklandnet.com .

Working in America Exhibit Up at the Main Library – Until February 18, 2018, the Working for America exhibit will be on display at the Main Library, 125 14th Street. This polished traveling photography exhibit is presented by Project& is inspired by and celebrates the tradition and humanity of Studs Terkel's influential books about working people. With images taken by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Lynsey Addario. For information, contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or 510-238-6611.

Studio One is STEAM-ing Ahead – From now until Tuesday, April 17, Studio One Art Center (SOAC) is extending its GoFundMe campaign to create a more equitable tech and arts community in Oakland. For youth and adults, Studio One located at 365 45th Ave., provides intergenerational programming and popular digital arts & web design courses that help students develop the essential competencies needed to excel in competitive STEAM careers. To keep up with demands, SOAC needs an upgrade. Purchasing 16 new or refurbished iMac computers, equipment, and software for their aging computer lab enables children and adults to access cutting edge classes in coding, 3D printing, and more. With various donations, two-thirds of the goal has been met! Please help us achieve the rest. Tax deductible donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/studioone> or at the Studio One Art Center location. For more details about making a donation to the art center or for enrolling in one of its classes, please contact Nicole Pena, Recreation Leader II, at npena@oaklandnet.com or (510) 597-5027.

Oakland Fire Department Firefighter Trainee and Firefighter Paramedic Training Application Opening Soon - Are you interested in joining the Oakland Fire Department? The Oakland Fire Department (OFD) will be accepting applications for Firefighter Trainee and Firefighter Paramedic Trainee on January 22, 2018 and January 23, 2018. Only online applications will be accepted. The application will be posted at <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm> . For additional information please refer to this web page <http://bit.ly/2BOn7sh> . You may also contact the Public Safety Recruitment Hotline at (510) 238-6465 or Engineer Charleton Lightfoot, OFD Recruitment Coordinator at (510) 893-40FD or at OFDRECRUIT@oaklandnet.com .

OPD Is Hiring Police Officer Trainees -- Deadline to Apply Is February 9 – Friday, February 9, at 11:59 pm, is the deadline to apply to pursue a challenging and rewarding career in law enforcement at the Oakland Police Department. Working as a police officer is a challenging and rewarding career; every day on the job is different. Dealing with a wide variety of people in different situations, OPD officers quickly analyze and solve problems and use their excellent people skills to defuse conflict and avoid confrontation whenever possible. The monthly salary for a Police Officer Trainee is \$5,500. To apply, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y8jwvtpn>. For more information, contact the Oakland Police Department Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7230.

OPD Is Hiring Continuously Through 2018:

- Police Cadets – High school seniors or college students – learn more about law enforcement careers and get paid for it! Click here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8csaub4> .
- Police Communications Dispatchers – Join our team of professionals dedicated to serving the citizens of Oakland in this critical role. Use this link if you do not have prior experience: <https://tinyurl.com/y9bv6p4h> Use this link if you do have experience: <https://tinyurl.com/y9l4fssu> .

For more information, please contact the Oakland Police Department Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7230.

From the Oakland Police Department Arrest Log – On Monday, January 1 at 5:22 am, Oakland Police officers responded to the 3400 block of Adeline Street where a shooting had occurred. Upon arrival, the officers located and arrested the suspect. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. On Wednesday, January 3 at 1:27 pm, Oakland Police officers responded to a call of an armed robbery in the 500 block of Williams Street. The officers arrested the suspect and recovered a firearm. For more information, contact the Oakland Police Department's Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238- 7230.

OPD Has Openings for High School Students to Become Police Explorers – Continuously through 2018, high school students (14 – 19 years old) are invited to join the Police Explorers Program and learn more about careers in law enforcement. The Explorers program includes career opportunities, service learning, leadership experience, life skills and character education. For more information, contact Officer Charles Stone, Oakland Police Activities League (PAL), at (510) 421-2684 or oaklandpal@oaklandpal.org .

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcements – The Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

Gardener Crew Leader
Police Officer Trainee
Senior Services Program Assistant
Traffic Sign Maker

For the most up-to-date information on City jobs, please view the Employment Information page on our website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm> . The Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job on-line and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City's online calendar at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Events/index.htm>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>.

Respectfully submitted,

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