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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Unique Derique at the Main Library – On Friday, February 2, at 2 pm, the Bay Area's beloved Unique Derique will give an educational performance at the Main Library, 125 14th Street. Derique teaches the African roots and rhythms of hambone body percussion and its evolution in America in this lively presentation and performance. This creative experience inspires participants to learn playful rhythms and to express their own hambone musical styles! This event is part of the Oakland Public Library's celebration of Black History Month. For information, contact Anne Lennon, Librarian, at (510) 238- 3848.

Meet the Curator of Working in America – On Saturday, February 3, at 3 pm, Jane M. Saks Kelly D. Carlisle will lead a walk-through and panel discussion about the "Working in America" exhibit currently showing at the Main Library, 125 14th Street. *Working in America* is a touring photography exhibit that was conceived and curated by Ms. Saks, of Project&, who wanted to profile working people from all walks of life. One of the profiled workers is Ms. Carlisle, founder and executive director of Oakland's Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project. Consider submitting your own story for the project! For information, contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Resilience: A Celebration of African American Poets – On Saturday, February 3, the West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline Street, is hosting its 28th Annual Celebration of African American Poets and Their Poetry. The event will run from 1 to 4 pm Community members of all ages are invited to participate by reading poetry, performing, dancing, or/and displaying works of art. This year's theme is Resilience although all themes are welcome. If you're interested in being featured in this program please call 238-7352 to register. Light refreshments will be served. For information, contact Susy Moorhead, Branch Manager, at smoorhead@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7352.

Short Film: *With One Hand Tied* – On Saturday, February 3, at 2 pm, the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th Street) will present a free screening of *With One Hand Tied*. World War II veteran Ivan J. Houston will introduce this 57-minute documentary that tells the story of the Italian town that annually celebrates its liberation by black soldiers of the 92nd Infantry during WWII. Mr. Houston's book, *Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of WWII*, will be available. This event is part of AAMLO's Black History Month series, exploring this year's theme, "African Americans in Times of War." For information, contact Susan Anderson, Interim Chief Curator, at sanderson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

Free Film Screening: *Marshall* – On Saturday, February 3, at 2 pm, the 81st Avenue Branch (1021 - 81st Avenue) is presenting a free screening of the feature film *Marshall*. Chadwick Boseman portrays Thurgood Marshall before he became a justice of the Supreme Court. This event is part of the Oakland Public Library's celebration of Black History Month. For information, contact Brian Guenther, Branch Manager, at bguenther@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 615-5812

Lunar New Year Celebration at Asian Branch Library – On Saturday, February 10, at 2:30 pm, the Asian Branch Library is presenting a hands-on brush painting workshop with local artist Pauline Tsui. Participants will learn the basics of Chinese brush painting as Ms. Tsui demonstrates how to paint dogs. Instruction will be given in both English and Chinese. Suitable for families, children age 10+, and adults. Art materials are provided. No prior skills in painting is required. Space is limited, so please call the Asian Branch at 238-3400 to register. For information, contact Janet Cheung, Branch Manager, at jcheung@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-b 3400.

The Writing and Films of Shabnam Piryaee – On Saturday, February 10, at 2:30 pm, Oakland's Shabnam Piryaee will talk about her much-anticipated new collection of poems, *Nothing is Wasted*, in a program at the Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Avenue. Ms. Piryaee will read from her work and show selections of her short films *dollhouse*, *Miriam's Song*, and *A Time to Speak*, made from scripts from her poetry, which have been screened at festivals and galleries around the world. Ms. Piryaee was born in Iran, spent her youth and college years in Berkeley, and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of California, Riverside. For information, contact Steve Lavoie, Branch Manager, at slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5049.

Free Film Screening: *Selma* – On Saturday, February 10, at 2 pm, the 81st Avenue Branch (1021 81st Avenue) is presenting a free screening of the feature film *Selma*. David Oyelowo stars as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leading the epic march that culminated in the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This event is part of the Oakland Public Library's celebration of Black History Month. For information, contact Brian Guenther, Branch Manager, at bguenther@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 615-5812.

Short Film: *Finding Our Place* – On Saturday, February 10, at 2 pm, the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th Street) will present a free screening of *Finding Our Place: The Oakland Black Veteran Experience*. Post-Vietnam era veteran Diane

Williamson will present this 20-minute film essay, which focuses on DeFremery House and the segregation of the USO during WWII, utilizing local historical photographs and an interview with Bay Area civil rights leader Frances Albrier (1898–1987). This event is part of AAMLO's Black History Month series, exploring this year's theme "African Americans in Times of War." For information, contact Susan Anderson, Interim Chief Curator, at sanderson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

OPRYD Hiring Process Begins – From Tuesday, February 13 to Friday, March 23 Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development (OPRYD) invites everyone to participate in its annual Summer Hire. Do you know a teenager that's good with kids and looking for a summer job? Pass them the word! Candidate recruiting for summer programs is actively taking place throughout Oakland. Don't miss out on this exciting employment opportunity. OPRYD part-time summer positions range from recreation leaders to sports officials to lifeguards and cultural arts specialist positions. Age requirements vary by job, but opportunities are available for youth as young as 16. Details about the online application process including job descriptions, application dates, pay rates, and jobs that are open year-round can be found at www.oaklandnet.com/jobs.

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.

AAUW Oakland-Piedmont Summer Camp Virtual Fair – From now until Wednesday, February 28, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is accepting vendor registrations for its annual Summer Camp & Program Fair. Originally featured at the Scottish Rite Center, the AAUW currently hosts its 36th camp fair, online. Virtual access allows patrons to easily see the many programs offered and learn about AAUW's community service-organization at the same time! Give parents a way to shop any time for a summer activity that your facility provides. Programs from cooking to sailing, to outdoor adventure, music, circus arts, drama, and more will be visible all year long. If you would like to promote your organization at this year's fair, please visit and submit your program list and other information to: <https://oaklandpiedmont-ca.aauw.net/about-the-summer-camps-programs-fair/2018-program-listing-submissions/>. For any additional assistance pertaining to the summer camp fair or other AAUW events, contact aauwcampfair@gmail.com.

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.

A Taste of Spring Early Bird Ticket Sale – Through Wednesday, February 28, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF) invites you to get a jump start on Spring. Early bird ticket sale to the 2018 *A Taste of Spring* event is going on now! This year's Anne Woodell Community Award honoree is Tora Rocha, a long-time City of Oakland Public Works superstar and founder of the Autumn Lights festival. Discounted tickets are \$125.00 per person and increase to \$150.00 starting March 1, 2018. For information about A Taste of Spring or available Corporate sponsorships, please visit https://oaklandparks.ejoinme.org/tasteofspring2018?utm_source=TOS+2018+1&utm_campaign=TOS+2018+1&utm_medium=email or email Ken Lupoff, OPRF Executive Director, at oaklandparks@sbcglobal.net

Oakland Small Business Week Returns – From Sunday, April 29 to Saturday, May 5, the City of Oakland will host a series of workshops, seminars and receptions as we celebrate and nurture Oakland's vibrant small businesses during National Small Business Week. A complete roster of events and activities will be available in March at www.oaklandnet.com/sbw. For more information on City services that support small businesses, please contact Aliza Gallo, Business Development Coordinator, agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405.

New Free Tools Help Business Owners With Permit Requirements, Location-based Zoning Research – On Tuesday, January 24, the City of Oakland launched two free online tools to simplify the process for opening a business: Oakland's own Zoning Check (zoningcheck.oaklandca.gov) and Business Permitting tool (businesspermits.oaklandca.gov). Through a series of easy-to-answer questions, these apps quickly inform entrepreneurs whether their business venture is allowable at a particular location, what types of City licenses and permits are required, and how much the related fees will be. With these online tools, reliable information from the Planning, Building, Zoning, Fire, and Revenue divisions is now available 24/7 and accessible from any Internet-enabled device including smartphones. The two apps are available in English, Chinese and Spanish. The City's Economic & Workforce Development Department spearheaded development of these online tools in partnership with OpenCounter. Initial development of the two apps was supported through a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Oakland was one of 28 cities to receive the SBA's "Startup in a Day" grant funding to launch tools that enable entrepreneurs to obtain all the permits they need to open a business in a single day. To read the media release on the launch, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak068722>. For more information, please contact Harry Hamilton, Marketing Coordinator, at hjhamilton@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6766.

From the Oakland Police Department Arrest Log – On Wednesday, January 31, the Oakland Police Department announced that a homicide suspect has been arrested. OPD partnered with other law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the person responsible for a homicide that occurred at 2:46 am on December 17, 2017, in the 1600 block of 90th Avenue. On Monday,

January 29 at 5:23 pm, Oakland Police officers responded to the 1700 block of Embarcadero on a report of a man armed with a knife. When they arrived on scene, the officers instructed the man to drop the knife. Instead, he began to walk toward them, still armed with the knife. Using less-than-lethal force, the officers were able to take the individual into custody without injury. On Sunday, January 28 at approximately 5:15 am, a takeover robbery of a business occurred in the 1900 block of International Boulevard. The victims were threatened with firearms and forced to turn over their property. Oakland Police officers responded to the scene and four male suspects were taken into custody. For more information, contact the Oakland Police Department Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7230.

Those Denied U-Visas Can Reapply – On Friday, January 25, the Oakland Police Department Reached out to the Oakland community regarding U-Visas. OPD encourages anyone who was denied a U-Visa to reapply. Learn more on the Police Department website (English, <https://tinyurl.com/OPD-uvisa> ; Spanish, <https://tinyurl.com/uvisaEspanol> ; Chinese, <https://tinyurl.com/uvisaChinese>). 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/y9ulvjzn> .
- 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/ycrymao7>. Use this link if you do have experience: <https://tinyurl.com/lateralDispatch> .

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

OPD Is Hiring Police Officer Trainees; Deadline to Apply Is February 9 – Friday, February 9, at 11:59 pm, is the deadline to apply for 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. 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 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 .

Oakland Police Department Hiring Video – The ever-inventive Oakland Police Department Training Division has created a video inviting people to apply to work at OPD. The video shows OPD values. For example, written statements regarding diversity are one thing, but when you can see it and even hear it – you know that diversity is valued. To see the video, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/OPDhires>. For more information, contact the Oakland Police Department Media Office at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7230.

Rotary Nature Center Meet & Greet – On Wednesday, January 24, over 60 people came to the Lake Merritt Sailboat House to meet, greet, and talk about the next steps in the process of improvements to the Rotary Nature Center (RNC). Despite the on-again-off-again heavy, rainy night participants remained passionate and supportive about Oakland's vision for the center as a community nature-hub and more. Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development encourages the community and city supporters to voice their ideas for the revitalization of the center. If you're interested in attending the next RNC meeting on Saturday, March 17 and would like more information, please contact Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, at kgriffin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2259.

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of February 5, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Information Systems Manager II (Oracle Operations Manager)
- Librarian I, PT
- Library Assistant, PT

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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