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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Sabrina B. Landreth

**SUBJECT:** City Administrator's Weekly Report

**DATE:** July 20, 2018

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**INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***4th Annual City Employee Open House*** –City Administrator Sabrina Landreth is grateful for all the hard work employees are doing for the City and is hosting her annual open house to honor all City employees. Stop by City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, anytime from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This fun event is a great way to step out of your normal routine to meet other City employees and talk to Sabrina and other City Administrator staff. Every year at least 1,000 employees have attended! Refreshments will be served. Enter your name in a special prize raffle!

***Celebrating National Parks & Recreation Month*** – It's National Parks & Recreation Month and the perfect way to celebrate is at an Oakland recreation center open house. During the entire month of July our doors will be open to the public to showcase what makes each center unique! Open House events offer free and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. With over 30 recreation centers, you're in for a jam-packed month! Visit Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development on Facebook <https://buff.ly/2IFGk60> or contact us at (510) 238-7275.

***New Computer Lab Opens at Studio One Art Center*** – Just in time for summer camps Studio One Art Center located at 365 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland revealed its new computer lab equipped with iMac computers containing the adobe creative suite. Students no longer have to share older computers and have a new world of creativity in their grasp. Studio One thanks the community for supporting the fundraising campaign that paid for the purchase of the computers. The computer lab is undergoing a mural painting which will be officially unveiled to the public at the 70th Anniversary Celebration this winter. To learn more about what Studio One Art Center has to offer and find out how to become involved, visit [www.StudioOneArtCenter.net/](http://www.StudioOneArtCenter.net/) or contact Alethia Walker, Center Director at [AWalker@oaklandnet.com](mailto:AWalker@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 597-5027.

***East Oakland Senior Center Anniversary*** - On July 20, 2018 the East Oakland Senior Center celebrates its 25th year of operation with an event that will feature great food, entertainment and a congregation of friends and family. The theme for the event is: "Leaving a Roadmap for Future

Generations.” The development of the East Oakland Senior Center began with a federal grant and it continues to be a vital hub for seniors due to the collective creativity of a group of members and dedicated City staff who work together to create a space where seniors are able to engage in positive, healthy activities. The Center provides a wide range of programs and services for the East Oakland older adult community, including: exercise, arts and crafts, choir, card games, dance classes, special holiday events and exciting trips, as well as other fun, educational, and engaging activities. For more information contact Scott Means at [smeans@oaklandnet.com](mailto:smeans@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-6137.

***Friday Night Live and Peace in the Park*** – The Human Services Department’s (HSD) Oakland Unite 2018 Friday Summer Nights program continues through the end of July. In West Oakland, Friday Night Live is held at Hoover Elementary School, located at 890 Brockhurst at the corner of Market Street started Friday, June 29th and continues every Friday through July 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In East Oakland, Peace in the Park is at Arroyo Viejo Park and Recreation Center, located at 7701 Krause Avenue at 77th Avenue started July 6th and continues every Friday through July 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Friday Summer Nights Programs aim to change community norms around violence through community engagement, celebration, and empowerment. HSD/Oakland Unite is excited to be partnering with both the City of Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development Department and with Oakland Unified School District in organizing these events! These events are free, open to the public and offer free food, games, entertainment, and raffles for all ages. For more information go to [www.oaklandunite.org](http://www.oaklandunite.org) or contact Jennifer Argueta at [Jargueta@oaklandnet.com](mailto:Jargueta@oaklandnet.com) or (510) 238-2056.

***Free Film Screening at AAMLO: “Freedom Summer”*** – On Saturday, July 21, at 2 p.m., the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th Street) is presenting a free screening of the documentary film “Freedom Summer” (2014). Stanley Nelson’s documentary film takes a look back at the events of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer, when more than 700 student activists worked together to register African-American voters in Mississippi and shatter the foundations of white supremacy in the nation’s most segregated state. For information, contact Susan Anderson, AAMLO’s Interim Chief Curator, at [sanderson@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:sanderson@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 637-0200.

***Get Knotty at the Library with Modern Macramé*** – On Saturday, July 21, at 2 p.m., the Golden Gate Branch Library (5606 San Pablo Avenue) is offering a modern macramé workshop for adults. We’ll learn new techniques and make a plant hanger or wall hanging. Bring your own small plant holder to the workshop. All other materials, tips, and tricks will be provided. For information, contact Erin Sanders, Branch Manager, at [esanders@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:esanders@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5023.

***Summer Jazz at Golden Gate Library*** – On Sunday, July 22, the Golden Gate Branch Library (5606 San Pablo Avenue) continues its summer jazz concert series with a performance by Glen Pearson. Subsequent weeks will feature the Brian Ho Trio (July 29), with more to come on every Sunday in August. Each concert will begin with the featured artist at 3 p.m., followed by a “History of Jazz” discussion at 4:30 p.m. and a performance by a youth group at 5 p.m. Admission is free, donations are welcome. Sponsored by the City of Emeryville and the Oakland Public Library. For information, contact Erin Sanders, Branch Manager, at [esanders@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:esanders@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5023.

***Remembering Mother Mary Wright*** – On Wednesday, July 25, at 6 p.m., author Judy Joy Jones will lead a discussion about Mary Ann Wright, the late advocate for the poor, at the Main Library (125 14th Street). “Mother” Mary Wright, as she became known, passed away in 2009, but she is still fondly remembered here in Oakland, where she led a humanitarian effort to feed the hungry. Though poor herself, she started a foundation that fed hundreds of people every day. Ms. Jones, who spent two years as a volunteer with Mother Wright will talk about all she learned from this saintly woman. A video tribute from Senator Barbara Lee will also be aired. For information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at [mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6611.

***Kids Can Learn about the Science of Space*** – On Wednesday, July 25, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., grade school students can learn about the Science of Space in a free program at the Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Avenue. The program, presented by the Lawrence Hall of Science and GSK Science in the Summer, offers active, hands-on learning in which students can explore the sun's energy, the phases of the moon, human survival in space, and how rockets overcome Earth's gravity. This program is offered in two parts, with the second meeting taking place on Wednesday, August 1, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., also at the Golden Gate Branch. Attendance at both is suggested but not required. Parents and guardians of students entering second through sixth grades in the 2018-2019 school year may register by calling 510-597-5023. For information, contact Naomi Permutt, Children's Services Librarian, at [npermutt@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:npermutt@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5023.

***Film Screening: From the AAMLO Vaults*** – On Saturday, July 28, at 2 p.m., the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO, 659 14th Street) is offering a free screening of films from its own vast collection. The program will feature a diverse set of short films, from home movies to an episode of the legendary Jay Payton Show featuring the pioneering dance group The Black Resurgents. This is an opportunity to see some rarely shown films. For information, contact Susan Anderson, AAMLO's Interim Chief Curator, at [sanderson@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:sanderson@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 637-0200.

***Poetry Reading and Publishing Panel at Dimond Library*** – On Saturday, July 28, at 1 p.m., award-winning Northern California poets Indigo Moor, Kathleen McClung, and Robert Eastwood will be featured in a literary event at the Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue. They will read from their recent and forthcoming books and discuss their paths to publishing poetry collections. Books will be available for purchase. For information, contact Rebekah Eppley, Librarian II, at [reppley@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:reppley@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 482-7844.

***Art + Soul Oakland Celebrates 18th Birthday with Pointer Sisters Homecoming*** – On Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29, tens of thousands of music, dance and art lovers from all over the Bay Area will flock to Oakland for the iconic Art + Soul Festival. The event celebrates its 18th birthday with a festive weekend of local culture, creativity and civic pride. Major features include a special homecoming concert with Oakland legends and multiple Grammy winners The Pointer Sisters who will be honored with keys to the city; 2017 Grammy-nominees Alphabet Rockers; local rap artist Lyrics Born; Jazz Mafia featuring its acclaimed Choral Syndicate and Bay Revue with special guests Tiffany Austin, Martin Luther and Gift of Gab; an epic installment of the annual Turf Dance Battle; dedication of the festival's annual gospel stage in honor of the late Edwin Hawkins; a new salsa stage and dance party; a full-throttle lineup from the West Coast Blues Society that includes

Willie G, Dee Simon, and 2BuckChuck and much more. Other highlights include the annual World/Urban Dance Showcase presented by Oakland's Dance-a-Vision; the crowd-pleasing Kinetic Arts Center circus stage; a huge Family Fun Zone this year hosted and featuring live performances by Oakland's innovative, family-oriented hip hop group Alphabet Rockers that will be jam-packed with interactive arts, a kiddie carnival, bouncy houses and more; hundreds of handcrafted art and artifacts at the festival's annual Artisan Marketplace; scores of food vendors cooking up everything from down-home BBQ to global and fusion cuisine; in addition to beer, wine and beautifully-crafted distilled spirits from up-and-coming producers. The festival runs from noon to 6:00 p.m. both days. Advance tickets are available for purchase at <http://www.artandsouloakland.com>: \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Seniors (65 & older). Two-day tickets are also available through advance purchase only. At the door, admission will be \$15 for Adults and \$8 for Seniors (65 & older). In honor of the festival's 18th birthday, ages 18 and under will enjoy free admission (no ticket required). To see the festival's exciting 2018 lineup, please visit <http://www.artandsouloakland.com>.

***End of Summer Party at OMCA*** – On Sunday, August 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oakland Museum of California (OMCA, 1000 Oak Street) is hosting the 14th annual Summer Reading Celebration in the museum's sunny gardens. This free event is a fun way for families to celebrate the end of the Oakland Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Cheer for the dance battles and performances of TURFinc and learn a couple of moves from this family-friendly, Oakland-grown group. Enjoy our bounce house, giant chess and other games, face painting by Oakland Parks and Recreation, and a fabulous story time. Say hello to Clifford the Big Red Dog, try your hand at art activities, meet caricature artist Rad Sanza, and so much more! For information, contact Nina Lindsay, Supervising Librarian, at [nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6706.

***A Summer Tradition Back Again Woodminster Summer Musicals*** – Starting Friday, August 3 and ending Sunday August 12, Woodminster Amphitheater is hosting its summer-annual musical event. Woodminster will be performing Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with all shows beginning at 8:00 p.m., located at Joaquin Miller Park, 3590 Sanborn Road, Oakland. All Oaklanders are welcome to experience this 50+ year-old tradition. Arrive early to also enjoy the views, the picnic grounds, or to hike along hillside trails! There are plenty of discounts and deals that range from seniors to kids available at <http://www.woodminster.com/deals---discounts.html>. Don't miss out! For more information about other summer musicals and parking options, please visit <http://www.woodminster.com>. To learn more about exploring Joaquin Miller Park, visit Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/parks-and-recreation-index/parks/joaquin-miller-park>

***Join the Housing Resource Center Essentials Drive*** - The Housing Resource Center (HRC) is working to bring vulnerable Oaklanders much needed supplies for the everyday experience - and we need your help! The HRC gets regular visits from Oakland residents who are transitioning to new housing, have recently been displaced, or are unsheltered. Families and individuals often find themselves in need of everyday grooming supplies. With that in mind, we're launching the HRC Essentials Drive, and we're asking Oakland City employees to donate toiletries and socks for distribution. From July 6 to August 31, drop off items at the HRC located in 250 Dalziel, 6th floor. See the list of suggested donatable items below. Please provide trial or sample sizes of all products being mindful of space limitations for individuals.

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- Toiletries & Health Care:
    - Feminine hygiene products (tampons, maxi pads, pantliners, menstrual cups)
    - Incontinence wear/ Disposable underwear
    - Shampoo/conditioner
    - Soap
    - Deodorant
    - Lotion
    - Mouthwash
    - Toothpaste
    - Hand sanitizer
    - Baby wipes
    - Toothbrush (ideally with covers)
    - Hair oil/moisturizer
    - Washcloths
    - Plastic baggies
    - Comb/brush
    - First aid supplies
    - Sunscreen
    - EmergenC, Airborne, chewable multivitamins
    - Tissues
    - Wet wipes
    - Gloves - waterproof and weatherproof
  - Socks - all sizes (thermal or wool preferable)

For more on HRC resources and services visit:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/departments/departments-of-housing-and-community-development>

**Upcoming Meetings and Events** - For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City's online calendar at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/events>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>.

Respectfully submitted,

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