



Greetings Neighbor,

I'm sending out this brief newsletter to get the word out about important events concerning our community: [Earth Day](#), the [Oakland 2019-2021 Budget](#), the [San Pablo Corridor Project](#), and new legislation I am introducing to save our [birds and bees](#)!!

## Earth Day 2019 - Help Improve Your Community on Saturday, April 20

**Oakland Earth Day** is the City's largest community volunteer event. More than 3,000 volunteers are expected at 80 locations to pick up litter, remove graffiti, weed, mulch, and restore native plant habitat. Approximately 45 sites are in parks or along creeks and other waterways, and about 35 sites will be neighborhood cleanups of streets, sidewalks and schools. Last year volunteers removed more than 240 cubic yards of trash and more than 540 cubic yards of weeds and green waste.

This year North Oakland residents have organized 11 events; contact the volunteer coordinators listed below to lend your support:

1. **Bushrod Recreation Center** – 9am-noon - Trash pickup, Graffiti removal, Weeding, Pruning, Planting \ Contact Terri Westbrook | [twestbrook@oaklandca.gov](mailto:twestbrook@oaklandca.gov)
2. **Colby Park Garden** - 9am-noon - Weeding, Pruning, Planting \ Contact Paula DeCristofaro | [pdecristofaro@sfmoma.org](mailto:pdecristofaro@sfmoma.org)
3. **Dover Park Community Garden** - 9am-noon – Trash pickup, Weeding, Pruning, Planting \ contact Misti Schmidt| [mistischmidt@gmail.com](mailto:mistischmidt@gmail.com)
4. **FROG Park** - 9am-1pm– Trash pickup, Weeding, Pruning \ contact Robert Capalbo | [rdcapalbo415@gmail.com](mailto:rdcapalbo415@gmail.com)
5. **Garber Park** - 9am-12:30pm– Trash pickup, Weeding, Pruning, Planting \ contact Mark Seaborn | [mrs@mythic-beasts.com](mailto:mrs@mythic-beasts.com)
6. **Glen Echo Park** - 9am-noon – Trash pickup, Weeding \ contact Arleen Feng | [ayfeng@alum.mit.edu](mailto:ayfeng@alum.mit.edu)
7. **Masonic/Moraga Corner Garden** - 9am-noon – Weeding, Pruning \ contact Peggy Esposito| [vesposito.inc@gmail.com](mailto:vesposito.inc@gmail.com)



8. **Mosswood Park** - 9am-3:30pm– Trash pickup, Graffiti removal, Weeding, Pruning, Planting \ contact Gretchen Till | [mosswoodparkrac@gmail.com](mailto:mosswoodparkrac@gmail.com)
9. **Rockridge Neighborhood Cleanup** – 9 am to 11 am – Trash pickup \ contact Christine Garofoli | [cgarofoli@gmail.com](mailto:cgarofoli@gmail.com)
10. **Stanford Ave Native Garden** – 10 am to 1 pm – Trash pickup, weeding \ contact Joan Rochlin | [jsrochlin@gmail.com](mailto:jsrochlin@gmail.com)
11. **Temescal Creek** - Rockridge Temescal Greenbelt - 9am-noon – Trash pickup, Weeding, Pruning \ contact Leonora Sea | [LeonoraSea@comcast.net](mailto:LeonoraSea@comcast.net)

For more information about each site please [download](#) the list from the City's **Earth Day website**.

Oakland Earth Day is sponsored by Oakland Public Works, with support from the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and participation of more than 70 community groups including Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, Keep Oakland Beautiful, and the Unity Council.

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## City of Oakland Budget 2019-21

On or before May 1, 2019 Mayor Libby Schaaf will present her proposed two-year budget for fiscal years 2019-2021. **Below I have outlined my budget priorities - my full memo can be downloaded from this [link](#).** More information is available on my budget [webpage](#).

If you have input regarding what you would like to see in the next two-year budget, please e-mail [oluby@oaklandca.gov](mailto:oluby@oaklandca.gov) with “19-21 City Budget” in the Subject line. Or, come to the District One Community Budget Forum (see next item).



Here is a summary of my top budget priorities:

**A. Helping Our Homeless Residents:**

1. Enhance Prevention - Build on Keep Oakland Housed anti-displacement programs
2. Increase Services -- Expand encampment clean-ups (include smaller encampments as well)
3. Increase

- Transitional, Interim and Permanent Housing
4. Expand Hunger Program for Homeless and Others in Need

**B. Housing Affordability:**

1. Capital investments for new affordable housing projects
2. RAP program enforcement
3. Additional funds for tenant counseling and education.
4. Additional funds for emergency housing assistance for lower income renters and homeowners

**C. Public Safety and Violence Prevention:**

1. Additional funding for Violence Prevention/Intervention/Reentry Programs & Services
2. Improved 911 response time

**D. Wildfire Prevention and Disaster Preparedness/Response:**

1. Adopt and begin implementation of Vegetation Management Plan
2. Align fire inspector and vegetation management inspector positions to ensure adequate coverage
3. Funding for preparing and running an election in 2020 for a new Wildfire Prevention District
4. Enhanced parking enforcement in the hills to enable and safeguard emergency vehicle access
5. Create City-wide Disaster Emergency Response Plan, including (but not limited to): evacuation procedures; emergency shelters and access to survival resources; public

safety; restoration of essential services, and short and long-term recovery.

#### **E. Environmental Services and Parks:**

1. Energy & Climate Action Plan (ECAP) Implementation (pending adoption of new ECAP in 2020)
2. Illegal dumping enforcement: multi-departmental program to crack down on illegal dumping
3. Park Maintenance
4. Regular clean ups near City waterways and fulfill related Water Board requirements

#### **F. Youth and Young Adults**

1. Chronic Absenteeism: Continue partnership with OUSD to reduce
2. Vocational Training for Young Adults

#### **G. Reduce City Staff Vacancy Rate and Address Employee Retention**

1. Increase Compensation for City Job Classifications that are significantly below market
2. Additional Human Resources Analyst to address backlog of filling staff vacancies

#### **Additional expenditure priorities:**

1. Libraries - Libraries are the great equalizers of our society.
2. Pedestrian Safety - Additional dedicated Transportation dollars for pedestrian safety priorities
3. Police Commission - Sufficient funding to fully meet staffing needs.

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### **District 1 Community Budget Forum - May 18**

Share your views on Citywide and District 1 Budget Priorities with city staff and the Councilmember.

**When:** Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:00am - Noon

**Where:** North Oakland Senior Community Center

A presentation will be given by the City Administrator's Office, followed by your input and questions. Download the event flyer [here](#).



### **District One Town Hall Community Budget Forum**

*Share your views on Citywide and District One Budget  
Priorities with City Staff and Councilmember Kalb*

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**SATURDAY MAY 18, 2019**

**10:00AM – 12:00PM**

**North Oakland Senior Center**  
5714 Martin Luther King Drive

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### **San Pablo Corridor Project Community Workshop - April 24**

San Pablo Avenue carries tens of thousands of people every day connecting multiple communities to job and activity centers. The corridor carries local, rapid and express

buses, includes many high-activity pedestrian areas, is included as a bicycle route in many local jurisdiction plans, and serves as a reliever route for I-80. Jurisdictions are concentrating growth along the corridor, with several higher-density, mixed use developments recently completed and numerous others under consideration.



The [San Pablo Corridor Project](#) seeks to:

- Improve safety for all modes and reduce transportation conflicts
- Accommodate growth by improving efficiency and reliability, and by carrying more people within the existing right-of-way
- Improve comfort and quality of trip for all users
- Support local land use and economic development priorities

Improvements along San Pablo Avenue could include transit priority treatments such as queue jump lanes and signals to bypass congested segments and improve reliability, transit signal priority, signal modernization and coordination, and enhanced bus

stops or stations. In addition, pedestrian safety improvements, such as pedestrian bulbs, crosswalk improvements, and curb ramps, as well as bicycle safety improvements and improved bicycle infrastructure will be evaluated.

To learn more and give input on the project please come to the **Public Workshop**:

**When:** April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Where:** Emeryville Center for Community Life, 4727 San Pablo Avenue

If you cannot attend but want to provide input, please fill out an [ACTC Survey](#). For more information, [download](#) the fact sheet or visit the [ACTC website](#).

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## Birds and Bees!

I am introducing two pieces of legislation to safeguard recognize local birds and protect bees (valuable pollinators), to be presented at the May 14th Public Works Committee:

### 1. Official Bird of the City of Oakland

Many cities, states, and countries designate specific bird species to serve as a symbolic representation of their culture and identity. The [Black-Crowned Night Heron](#) has lived in Oakland since before the city existed and Oakland is now home to the Bay Area's largest night-heron rookery (clustered nesting colony). These birds can be seen (and heard) roosting on the beams of overpasses, hanging out in alleys downtown, and nesting in trees along 12th, 13th, and 14th streets in Chinatown and near Lake Merritt. As development has increased downtown, their homes have been put at risk.

Two years ago, students of District One's Park Day School learned about the plight of the gritty local heron. They believe the Night Heron represents the story of Oakland: no matter how many times they are displaced or face hardships, they keep coming back and even

thriving. The students [created a petition](#) to ask City of Oakland to name the Black-Crowned Night Heron official City Bird, collecting more than 1,650 signatures from enthusiastic Oaklanders.

I am introducing a resolution to ask the City Council to approve the students' request. Official bird designation, also supported by the Audubon Society, of the Black-Crowned Night Heron would raise public awareness of the Night Heron's unique behavior and habitat requirements, fostering public stewardship for its continued existence here in Oakland and around the world.

## 2. Banning neonicotinoid pesticides

A class of pesticides known as neonicotinoids endanger our bees and other pollinators, whose global populations are in decline. Neonicotinoids, the most widely used class of pesticide in the world, are nicotine-like insecticides.

Our food supply depends upon pollinators. Neonicotinoids are absorbed by plants and therefore can be found in pollen and nectar. These chemicals can also remain in the plant and soil for long periods of time. Certain types of neonicotinoids are toxic to bees. Even nonlethal exposure can affect bee navigation, reproduction, survival rates, and foraging.

I have been working with environmental groups and city staff to introduce legislation that would ban the use of neonicotinoids by the City of Oakland and urge the public and stores to not use or sell them.

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## Honoring the Legacy of Cesar Chavez - La Clínica

Earlier in April, the City Council honored several civic and community leaders and organizations for their commitment to realizing the spirit of service exemplified by the late Cesar Chavez. I was proud to honor **La Clínica de La Raza, Inc.** (La Clínica). La Clínica started as a storefront free health clinic in East Oakland in 1971 by a group of concerned students, health professionals and community activists and has grown into one of the largest community health center networks in California with 35 service sites across Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties.

La Clínica operates several health centers in Oakland including two in North Oakland including TechniClinic—a school-based, teen-centered health center that serves students and recent graduates from Oakland Technical High School and nearby Oakland International High School with special emphasis on serving at-risk youth lacking access to services, and the newly expanded La Clínica Children's Dental Clinic on Telegraph Avenue, in Partnership with UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, which is the only children's dental clinic in the country connected to a Children's Hospital Level 1 Trauma Center.

Thank you to the staff of La Clínica for your commitment to the improving the health of the community.



Councilmember Kalb in City Council chambers with La Clínica CEO Jane Garcia and staff physician Dr. Christina Chavez-Johnson -- the grand-niece of Cesar Chavez!

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## Affordable Housing Week - May 2019

Thursday, May 9th kicks off this year's Affordable Housing Week of activities sponsored by East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO). Click [here to see details](#) of activities.

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### ***Reminder: Click Below to File a Complaint***

[OAK311](#) -- Report illegal dumping, traffic safety, and infrastructure issues

[Code Enforcement](#) -- Report blighted buildings and yards

[Animal Services](#) -- Report distressed or vicious animals

[Vehicle Abatement](#) -- Report abandoned vehicles

[City of Oakland's Homeless Response Info](#)

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