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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Sabrina B. Landreth

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

**DATE:** March 6, 2020

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**INFORMATION**

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements*** – During the week of March 9, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcement(s) for the following position(s):

- Courier

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.

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***13<sup>th</sup> Street Commons Block Party*** – On Saturday, March 7, the public is invited to celebrate a new public space called the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Commons. Food, live music and family fun are part of the planned activities from noon to 5 p.m. The 13th Street Commons is a three-year public space initiative created by members of the downtown Oakland community. The Commons, a one block stretch of 13th Street between Broadway and Franklin streets, was envisioned to be a creative and cultural hub for downtown Oakland supporting our local merchants, visitors, and residents by radically reimagining 13th Street as a family-friendly and business-friendly community gathering space. Learn more at [13thstreetcommons.com](http://13thstreetcommons.com).

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***Bay Area Summer Camp Jam*** – On Sunday, March 14, 2020 Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development is sponsoring the Bay Area Summer Camp Jam at the Studio One Art Center located at 365 - 45th Street, Oakland, from 12 to 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet

summer youth camp providers and plan their child's summer in one day. Representatives from non-profits, for-profits, public, day and overnight specialty camps will be represented and offering fun interactive activities. Parents can meet with a variety of Bay Area camp providers to determine what camp best fits their child's interest. Admission is free.

For more information on this event or if you offer a summer camp and would like to be a vendor at the event, please contact Sonomia Byrd, Recreation Leader at [bayareacampjam@gmail.com](mailto:bayareacampjam@gmail.com) or call (510) 597-5027.

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***Town Camp - Learn, Grow & Play Every Day 2020 Registration Open; Camp Line-Up Announced*** – Town Camp operates weekly from June 8 to August 7, 2020 at recreation centers across Oakland. Weekly themes range from Olympics 2020, to Arts & Expression, to Feather River Camp Overnight Experience. Each week includes a theme related trip to exciting locations such as an Oakland A's game, Six Flags Amusement Park, youth performance at Woodminster Amphitheater, and Chabot Space & Science. New this year is a concentrated 2-week Town Camp Swim program and a unique 5-week youth development experience for teens ages 13-16. Breakfast and lunch are served at Town Camp and scholarships are available for Oakland residents.

To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/TownCampRegistration](http://tinyurl.com/TownCampRegistration) or your location recreation center.

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***AAMLO Culture Talk: Black Women in the City of Light*** – On Saturday, March 7, 2pm, Oakland native Riki Stevenson will give a slide-illustrated presentation entitled "Black Women: Their Presence in the City of Light" at the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th Street). Ms. Stevenson's talk will take us up and down the streets of Paris, France, exploring places where African and African American females studied, created art, forged socio-political alliances, opened businesses, and at times made the famed City of Light their home. (This program is organized by Stevenson's European-based company Black Paris Tours.)

For information, contact Bamidele Agbasegbe-Demerson at [bagbasegbe-demerson@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:bagbasegbe-demerson@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 637-0200.

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***Screening & Discussion of the Popular Web Series "The North Pole"*** – On Tuesday, March 10, 6pm, Golden Gate Branch Library (5606 San Pablo Avenue) presents a free screening of the first season of "The North Pole," followed by a Q&A with lead actor Donte Clark. The North Pole is a dramatic comedy about three friends born and raised in North Oakland who fight, dream, and plot hilarious schemes to remain rooted as their neighborhood becomes a hostile environment. Facing both gentrification and global warming they combat evil landlords, crazy geoeengineering plots, and ultimately each other. For information, contact Erin Sanders, Branch Manager, at [esanders@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:esanders@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5023.

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***Housing Counseling for Tenants and Landlords at 81st Avenue Library*** – On Wednesday, March 11, 5–7pm, renters and landlords can drop in at the 81st Avenue Branch Library (1021 81st Avenue) counseling with the City of Oakland's Rent Adjustment Program staff. Whether you are a tenant or property owner with questions about your rights and responsibilities, we can help you with your rental housing related questions.

For information, contact Brian Guenther, Branch Manager, at [bguenther@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:bguenther@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 615-5812.

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***Meet Saadia Faruqi, Author of the "Yasmin" Children's Books, at the Library*** – On Wednesday, March 11, 5:30pm, Saadia Faruqi, author of the popular "Yasmin" picture books, is coming to meet young readers at the Main Library (in the Children's Room; 125 14th Street). Attendees will learn about the "Yasmin" series in this fun, interactive presentation. Author Saadia Faruqi will also share her experiences growing up in Pakistan and talk about her journey as a writer. Pizza and refreshments will be served at 5:30pm. Presentation will begin at 6pm. Free books will be signed and given away at the end of the presentation. (Limited quantities of the books are available and are intended only for children in attendance at the program. One copy per child, please. First-come, first serve.)

For information, contact Mahasin Aleem [maleem@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:maleem@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6573.

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***Learn How Your Story Sets You Free at the Library*** – On Thursday, March 12, 6pm, authors Heather Box and Julian Mocine-McQueen are coming to the Main Library (125 14th Street) to give a presentation about their book, *How Your Story Sets You Free*. The premise of their inspirational new book is that everyone has a story to tell with the power to influence others – family, friends, a community, or even the whole world. In *How Your Story Sets You Free*, they explain why storytelling is the most powerful way to inspire others and build lasting connections, and they guide readers step by step through the process of uncovering and sharing their own authentic personal stories. Book signing to follow. For information, contact Emily Weak, Senior Librarian, at [eweak@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:eweak@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3841.

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***West Oakland Library Hosts Sixth Annual Grandparents' Day*** – Saturday, March 14 is Grandparents' Day at the West Oakland Branch Library (1801 Adeline Street). Drop by 2–4pm if you are a caregiving grandparent in need of some pampering! Let us thank you for everything you do for the grandbabies in your life. Bring your grandchildren too. As you relax and get some well-deserved recognition, we will have fun activities and refreshments for the whole family to enjoy. For information, contact Susy Moorhead, Branch Manager, at [smoorhead@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:smoorhead@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-7352.

***Oakland Panther's Rally*** – On Thursday, March 12, at noon, join us as we welcome the Oakland Panthers, the Bay Area's newest professional football team, for its inaugural season rally in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza! Meet the team and win game tickets. Other activities include a performance by the Panther's dance team, the reveal of the official Oakland Panthers Game-day Jersey, as well as many other activities and prizes. Official team merchandise, as well as replica game-day jerseys, will be available for purchase. Additionally, the team will reveal the brand-new mascot as we celebrate and welcome Oakland's newest team.

A collaborative effort of co-owners Marshawn Lynch and Roy Choi, the Oakland Panthers are committed to providing professional indoor football (IFL) and high-quality entertainment for fans at a family-friendly price. The Oakland Panthers debut at the Oakland Arena on Saturday, March 14, at 6:05 pm against the Iowa Barnstormers. The first 5,000 fans will receive an exclusive commemorative Oakland Panthers T-shirt. All home games will be televised live on KBCW, as well as live radio coverage on KNBR 1050 for all Oakland Panthers games - home and away! Tickets start at just \$15.

For ticket information, please visit [www.oakland-panthers.com/tickets](http://www.oakland-panthers.com/tickets).

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***Oakland Leaders Toastmasters Speechcraft*** – Join us on 3/26 for the inspiring/international speech competition that leads to the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking and an evaluation contest to see how to make your speeches even better. Speechcraft is a great way to supercharge and hone your skills as an empowered public speaker and leader in an accelerated program. Join us for the graduation of our second Speechcraft program. You will hear from our graduates what their experience has been and how they have grown through this program. You will have the opportunity to give your own 1-2 minute impromptu speech about who you are and what you're passionate about. We will also have a guest presenter on leadership and communication.

The top speakers and evaluators from 22 clubs all over Oakland will compete and the best will move on to the District Contest that will bring the best of all of the Toastmasters from Fremont to Eureka together for an amazing and inspirational/educational conference. The Division Contest will be held 3/26 at East Bay Municipal Utilities Department (EB MUD) at 375-11th Street, Oakland at 5:30 - 9 pm. This event is free to the public and refreshments will be provided.

Toastmasters is a non-partisan, non-profit organization. Complimentary Course. All are welcome. No need to register.

**Monday, March 9 | 5:30 pm – 7:40pm | City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza**

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***Don't Forget to Book Your FREE Tax Appointment BEFORE April 15th!*** - That's right, city workers can take advantage of the City of Oakland's Tax Assistance site located at 270 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza in the Business Assistance Center, open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This **free** service provided by **Certified IRS** volunteers is available to households that earned \$56,000 or less in 2019.

So don't delay, call the Alameda County - Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) EITC hotline at 510-238-4911 to schedule your appointment today!

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Respectfully submitted,

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