



Council NEWSLETTER – July 2021



After adopting the two-year Budget and as the 4th of July weekend is upon us, we are turning our attention to wildfire prevention and fire safety in general, as well as implementing new ways of dealing with the city's tough and persistent problems.

We are employing all available resources to help make sure we get as many people as we can off the streets and into some type of housing, get guns off our streets and engage in resolving many more serious issues.

As always, I and my team are working tirelessly to make a positive difference in North Oakland and our entire City.

-Dan

COVID UPDATES - Recovery Update

Please note that most COVID services in Oakland are administered by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. For more information, please go here: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/index.page>.

California opened!

On June 15, 2021 the State of California effectively reopened. There are no state-mandated social distancing requirements or capacity limits--although large in-door crowds are still discouraged.

This week Alameda County ranked among the best in California when [80 percent](#) of residents over the age of 12 received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination!

The COVID Pandemic is *not* over however and taking precautions that you feel you need to take is not only wise but will help us to avoid another outbreak. Please note that

masks are still required for non-vaccinated individuals in all public settings, and in some settings for vaccinated individuals. Please visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx> for more specific information.

Please check back on the Alameda County Public Health Department's dedicated COVID-19 website for updates and clarifications: acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx

For general COVID inquiries, please email ncov@acgov.org or call (510) 268-2101.

Find a Vaccine Site Near You

Alameda County residents can find a vaccine site using the new interactive map on our dedicated vaccine website: covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines.

Additional COVID-19 Resources in Oakland:

The City of Oakland has our own website with relevant information, resources, and updates regarding COVID-19. Whether you want to know about what essential services are open, if parking rules will be enforced, or how you can help support your neighbors and local businesses in need of assistance, be sure to check back regularly on these websites for the most up-to-date information: <https://bit.ly/2JernUc>

Oakland's Budget FY 2021 – 2023

Last week, the City Council adopted a two-year budget effective July 1st. We had to balance very real demands and challenges. This budget process has been one of the most thorough, deliberate, thoughtful, and collaborative that I participated in since I assumed office in 2013. The Council President's Team, which I had the honor of being part of, met with most department heads to discuss and understand their operational needs. Our decisions were better informed because of those conversations. The entire Council also met several times in public as part of our deliberations on the budget. We obviously of course could not fund everything that everyone wanted.

It goes without saying that public safety is and has been a top priority for the Council. As such, the budget provides vital and long overdue resources for violence prevention and effective crime prevention/intervention efforts.

The budget passed by Council:

- allocates nearly \$19 million more to the Police Department each year bringing their two-year budget to \$674 million--as compared with \$635 million from FYs 2019-2021, while noting that this is roughly \$18 million less

over two years than the \$692 million that was proposed by the Mayor and City Administrator.

- funds the Police Dept. to run a total of 4 police academies over the next two years.
- adds \$17.4 million to the Dept. of Violence Prevention (which nearly triples their budget) to expand vital violence prevention strategies, including increasing our deployment of violence interrupters to be out in the neighborhoods most impacted by violence. This investment is long overdue and I look forward to expanding these efforts even more in the years ahead--with emphasis on those that are shown to be most impactful.
- invests \$6.5 million in the Fire Dept. to pilot and expand a civilian crisis response program for non-criminal, non-violent police calls for service, known as MACRO (Mobile Assistance Crisis Response Oakland), which will dispatch EMTs and other trained staff to respond to 911 calls for mental health crises and eventually other non-serious calls for service.

Our officers are often stretched, responding to thousands of non-violent, non criminal calls for service that can hinder the Police Department's focus and effectiveness on responding to and solving serious and violent crime. The Council is committed to making sure our Criminal Investigations Division and crime lab are well staffed, and that our highly-touted CeaseFire program is fully funded.

In addition to the new MACRO program, over the next year, this budget tasks the City with transferring certain low-level vehicle-related calls, which make up thousands of calls for service every year -- to our Department of Transportation by July 1, 2022. This means beginning on July 1, 2022, our police officers will no longer be tasked with responding to issues like blocked driveway and abandoned autos.

Additionally, here are other important investments the budget provides:

- **Affordable Housing and Homelessness Solutions:** Increases our commitment to helping address homelessness including providing sanitation to over 100 encampments while expediting affordable housing solutions for our homeless residents; and adding staffing to the city's Homelessness Division to improve interdepartmental coordination of encampment management and case management for unhoused Oaklanders.
- **Good Jobs and A Vibrant Economy:** Adds \$1.5 million in workforce readiness, training and placement targeted to serve flatland neighborhoods, youth, unhoused, and our reentry population. It provides \$300K to small and disadvantaged businesses for facade improvements, repairs, flex street supports, and parklets to help with economic recovery; and adds \$1.5 million in cultural affairs programming and staffing to support artists and festivals, particularly in a post-COVID recovery environment; and
- **Clean, Healthy & Sustainable Neighborhoods:** Restoration of the proposed elimination of 13.5 FTE crossing guards at Oakland schools to ensure student and family safety; restores cuts of four environmental

enforcement officers who address illegal dumping; pilots a 25-member Parks Ambassadors program to serve parks citywide; and makes improvements to parks, basketball courts, and skate parks citywide.

We are very appreciative to our City Staff, and especially to our Finance Department, who worked tirelessly through nights and weekends to ensure that we have the most timely and accurate information. Their work helped us create and pass a thoughtful and balanced budget.

We still have many challenges in front of us. We will continue to serve our good City with integrity and concern for all as we navigate the challenges ahead.

JULY 10th – Neighborhood Clean-up

Councilmember Kalb is partnering with Forever Oakland for our July monthly clean-up.

Please join us on **Saturday, July 10th**, as we pick up trash in part of the Longfellow neighborhood from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. COVID protocols will be followed and tools and gloves will be provided. Vaccinated volunteers only please. Please email ssteward@oaklandca.gov with any questions or to RSVP.

What: City Wide Clean-up: District One

When: **Saturday, July 10, 2021 | 9:00am – 11:00am**

Meet: Outside of the MLK Cafe, 3860 MLK Jr. Way

COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB'S DISTRICT 1 JULY CLEANUP IN LONGFELLOW



**SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
MEET AT MLK CAFE
(3860 MLK JR. WAY)**

All vaccinated volunteers are welcome · Masks/coverings
are required to participate · Tools will be provided ·
Social distancing will be practiced



For more information contact Seth at
ssteward@oaklandca.gov | 510.238.7013



As always, we are very grateful to all the neighbors who joined us at our previous clean up events -- including the more than 20 residents who pickup up trash along the San Pablo corridor in North Oakland last month.

Howard Terminal Waterfront Ballpark Project

The City Council's Community & Economic Development (CED) Committee will conduct a study session and received an informational briefing on the Howard Terminal Waterfront Ballpark project on **Wednesday, July 7th at 10:00am**.

You can see the specific CED agenda item

here: <https://oakland.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=871212&GUID=F66973C4-938C-45B3-BB54-E9311B221087&Options=info|&Search=>

We expect there to be a staff report available in the City's on-line agenda packet this Friday.

While the Committee's briefing & study session will focus primarily on the elements of a proposed non-binding term sheet as well as a potential infrastructure financing district, the agenda does include brief status updates on other elements of the overall project, including Port of Oakland's role and the City-Port Regulatory Framework, Potential Impacts to Nearby Maritime Industry and Port-Related and Non-Port Related Jobs, Affordable Housing and Community Benefits, Environmental Remediation of project site, and timeline for final project approvals.

We expect most or all city councilmembers to attend, even those not on the CED Committee. This will provide Councilmembers with a public opportunity to ask outstanding questions and share their thoughts with City staff, the public and the A's. Residents will as always be given an opportunity to briefly share their opinions for all to hear. No vote will be taken on July 7th; however a vote on a non-binding term sheet is scheduled for the July 20th City Council meeting. The details of said term sheet are still under negotiations.

Severe Fire Danger & 4th of July

Preparations for the 2021 wildfire season and 4th of July in particular have been underway for several months with the participation of multiple city departments in coordination with adjacent jurisdictions. The Oakland Fire Department, in partnership with other City departments, is taking a range of actions to promote community safety and mitigate the use and impact of illegal fireworks as we approach the Fourth of July and in what is expected to be another long fire season.



We want to remind everyone that fireworks ***are illegal*** in the City of Oakland. In an effort to get illegal fireworks out of residential neighborhoods and prevent wildfires, the Oakland Fire Department has set up safe collection barrels at the following fire stations.

- Station 1: 1603 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
- Station 3: 1445 14th Street
- Station 4: 1235 International Boulevard
- Station 5: 934 34th Street
- Station 18: 5008 Bancroft Avenue
- Station 20: 1401 98th Avenue

Please beware that in response to significant regional concerns about fire safety and emergency vehicle access, several Road Closures in the High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as well as throughout the city will be implemented. **Grizzly Peak Blvd between Skyline and Centennial Drive will be closed to all thru automobile traffic from 5:00am July 4th through 5:00am July 5th.** Additionally, the following intersections will have electronic signage and personnel on hand to prevent thru traffic from entering:

- Grizzly Peak / Centennial Dr
- Grizzly Peak / S Park Dr
- Grizzly Peak / Lomas Cantada
- Grizzly Peak / Claremont
- Grizzly Peak / Skyline

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2021/city-of-oakland-prepares-for-large-crowds-celebrating-the-july-4th-holiday-weekend>

The City of Oakland is coordinating with the City of Berkeley, East Bay Regional Parks, UC Berkeley, Moraga/Orinda Fire, Alameda County, CalFire, and Caltrans regarding the closure.

Neighborhood Service Division

Resuming In-Person Outreach: As of Monday June 21, the Neighborhood Services Division (NSD) staff returned to the workplace in a hybrid approach and will be teaming up to resume in-person outreach efforts each week in the neighborhoods we serve. This is an exciting moment and we are eager to continue to identify neighbors who want to increase their involvement in improving their community. With NSD now located in the City Administrator's Office, the outreach will be broadening to alert communities to a variety of services and opportunities. Please be on the lookout for car decals with the NSD Logo, "Our Block, Our Community, Our Responsibility."

National Night Out - Tuesday August 3rd

National Night Out was of course cancelled last year due to COVID. The ability to re-engage neighbors this year at the block level is important and those block-level relationships are the foundation of a thriving, healthy community. There is nothing like a block party to get that started!

Considering what the world has been through in 2020, the theme our team selected for National Night Out this year is **Emergency Preparedness**. The city is encouraging *smaller outdoor parties only* and we will be providing surgical masks and hand sanitizer in the host kits. The flyer about NNO is below and the link to the online registration page is [here](#).



WHEN NEIGHBORS KNOW EACH OTHER,
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SAFER

**IT'S TIME TO ORGANIZE
YOUR BLOCK PARTY!**

or other outdoor event that brings neighbors together.
Keep it small. Wear your mask, social distance.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

Register by July 23, 2021 to receive give-aways for the kids,
and a special gift for the host.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
OAKLANDCA.GOV/NNO
510-238-6200**



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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION

City Arts Grant Applications Available

The City of Oakland announced that applications are available for its 2021-2022 Cultural Funding Program grants supporting arts and cultural activities in three separate project categories:

- Neighborhood Voices Individual Artist Projects
- Neighborhood Voices Organization Projects
- Organizational Assistance (general operating support)



All applicants must be Oakland-based, and all arts activities must be presented in Oakland between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Interested artists and nonprofit organizations may access the grant guidelines and application forms at www.oaklandculturalarts.org. *The application submission deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2021.*

For more information please visit: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2021/city-arts-grant-applications-available-june-15>.

Dan In The Neighborhood



San Pablo Clean-Up - June 2021



Dan urging support for patient care workers at Kaiser.



Dan joining with UCSF Children's Hospital Oakland and Rebuilding Together East Bay to fix up and clean up areas near the Hospital.

Contacts:

Dan's [COVID Resources](#) page.

Oakland SeeClickFix - Call 311

- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location

Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211 - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

Dan Kalb's Council Office - 510-238-7001

OPD Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211)

OPD non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283 (recycling@oaklandca.gov)

Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>