



NEWSLETTER – March 2021



Dear neighbors,

With a [third vaccine approved by FDA](#) and the State and Alameda County Health Services making progress on testing and vaccinations, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Nevertheless, the pandemic is still with us and safety precautions are still in order.

I also know that many of you are concerned both with the increase in serious crimes as well as the large number of unhoused residents living on the streets. Together with community organizations and local experts, my office continues to tackle these issues. I know that when we stand together and do the hard work, once insurmountable challenges can become visionary opportunities.

If you have ideas for solutions, want to volunteer or intern in my office, or want to contribute to solving some of the most pressing issues facing our City, please contact my office. For example, we are looking for an intern to work on local implementation of the Green New Deal to create new green jobs and help to solve climate crisis. Many of our [City Boards and Commissions](#) are also looking for residents who want to put their experience and passion to work for the Oakland community. Please consider serving.

Thank you so much. Always with deep care and appreciation,

- Dan

March 6th – Make Oakland Better Neighborhood Clean-up

What: City Wide Clean-up: District 1

When: Saturday, March 6, 2021 | 9:00am – 11:00am

Where: FROG Park (nr. Hudson and Hardy streets)

Meet at: the basketball courts

If you have any questions or to RSVP, please send an e-mail to Deidra Moss at dmoss@oaklandca.gov or call 510-238-3557.



Make Oakland Better

City Wide Clean-up:
District 1

March 6, 2021
9am – 11am

FROG Park
Meet at:
the basketball courts

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



For more information contact Deidra at:

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Together we made one neighborhood a little better! Thank you to all the neighbors who joined us last month in the Longfellow neighborhood!!





COVID UPDATES

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

Over the last week Alameda County saw continued improvements in countywide COVID-19 metrics, with case rates dropping. The County remains in the Purple Tier of the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), but could meet the requirements of the less restrictive Red Tier within a few weeks if case and test positivity rates continue to improve. To support this progress, we're all promoting the State's new [5](#) [Ws](#) social media campaign.

Residents are encouraged to continue to getting [tested](#) for COVID-19. Although the vaccines have been shown to prevent mild and serve cases of COVID-19, researchers are still [investigating](#) if vaccinated individuals can contract and transmit the disease to others.

Alameda County Shelter-in-Place

- **Currently in Purple Tier**
 - Red Tier possible within two weeks if trends continue
 - Tier changes announced Tuesdays and effective the next day
 - Red Tier: indoor dining, movies, museums, gyms; capacity limits
- **Youth sports**
 - State now allowing more outdoor sports when daily case rate <14

COVID-19 Tests in District 1



Curative is still making it easy for the District 1 community to get access to regular, free COVID-19 tests. You can visit their mobile van for a self-administered oral PCR-swab from 10AM - 4PM on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church in Longfellow and from 10AM - 4PM on Sundays at Park Day School in Temescal. Appointments are preferred and can be made [here for Saturdays](https://cur.tv/SacredHeart) (cur.tv/SacredHeart) and [here for Sundays](https://cur.tv/ParkDay) (cur.tv/ParkDay). Walk-ups

are limited - please bring your insurance information and ID, if applicable. Please reach out to support@curative.com with any questions or visit [their website](https://curative.com) to learn more.

More information about COVID Testing options in Alameda County can be found here: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing>.

***COVID Vaccine Update

On February 16th a new mega vaccination center opened at the Oakland Coliseum parking lot. You can find out your eligibility and schedule an appointment by visiting: [MyTurn](https://myturn.ca.gov) or calling (833) 422-4255.

Vaccine supply remains limited, but are expected to increase soon. On January 25, the Governor announced that the State will transition to an age-based framework for vaccine prioritization after Phase 1b Tier 1 of the State's [vaccination framework](https://www.ca.gov/vaccine-framework).

At this time, vaccination appointments are limited to people who live or work in Alameda County and are in a priority category. Vaccine is being prioritized for those who are most risk for severe illness, which could result in hospitalization or death; or those who cannot work from home and are at high risk for exposure because they engage with the public directly.

Alameda County is expecting to have more vaccine in the coming months and currently is vaccinating:

1. People of age 65 and older, because they are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19
2. People who are at high risk for contracting/spreading the virus because of their work environment—this includes workers in health care, food/agriculture, emergency services, and education/child care

For more information about Alameda County vaccine distribution plans, please visit the [Vaccines](https://www.acgov.org/health/vaccines) page. General inquiries about COVID-19 vaccine may be directed to covax@acgov.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:

COVID-19 Case Investigation/Contract Tracing Services Vendor Pool Rolling RFQ

The Alameda County Health Care Services Agency is seeking qualified organizations to provide emergency COVID-19 services that include case investigation, contact tracing, resource navigation, outreach and health education, and distribution of the Isolation/Quarantine Care Kits to Alameda County residents. [Learn More!](#)

Non-medical volunteers:

Please sign up with Alameda Count through this [electronic form](#). You will be asked to submit to a brief background check.

Medical volunteers: Please complete **both** of the following registration forms.

1. Register with the California Health Corps [here](#) and be sure to **sign up for the "Alameda County Unit."**
2. Sign up with Alameda Count through this [electronic form](#). You will be asked to submit to a brief background check.

There is no pay for volunteering. Thank you for your patience as this process ramps up.

School Opening Updates

Many families are wondering when Oakland public schools are going to be able to open up for safe in-person learning or some hybrid (in-person and remote) learning. While the City of Oakland and Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) are separate entities with separate decision-making boards, we wanted to direct you towards an informational resource where you can follow the progress on the careful opening of Oakland schools: <https://www.ousd.org/covid-19updates>.

Caring For Our Unhoused Residents

Unhoused individuals are receiving vaccines through Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless (ACHCH). They are beginning by vaccinating unhoused individuals in shelters and will then move to vaccinating those living on the streets. You can read more [here](#).

As the Work Continues to End the Pandemic, We Must Follow the Five Ws to Stay Safer:

- **WEAR** a mask
- **WASH** your hands
- **WATCH** your distance
- **WAIT** to see loved ones
- **WHEN** it's your turn, get vaccinated



ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

@Dare2BWell

Future of UCSF Children's Hospital Oakland Medical Services: A Community Town Hall for East Bay Families

The Future of UCSF Children's Hospital Oakland Medical Services for East Bay Families

A Town Hall hosted/moderated by District One City Councilmember DAN KALB

Wednesday, March 10th • 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Panelists include:

- **Martha Kuhl**, RN and member, California Nurses Association
- **Matt Cook**, President, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals
- **Jeff Cheung**, Former Board Member for Children's Hospital Oakland
- **Sara Kassabian**, Journalist/*Oaklandside* Contributor
- **Dr. Jaleh Niazi**, Pediatric Physician, former Resident, Children's Hospital Oakland



Register for Zoom link & submit questions

Email Deidra Moss: dmoss@oaklandca.gov

Watch online:

@DanKalbCityCouncil

Please contact Deidra Moss (dmoss@oaklandca.gov) for additional information and to register for the event.

Keep Oakland Housed

Our [Keep Oakland Housed](#) suite of program services has helped keep thousands of residents at serious risk of becoming homeless in their homes. See [here for reporting details](#).

New Oakland Police Chief



I'm thrilled to welcome Oakland's own **LeRonne Armstrong** as the Oakland Police Department's new Chief of Police. Chief Armstrong intimately understands the challenges and the opportunities facing Oakland. He also has the experience, knowledge, and skills to move the police department forward. Learn more about our new chief [here](#).

"Every interaction with by a member of the Oakland Police Department is an opportunity to build trust and legitimacy with our community. OPD will treat members of our community with dignity and respect, under all circumstances."

— Chief LeRonne Armstrong

We also congratulate **Christopher Bolton** on being promoted to a **Deputy Chief position**. Like so many of you, we deeply appreciate his work for the residents of District One and his unwavering commitment to transparency and responsiveness. We are going to miss him in his capacity as the Area Two Captain, but we are happy that good public servants are promoted to serve the entire City.

Lt. Robert Rosin was appointed as **Acting Area Two Captain** until a permanent Captain is assigned. We invite you to welcome Acting Captain Rosin and are looking forward to working him!

Public Safety Updates

I know that many residents, myself included, are concerned about the recent rise in violent crime. Citywide, certain categories of violent crime have been on the rise over the past year and-a-half. This is especially shocking given the downward crime trend we experienced from early/mid-2014 through early/mid-2019.

I meet with OPD leadership regularly to discuss crime trends in North Oakland and citywide, and to learn of their progress with specific investigations of serious crime incidents in Council District 1.

The City's [Ceasefire](#) program continues to engage those who commit gun violence as well as those victimized by it. This program has successfully reduced gun violence in past years. In this next budget cycle, I will work to restore funding from recent cuts to this program. Additionally, I will continue my long-time focus on bolstering our Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and Crime Lab.

I urge Oaklanders to consider joining their Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) meetings in order to hear directly from the OPD officers working in your neighborhoods and share your neighborhood-specific concerns. My staff attends most of these meetings as well. The meetings list is [here](#) and you can figure out your police beat [here](#).

Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO)

Council President Bas and I presented a motion at the Council meeting earlier this week and are introducing legislation to facilitate the civilian MACRO (Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland) crisis response operation in Oakland. This legislation directs the City Administrator to work with myself and Council President Bas to create a Civilian Crisis Response Unit within the Fire Department and to work with existing County of Alameda agencies and/or expeditiously hire limited duration employees to staff the division during the initial launch phase, until such time the civil service process can be completed for permanent employees. Each team would ultimately include a civilian Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and an outreach worker. This motion passed unanimously by all Council members. We all agree that Oakland needs a different way to respond in certain crisis situations, including mental health crises.

I am excited to be able to help lay the implementing groundwork for this innovative program and to work with the community to reimagine police response. Thanks also to Vice-mayor Kaplan and to the many local community-based organizations for their advocacy on this program.

For additional information, see the Urban Strategies Council report here: https://urbanstrategies.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/USC-MACRO-REPORT-6_10_20.pdf

Budget FYs 2021 - 2023

The City of Oakland is starting its Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-2023 budget process. On Tuesday, March 2nd, the Budget Advisory Commission shared the results of the [Budget priorities poll of Oakland residents](#). Over the next few months, the Mayor and the City Council will be working on the next two-year budget. The Council will embark on this work by sharing each Councilmember's budget priorities on March 15th and having a Council Retreat on March 30th to discuss those priorities.

My office will be organizing a Budget Town Hall. Meanwhile, I invite you to share your thoughts on what, in your opinion, should be prioritized in the next budget. Thank you! You can email me at dkalb@oaklandca.gov (put 'Oakland Budget' in the subject line).

New District One Staffer - Keara O'Doherty



Keara O'Doherty is a Bay Area native and graduate of the Goldman School of Public Policy's MPP Program. She has a range of experience in the government and nonprofit sectors and currently serves as a **Community Liaison & Policy Advisor** in Councilmember Dan Kalb's office. Previously, she was an intern and constituent liaison in the Mayor's Office and recently worked as the campaign manager to successfully pass County Measure W that will help fund homeless services in Oakland and throughout the County.

Keara is passionate about improving government performance and ending the Bay Area's homeless crisis. In her free time, you will find her taking care of her extensive house plant collection and spending time with her dog Sheldon.

Nominations for "Mother Of The Year"

Oakland's Mother of the Year is a tradition dating back to 1954. Every year on the Saturday before Mother's Day, a new "Mother" is proclaimed, and her name is added to the Mother's Walk at the Morcom Rose Garden.

The call for nominations is open until 4pm on March 31, and anyone can make a nomination of someone whose contributions to the community symbolize the finest traditions of "motherhood." Past awards have gone to those who reflected the best of humanity through leadership, and perseverance against all odds to make a positive impact for families or community life. Honorees will be recognized on Saturday, May 8, at 10:30am through a Zoom virtual event.

Do you have a nominee? If so, obtain and complete a nomination form and submit along with requested information to: oprydmotheroftheyear@gmail.com. For more info, please email zthomas@oaklandca.gov.

Visit www.oaklandwiki.org to find out the history and the names of past honored 'mothers'.

Help Oakland Communities Respond To Emergencies



City's Emergency Management Services Division is launching a Virtual Town Hall series focused on overall community preparedness, with a focus on the CORE program and the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning process.

- [Tuesday, March 9, 2021; 6:30pm - 8pm](#)

Councilmember Kalb is working on bringing additional Emergency Response Community Town Halls to help advance this important effort. We shall keep you updated.

Also provide input into the [Survey for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) by 3/9/21.

Workforce Employment Training

The City of Oakland's Workforce Development Board is offering new training to help Oaklanders with job readiness. Please see this helpful information by clicking on the following link: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2021/city-of-oakland-launches-free-employment-training-platform-to-help-job-seekers-enhance-their-skills>.

Summer Jobs - Parks, Recreation & Youth Development

The City of Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development (OPRYD) is looking for *artistic, enthusiastic, and creative* individuals to join our team for the summer season. We are recruiting candidates for temporary part-time employment to support our summer programs. This is a great opportunity for youth and young adults.

Applications are accepted on-line only at: www.oaklandca.gov/jobs

**Summer
JOBS!**

Oakland Parks Recreation & Youth Development

2021 Part-Time Employment Opportunities

Please visit our website for more detailed information on the positions, salaries, and to apply.

Applications are accepted on-line only at: www.oaklandca.gov/jobs



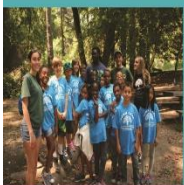
Recreation Aides: Apply between February 17 and March 21, 2021

(Entry-level) Provide support to Recreation Leaders in conducting programs and activities, assist with supervision of youth, help mediate conflict resolution when needed, display role model behavior to youth. Responsible for helping to maintain control of safety and organization of recreation facility. May perform clerical and office functions (including data entry using RecWare system) and organization of office space. Additional duties may vary by unit.



Recreation Leaders: Apply between February 17 and March 21, 2021

In addition to Recreation Aide duties, primarily responsible for providing customer service (parent and patron interface), working collaboratively with colleagues, displaying role model proper behavior, light cleaning as needed, maintenance of supplies, equipment, snack prep, coaching sports teams, and training junior counselors. Must demonstrate qualities of organization, ability to lead others, display strong positive role model behavior to youth and other staff, and ability to adapt to new and varied programming, activities and processes. Additional duties may vary by unit.



Recreation Attendant:

Apply between
February 17 and March 21, 2021

(Entry-level) Provide customer service to patrons, oversight of facility and grounds (including park and parking lot), clerical and office functions (including data entry using RecWare system, receipt of monies etc.), light cleaning as needed, organization of office space, knowledge of (able to provide) information regarding facility/park rental policies and procedures, work facility rentals.

Aquatics: Open Continuously

Lifeguards – Responsible for the safety of all swimmers during open swim hours and rentals for the Oakland community. Enforce facility rules and provide customer service. Teach swim lessons for all ages. Current American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED certification is required.

Water Safety Instructors – Provide swim instruction to all ages and ability levels using the American Red Cross water safety guidelines for the Oakland community. Coordinate day-of swim lesson program and provide direction to non-Water Safety Instructors. Lifeguarding duties apply. Current American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) and Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED certifications are required.



Pool Managers – Work with management to directly operate pool facilities and schedule staff. Provide leadership and direction to Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors. Lead in-service trainings for staff, conduct facility inspections, and provide feedback to management. Current American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) and Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED certifications are required.



Contact your local Recreation Center or City of Oakland's HR department to make an appointment for application assistance. Human Resources 510-238-3112

Are you a Recreation Specialist?

Apply between
February 17 and March 21, 2021

Share your passion with visitors and residents of Oakland. Under direction in Parks and Recreation responsible for planning and implementing specialized programming (including but not limited to dance, karate, cooking, fitness training, etc.) to meet the needs and interests of Oakland's diverse community.

Specialists may provide programming at one or multiple locations depending on demand for programming. Specialized programming may require seeking outside funding (i.e. seeking partnerships and collaborations with outside groups and/or seeking grants). Tracking and maintaining program participant information. Specialists are also responsible for doing community outreach for specialized programs.



OPRYD information: www.oaklandca.gov/jobs

***Jobs start July 1, 2021**

***Some opportunities are available for on-going employment**

Allendale 510-535-5635
Arroyo Viejo 510-615-5755
Bushrod 510-597-5031
Carmen Flores 510-535-5631
DACA 510-615-5817
deFremercy 510-238-7739
Dimond 510-482-7831
Dunsmuir 510-615-5555
East Oakland Sports 510-615-5837
F.M. Smith 510-238-7742
Franklin 510-238-7741
Golden Gate 510-597-5032
Ira Jenkins 510-615-5959
Lake Merritt Boating Center 238-2196
Lincoln Square 510-238-7738
Malonga Casquelourd 510-238-7217
Manzanita 510-535-5625
Montclair 510-482-7812
Mosswood 510-597-5038
Poplar 510-597-5042
Rainbow 510-615-5751
Redwood Heights 510-482-7827
Rotary Nature 510-238-3739
Sheffield Village 510-638-7190
Studio One Art Center 510-597-5027
Tassafaronga 510-615-5764
Willie Keyes 510-597-5042

Paving Update

Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) has updated the 3-Year Paving Plan schedule. You can see the maps here:

<https://oakgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d56c2b6ae597493b813be96015ae73b3>

More information on the overall 3-year paving plan can also be found on OakDOT paving data & maps page here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/paving-data-maps>

The OakDOT and my office are receiving requests for speedbumps. Please note that the current practice is to place speed humps following a neighborhood petition.

The 3Y Plan identified an unprecedented increase in paving mileage citywide. Similarly, the volume of both major corridor roads/bikeways and neighborhood bikeway paving has significantly increased, creating elevated demand on staff resources for planning and engagement. The paving program, working with multiple planning teams, has prioritized high injury corridors and major corridor bikeway engagement over neighborhood bikeway engagement. This has resulted in projects like gap closures on MacArthur Blvd, and significant improvements on Telegraph Avenue in the Temescal. The OakDOT was also able to support a limited number of neighborhood bikeway plans, which had led to the implementation of the project on Lowell Street. On Miles Ave, OakDOT is planning to implement new buffered bikeway. Every street, when paved, received high visibility crosswalks and red curb daylighting, which are pedestrian improvements that contribute to an overall safer street.

Flex Streets - Share Your Thoughts



To help Oakland small businesses operate under County Health Orders, the City last year streamlined the permit processes for use of sidewalks, parklets, streets and more for outdoor dining, retail sales and personal services. As we look to the future, we want community feedback on the Flex Streets Initiative. Take a brief online survey at <https://bit.ly/3bzWQ0Q> or text FLEX to (510) 380-7360.

And while the pandemic continues, don't forget to order takeout from your favorite neighborhood restaurants.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month! Here are 20 recommended books well worth reading written by talented women authors:

- **Americanah**, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- **The New Jim Crow**, Michelle Alexander
- **The House of the Spirits**, Isabel Allende
- **Handmaid's Tale**, Margaret Atwood
- **If life is a bowl of cherries, what am I doing in the pits?**, Erma Bombeck
- **The Awakening**, Kate Chopin
- **You Can Heal Your Life**, Louise Hay
- **The Woman Warrior**, Maxine Hong Kingston
- **The Namesake**, Jhumpa Lahiri
- **The Left Hand of Darkness**, Ursula Le Guin
- **The American Way of Death**, Jessica Mitford
- **Song of Solomon**, Toni Morrison
- **Merchants of Doubt**, Naomi Oreskes
- **The Bell Jar**, Sylvia Plath
- **Wide Sargasso Sea**, Jean Rhys
- **Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**, Rebecca Skloot
- **That's Not What I Meant**, Deborah Tannen
- **Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant**, Anne Tyler
- **House of Mirth**, Edith Wharton
- **The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration**, Isabel Wilkerson

Excess Litter Fee Program

After been adopted through a Council ordinance, the [Excess Litter Fee Program](#) is helping us keep our city clean. Small crews funded by the fees, are helping to maintain safe, clean and sanitary streets, sidewalks, and public spaces. In the city the size of Oakland every bit counts.

Please help us be the eyes on the street and direct Excess Litter crews to the places that tend to accumulate more litter than others and where they are most needed in D1. Please feel free to contact Olga Bolotina at obolotina@oaklandca.gov with proposed locations. Thank you!

Bringing Public WiFi to the City

City of Oakland Information Technology Department is continuing to bring online OAKWIFI zones in the various districts.

The map on the OAKWIFI webpage shows the zones that are currently live are outlined in green. As we bring on new zones the map is updated accordingly. We will

be bringing online zones 11, 12, and 13 this week, so by the end of the week 9 of 13 zones will be live. <https://www.oaklandca.gov/oakwifi>

This 2nd map allows you to zoom in interactively to see where the actual access points (APs/hotspots) are located

- <https://oakgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/minimalist/index.html?appid=26933394a5bd4caca2f67dbad4e62376>

Contacts:

- **Report Problems & Request Infrastructure Maintenance:**
311.oaklandca.gov | Call OAK 311 | From outside Oakland: 510-615-5566
OAK311@oaklandnet.com | Mobile app: [Apple](#) or [Android](#)
- **Alameda County Social Services and Referral –**
Call 211 <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>
- **OPD Emergencies – 911 (or 510-777-3211) OPD non-emergencies – 510-777-3333**
- **Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline – 510-238-7283**
(recycling@oaklandca.gov)
- **Observe a Council Meetings on Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82252209901>
Request to Speak on action items by using a "Raise Your Hand" button during Open Forum
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