



Greetings neighbors,  
We have a lot to celebrate this month as it's Asian American & Pacific Islander Month *AND* Older Americans Month! Join me in honoring the SGI-USA Buddhist Center in North Oakland and their work toward peace, humanity, and shared understanding.

Now that the Alameda County mask mandate has ended, it's more important than ever to receive your COVID booster. The FDA and CDC released new recommendations that allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over 50 years of age who received a booster shot at least four months ago to receive an additional COVID-19 booster. Please read the updated recommendations [here](#). Those eligible can schedule their booster at the White House's new centralized website [COVID.gov](https://www.covid.gov) or at California's [MyTurn](#).

I have been actively supporting our city's efforts to lobby for and access additional funds at the state level for affordable housing, including housing and related services for our homeless population.

In this newsletter, you will find updates on COVID-19, our May 7th community clean-up, progress at OPD, the soft launch of the Mobile Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO), community events, and more.

In service,  
-Dan

## COVID-19 Updates

The Alameda County face mask order has changed, and the County has implemented some changes highlighted below. Please consider exploring

the Alameda County COVID-19 page for additional information: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/index>. There are a few particular updates we want to make sure you are familiar with:

## **Proof of Vaccination Policy Amended**

On May 3rd, I presented legislation to the Council amending the emergency ordinance I sponsored in December 2021 that require patrons to show proof of vaccination at various locations including food and drink establishments, gyms, theaters and at large indoor events.

This modification removes the citywide requirement that patrons entering a number of indoor locations must show proof of vaccination including at restaurants, bars and coffee shops, gyms, fitness venues, yoga centers and dance studios, entertainment venues such as movie theaters, concert venues, live performance venues, sports areas and museums.

Visitors to senior adult care facilities and City-run senior centers must still show proof of vaccination. And patrons at indoor events in Oakland with more than 2,500 people will now be required to wear masks. We strongly recommend N95, KN95, and KF94 masks to ensure adequate protection.

Go to [Oakland.legistar.com](https://oakland.legistar.com) to view the legislation [here](#) and the report [here](#).

## **BART Now Requires Masks**

on April 28, 2022, the BART Board of Directors voted to require face masks on BART trains and all paid areas of the system. This mask mandate is effective through July 18, 2022 unless it is extended. Read more [here](#).

## **Alameda County health officials *strongly* recommend protection against COVID-19 including:**

Getting vaccinated and boosted, wearing high quality masks (N95/KN95/KF94 recommended), get tested if you are exposed or ill and stay at home if you feel sick. Be sure to talk to your medical care provider if you are immunocompromised. Read more [here](#). Here is up-to-date Information from the state on [vaccines](#) and [masking](#).

# Saturday May 7th Community Clean-up

## COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB'S DISTRICT 1 MAY CLEANUP



**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022  
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM  
MEET AT PARADISE PARK CAFE  
(6334 SAN PABLO AVE)**

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 [dmosso@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmosso@oaklandca.gov) or 510.238.3557



Please join us **Saturday, May 7th** at Alcatraz and San Pablo from 9:00am to 11:00am. My staff and I hope to see you there

# May is National Asian American and Pacific Islander Month... and Older Americans Month!

## Honoring the Oakland SGI-USA Buddhist Center

This year, I am honoring the SGI-USA Oakland Buddhist Center, located at 3834 Opal Street in North Oakland. The Oakland Center is part of a community of 12 million people in 192 countries. Daisaku Ikeda, the current President of SGI, is a Buddhist leader, peacebuilder, prolific writer, poet and educator, as well as the founder of a number of cultural, educational and peace research institutions around the world.

The Oakland Buddhist Center serves as the physical hub for 1,000 SGI members in Oakland and thousands more in the East Bay who are upholding the ideals of peace, humanity, and cross-cultural understanding through informal dialogue with all peoples. I am proud that my district is home to such a great institution. One block of Opal Street was commemoratively renamed Daisaku Ikeda Way in May 2021.

## Celebrating Older Americans Month

Information about activities at the North Oakland Center Center can be found here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/north-oakland-senior-center>.

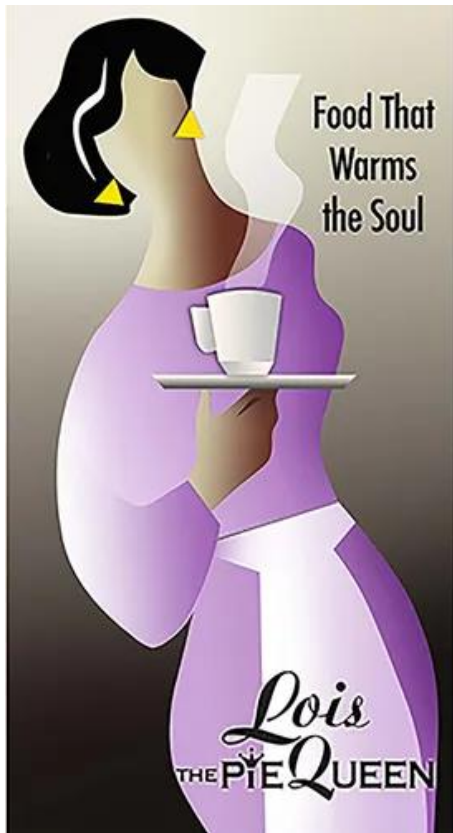
## Small Business Week

Oakland is celebrating National Small Business week (May 1-7, 2022) with [a variety of free workshops and events](#). These events will feature resources and advising for small businesses on topics such as:

- access to capital and business financing
- online marketing & social media
- ADA compliance
- lessons from legacy businesses
- commercial lease negotiation
- recycling & composting at work

- bank statement management
- resources for indigenous entrepreneurs
- understanding federal certifications

Remember, each of us can support the local economy every day, simply by choosing where to spend our money.



### Small Business spotlight: [Lois the Pie Queen](#)

If you enjoy great southern style food, [Lois the Pie Queen](#) in the Santa Fe neighborhood is for you.

From great pancakes and chicken & waffles to salmon croquettes and amazing pies, they have wonderful food each and every day.

The tradition of quality product and service that Lois started is carried on today by her son Chris Davis and his staff. Under his direction, Lois the Pie Queen's family has grown to serve a new generation with "Food that Warms the Soul."

## Take the City Challenge

Time-sensitive! The City of Oakland is calling on the public to submit proposals for how to address our city's biggest challenges like homelessness, violent crime, and abandoned vehicles and dumping. Until May 6, you can [submit proposals](#) for selection by City officials. The authors of winning proposals will have the chance to work with the City government to implement your solution. Visit [this link](#) to learn more about this exciting competition and to send in your idea to make your city a better place.



# CITY CHALLENGE OAKLAND

Oakland  
needs you!

**Share your innovative and creative solutions to  
of Oakland's toughest problems**

**Submit a solution! Vote on the ideas you think  
most important! Get involved!**

**Visit [oakland.mycitychallenge.org](http://oakland.mycitychallenge.org) to learn more**



The Burnes Center  
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Northeastern University



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# MACRO Soft Launch

The Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) made its 'soft launch' into the community at the end of April. Mostly made up of Oakland natives, MACRO staff are EMTs and community intervention specialists, some of whom were formerly unhoused or incarcerated. Initially focused in East and West Oakland, MACRO teams will respond to calls for service where a police officer may not be needed: Calls for noise complaints, public intoxication, and wellness checks for instance. They'll work to de-escalate nonviolent, non-emergency situations, provide basic medical and emotional support, offer services such as shelter beds and build relationships with community members in need.

Councilmember Kalb prioritized the creation and funding for MACRO over the past two years. Now, Oakland's holistic approach to public safety means we innovate. MACRO is designed to make sure that we are meeting Oaklanders where they are, with empathy and compassion. And it's already having an impact. On their first day on the job, the San Francisco Chronicle's Sarah Ravani reports, they may have saved the life of an East Oakland man.

Visit the [MACRO Website](#)

## OPD Making Strides

A recent [CalMatters article](#) shows the evidence and impact of reform efforts within the Oakland Police Department, particularly in its response to community complaints. [The numbers show](#) that the Oakland police department holds its officers more accountable at far higher rates than other law enforcement agencies in the state.

## Negotiated Settlement Agreement Coming to an End

Eighteen years ago, the Oakland Police Department entered into a negotiated settlement agreement (NSA) with plaintiffs who had suffered abuse and mistreatment at the hands of officers. On Thursday, Judge Orrick stated that Oakland will soon enter into a one-year "sustainability

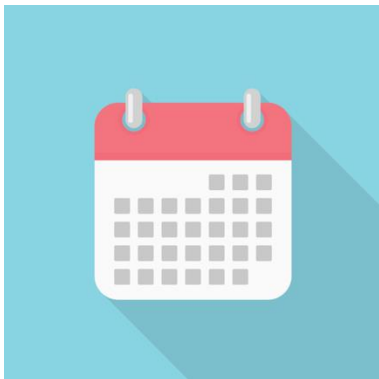
period" that reflects compliance with all 52 reforms outlined in the NSA as the final step before ending federal oversight. Although our work to deliver fair and equitable policing to Oaklanders must continue, this milestone symbolizes the incredible progress OPD has made.

We're proud of the progress OPD is making, and am looking forward to continued progress within the Department.



*187th Basic Academy graduation, April 29th  
26 new officers pictured with Captain LeRonne Armstrong*

## Dan's Community Office Hours



Dan continues to hold monthly Community Office Hours to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood and citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents -- currently via phone due to Covid safety protocols -- and looks forward to eventually doing these in person once again.

Please contact Deidra Moss ([dmoss@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmoss@oaklandca.gov) or 510.238.3557) if you'd like to sign up to speak with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month.

## City Releases Draft Downtown Specific Plan

The City of Oakland has released a draft set of Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (DOSP) Zoning Amendments designed to encourage affordable housing, support arts and culture, promote transit, encourage economic opportunity, enhance green spaces, and protect historic areas. The City will hold a series of virtual meetings in May and June to provide information, answer questions and receive feedback. Please consider joining the following meetings:

- May 11 6:00-7:30pm [Meeting #1: Land Use Activities](#)
- May 16 6:00-7:30pm [Meeting #2: Special Districts](#)
- May 25 6:00-7:30pm [Meeting #3: Development Standards and Zoning Incentive Program](#)
- June 2 6:00-7:30pm [Community Advisory Group \(CAG\) Meeting](#)
- June 8 3:00-5:00pm [Zoning Update Committee \(ZUC\) Hearing](#)

## Libraries Need Support

Public libraries are great equalizers in our society. Please read this [article in Oaklandside](#) about local ballot Measure C on the June 2022 ballot in Oakland.

"I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture, and our concern for the future, can all be tested by how well we support our libraries." -Carl Sagan

## LoveLife Foundation Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

The LoveLife Foundation is an Oakland-based organization committed to providing a supportive and empowering environment for at-risk youth, and mobilizing community support to change the economic and social conditions that lead to violence.

[The LoveLife Foundation](#) was founded in November of 1997 by Donald Lacy, in memory of his daughter, LoEshe Adanma Lacy, who was an innocent bystander when she was senselessly murdered at the age of 16.

In the 25 years since, the organization has reached tens of thousands of youth and their families, working with at-risk Black youth at or below the poverty line in Oakland — who for the most part have been ignored and unvalued by our society.

The LoveLife Foundation aims to help youth discover positive and life-affirming alternatives to the destructive influences of drugs, gangs, and the dangers of life on the streets. They are promoting life and saving lives through community revitalization, leadership, and development. And they do all of this on a micro budget, with no full-time paid staff and some volunteers. The money they raise from charitable contributions goes directly to servicing young people and their families.

Visit their website [here](#).

## Community Events

### **Piedmont Avenue Elementary School Walk-a-thon Saturday, May 7th**

Hey Piedmont Avenue Panthers! Come one, come all -- let's walk it out together at the last PTA school wide event of 2021-2022!

We're holding a **Walk-a-Thon** to raise funds for the music program, STEM programs, field trips and other enrichment programs! You can be part of this and support the school.

### **Rockridge Rock N' Stroll Saturday, May 14**

Free outdoor live music, big sales, popup vendors, kids' crafts, art shows, and fun activities for the whole family. College Avenue (from Broadway to Alcatraz) welcomes you to stop by, say hello, and enjoy the local wares, fine dining, savory sweets, and delicious drinks you can only find

in Oakland's Rockridge District. Take BART to the Rockridge Station and you're there!

**2022 East Bay Green Home Tour (free!)**  
**Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15**  
**10:00AM – 1:00PM**

What are your East Bay neighbors doing to combat climate change, improve air quality, generate clean energy, and move toward a safer, healthier, greener future? Find out at the East Bay Green Home Tour - a virtual tour of 12 local homes, with live Q&As with homeowners and experts. The tour features an all-new lineup of people, homes, and situations, plus helpful resources and ideas. Register and learn more at [EastBayGreenHome.com](https://EastBayGreenHome.com).

**10Y NCPC Meetings (Longfellow/Santa Fe)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month**

Sign up [for the mailing list](#) and we need people to get involved in leadership roles

**10X NCPC Meetings (Golden Gate)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, except December.**

Email [karenyoust@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karenyoust@sbcglobal.net) to get more information

**Bike to Wherever Day - Friday, May 20th**

Please join your neighbors and your local councilmember and participate in Oakland's Bike to Wherever Day. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.

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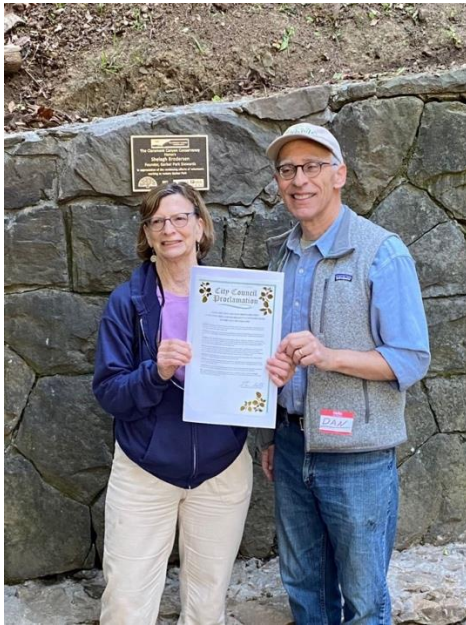
MORE SURPRISE SPECIAL GUEST...

RAFFLE CONTEST. GAMES/JUMPERS FOR THE KIDS. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE

CONCORDIA PARK 2901 64TH AVE, OAKLAND, CA



Dan (and D1 staff) in the Community



Clockwise starting top left: D-1 staffer Deidre Moss at Glen Echo Park on Earth Day; Dan re-sealing play structure fence at Little Frog Park; Dan at the East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) annual awards celebration; Dan and Shelagh Brodersen at Garber Park presenting Shelagh with a well-deserved Proclamation recognizing her long-standing volunteer leadership at Garber Park.

# Contacts:

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

**Oakland SeeClickFix** -

Call **311**- [https://seeclickfix.com/web\\_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location](https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location); <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

**Alameda County Social Services and Referral** -

Call **211** - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>



**Dan Kalb's Council Office** - 510-238-7001 (contact [DMoss@oaklandca.gov](mailto:DMoss@oaklandca.gov) to sign up for Dan's monthly Community Office Hours)

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

OPD non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

**Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline** - (510) 238-7283

([recycling@oaklandca.gov](mailto:recycling@oaklandca.gov))

**Oakland Animal Services:** <https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org>

**Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center** - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/oakland-launches-in-person-one-stop-permit-center-2>

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**[Dan's list of Good Books worth Reading](#)**