



Dear Oakland Neighbors,

Warm greetings to you for the holidays! Normally, my staff and I would be sharing with you all the joy and celebration usually found during the holiday season. But the recent tragic fire makes it difficult to be in a celebratory mood. I urge residents of Oakland to bond together and offer support to each other. We are finishing a difficult year that had both ups and downs to say the least. The holiday season offers us an opportunity to re-connect with friends and loved ones, recover and heal, and emerge stronger in the year ahead.

Tragic Warehouse Fire in Oakland

As you know, a major structural fire broke out on Friday night, Dec. 2, at a warehouse on 31st Avenue in Oakland. The fire resulted in a horrific tragedy with 36 precious lives lost. I and all of us at City Hall extend our heart-felt condolences to the families who have received the dreadful news that one of their loved ones had perished in the fire.

A Family Assistance Center, established by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau in coordination with the American Red Cross, had been in operation where family members and close friends looking to locate loved ones went to receive information, grief counseling and other resources. Mayor Schaaf and several city staff members spent many hours at this center offering moral support to the families of the victims.

The County District Attorney's office activated their criminal investigation team and is actively examining the fire scene with all of the other law enforcement partners. Our Oakland Fire Department has been working with the Alameda County Sheriff's Dept., OPD, federal ATF, CAL-OSHA, Alameda County Search & Rescue and the American Red Cross to conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of this deadly fire. The City is committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine how such a tragic event could have occurred.

Our good city has experienced a horrific human tragedy. As a community, we must come together to support the families and each other. The Oakland A's and Oakland Raiders have set up a site for donations for Oakland Fire Victims at <https://www.youcaring.com/oaklandfirevictimsfrom130531staveinoakland-706680-mlb-oakland>

The Gray Area Foundation for the Arts also has set up a site for donations at <https://www.youcaring.com/firevictimsfoaklandfiredec232016-706684>

You also can help by attending this **Ghost Ship Benefit for the families of the fire victims:**

Monday, December 12, 2016, 6 PM – 12 AM
Rockridge Improvement Club
5515 College Ave., Oakland

<https://www.facebook.com/events/218446695249163/>

On Thursday, I put forward a directive to the City Administration to provide the City Council with a comprehensive report, including options for budgetary and policy actions, on the following:

- (1) Examination of best practices from other jurisdictions that prevent resident displacement while addressing building safety;
- (2) Examination of the challenges facing Oakland-based artists vis-a-vis living and workspaces and ways that the city can provide assistance and prevent displacement;
- (3) Volume of work and staffing needs relating to Code Enforcement as it relates to habitability and fire safety;
- (4) Volume of work and staffing needs relating to the Fire Department as it relates to responsibilities of the Fire Marshall, commercial fire inspection requirements, and fire prevention.

It is my hope that this report will offer a pathway to strengthen our code enforcement and fire prevention inspection services, and do so in a manner that minimizes displacement and supports the large and diverse arts community in our city.

Mosswood Park Recreation Center – Dec. 10th Visioning Session

The Mosswood Recreation Center has been a vital community asset for decades. We are saddened by the loss of this facility. Early Saturday morning, November 26, the Rec. Center was completely destroyed by fire. Fortunately, no one was injured and the Moss House Historical Mansion was completely preserved, thanks to the excellent efforts of the Oakland Fire Department. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Mosswood History and Programs

As you probably know, Mosswood Park is located at 3612 Webster Street and was established in 1907 as a city park on approximately 4.5 acres of greenspace in the center of Oakland at the time. The park hosts many outdoor festivals, events, programs and classes year round and, during the summer months, a thriving summer camp program. The after-school programs have featured cooking classes, computer and technology labs, education labs, and a variety of enrichment activities for youth. The Inclusion Center at Mosswood Park provides an environment where people have an opportunity to participate and shine, regardless of their ability or disability. The Inclusion Center offers homework assistance, recreation, and other developmental activities in an asset-rich, safe, and accessible environment for children and teens.

Temporary Relocation of Programs

Programs at the Mosswood Recreation Center are temporarily relocated to nearby facilities. The Mosswood Afterschool Programs and the Inclusive Recreation Afterschool Program are temporarily housed at the Bushrod Recreation Center located at 560-59th Street. The Oakland Fund for Children & Youth-funded “Sandboxes to Empowerment” playgroup, which is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am -12:30 pm, is temporarily relocated to the Studio One Art Center located on 45th Street.

The loss of the Mosswood Recreation Center has been devastating to the community, and staff has heard from a great number of people who want to help rebuild. We are optimistic about the future of Mosswood and look forward to working with the community on planning for the future. The Center was included in

the City's property insurance policy and the insurance company's representatives responded promptly and have been assisting with clean-up efforts. We will continue to work with them on assessing the facility to determine the amount of coverage that will be provided for rebuilding.

*****Community Event – Saturday, December 10 – The Future of Mosswood Rec Center*****



Oakland Parks & Recreation presents

Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future

Share your vision for a "New" Mosswood Community Center

Saturday, December 10th 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
3612 Webster St - Oakland, CA - 94609

Host Nicholas Williams, Parks & Recreation Director

Program & Special Guests Mayor Libby Schaaf @ 1:00 pm
Marshawn Lynch
Council President Lynette Gibson McElhaney
Councilmember Dan Kalb

All Ages Welcome • Children's Activities • Snacks

Support Rebuilding Efforts!
Make a tax deductible donation to Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation at www.oaklandparks.org or call (510) 465-1850

 Thank you Event Magic and Production Logic for event amenities!

On Saturday, December 10, 2016, from 12:30 - 2:30pm, Oakland Parks & Recreation, in collaboration with Oakland Public Works, will host a **community visioning event: "Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future"** at Mosswood Park.

After a short program at 12:30pm, architectural designers will be on site to facilitate mini-charrettes with the community to help envision a 'New' Mosswood Community Center. Councilmembers Kalb and Gibson McElhaney will be on hand. And there also will be activities for children in addition to the visioning discussions. All residents are invited to participate.

Finally, immediately after the fire the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation established a 'Rebuild Mosswood' account set up to receive tax deductible donations. Donations are intended to be used to support rebuilding efforts for Mosswood, including covering costs that exceed available insurance as well as amenities that the community may desire adding to the park. To make a donation please visit: www.oaklandparks.org or call the Foundation at (510) 465-1850.

Violence in North Oakland and West Oakland

Due to a number of disconcerting and tragic shootings in North Oakland and West Oakland, Councilmember McElhaney and I are hosting a community meeting on **Thursday, December 15th, 5:30PM**

at the **West Oakland Youth Center (3233 Market Street)** with OPD, Oakland Unite, and others to hear from residents and share recent updates on safety in the impacted neighborhoods in North Oakland and West Oakland.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY MEETING



CITY OF OAKLAND

In response to recent tragic homicides in North and West Oakland, Council President Lynette Gibson McElhaney & Councilmember Dan Kalb invite neighbors in Hoover, Clawson and Longfellow Districts to a community meeting to discuss ways that the City, OPD and residents can work together to curb the violence.

DECEMBER 15, 2016

West Oakland Youth Center

3233 Market Street

5:30pm – 7:00pm

For more information or to RSVP contact
(510)238-7245 Bcook@oaklandnet.com or
(510)238-7240 Obolotina@oaklandnet.com

MacArthur Transit Village

The next community meeting regarding the proposed apartment building on Parcel B will take place as follows:

**** Meeting Announcement ****

MacArthur BART Station Parcel B Project Update!

Date: Wednesday, December 14th, 2016

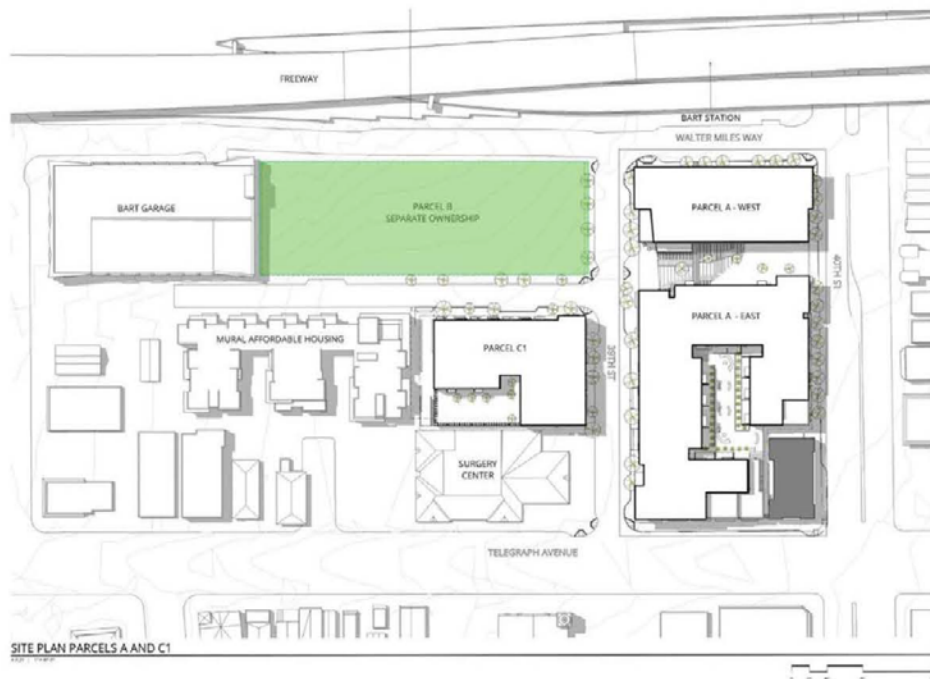
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Place: Beebe Memorial Cathedral – Gym
3900 Telegraph Avenue

Hosted by Councilmember Dan Kalb

Please join Councilmember Kalb, the Planning Department Staff and the Project Developer for an update on the MacArthur BART Station Parcel B Project. During this meeting the developer and the city representatives will present information, listen to your comments and answer questions regarding:

- Latest proposal and plans submitted to the City
- Environmental Assessment
- Update on the project schedule & next steps



For **project information**, please contact:
Catherine Payne, Planner with Bureau of Planning, City of Oakland, CPayne@oaklandnet.com

For **meeting information**, please contact:
Olga Bolotina, Office of Councilmember Dan Kalb, obolotina@oaklandnet.com

Resolution on Electoral College, Redistricting, and Barriers to Voting

Our recent national election was a reminder that continuing problems undermine our nation's democracy.

For the second time in only 16 years, the presidential candidate who received the most votes will not be sworn in as President. The Electoral College is an antiquated and inherently undemocratic system that has no place in a modern democracy. Every person who votes in each and every state should have his or her vote counted equally.

Congressional Redistricting has also been corrupted by extensive and partisan gerrymandering, leading to undemocratic control of Congress by one political party out of proportion to the percentage of votes received. Organizations like [Common Cause](#) and [FairVote](#) have proposed reforms, such as requiring each state to have an independent redistricting commission, not state legislatures, draw the lines of congressional districts and their respective state legislative districts.

As we have seen in several states in recent years, impediments to voting or registering to vote have been put into place to deliberately suppress voter turnout. Communities of color and the poor have especially been targets of this disenfranchisement. We must seek comprehensive national reform and court action to stop these undemocratic mechanisms and tactics from being used to suppress voter participation.

Councilmember Kalb, joined by Councilmember Kaplan, [introduced a Resolution](#) that would declare the City of Oakland's position on these problems, including supporting both (a) a constitutional amendment introduced by Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to abolish the Electoral College and (b) the [National Popular Vote Interstate Compact](#), which California, 10 other states, and the District of Columbia have already joined. If passed, my Resolution would become an official policy position advanced by the City's lobbyist in Sacramento and Washington, DC. The goal is to encourage other jurisdictions to adopt similar positions and help support a national movement to demand real reform.

The Resolution is slated to come before the Oakland City Council for approval on Tuesday, December 13th.

Minimum Wage increase

Effective Sunday, January 1, 2017, Oakland's Minimum Wage goes up to \$12.86 per hour. Measure FF, the voter-initiative ballot measure passed in November 2014, provides annual increases to Oakland's Minimum Wage based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). In light of the increase, employers must be aware of the following:

- By Thursday, December 15, 2016, employers are required to provide notice to employees and prominently display posters on the new Minimum Wage;
- On Sunday, January 1, 2017, the Minimum Wage rate goes up 31¢ to \$12.86; and
- The other benefits mandated by Measure FF – paid sick leave and payment of service charges – remain the same as when this employment law took effect in 2015.

Notification posters in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese are available for download at www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage.

Monthly Walk-In Workers' Rights Legal Clinics are held by the City's partner, Centro Legal de la Raza, 3400 E. 12th Street, on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. During these clinics, individual consultations with Centro Legal attorneys are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The next clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Other workers' rights clinics are by appointment only. Call Centro Legal de La Raza at (510) 437-1554.

For more information, please visit <http://www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage> or contact the Contracts & Compliance Office at minwageinfo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6258.

***It's important to support our dynamic local businesses and in turn support Oakland workers. Shop in Oakland stores, dine at Oakland restaurants, visit Oakland cafes, have your relatives stay in Oakland hotels and hire Oakland companies.

District One and Citywide Events

City of Oakland's Community Toy Drive 2016

During the holidays, the City of Oakland collects and distributes toys for Oakland children. Last year alone we were able to provide toys to over 8,000 children from low-income families. That's over 16,000 dolls, trucks, books, board games, sports equipment, and gift certificates.

Please participate in the City's annual **Toy Drive** during the holiday season.

Click on this link for more details: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/toydrive/index.htm>

Dan's Community Office Hours

Councilmember Kalb has Community Office Hours each month at rotating North Oakland cafés. District One residents can sign-up for a 20-minute slot by e-mailing Monica Harris at mmharris@oaklandnet.com, 510-238-7014. Please include the topic of your inquiry or issue when you reserve a spot. Thank you!

January 7th, 2017

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Nomad Café
6500 Shattuck Ave.

February 4th, 2017

10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Terrace Gifts & Coffee
5891 Broadway Terrace

March 4th, 2017

10 am - 12:30 pm
Actual Café
6335 San Pablo Ave.

Saturday, December 10th - Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future

When: Saturday, December 10th, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Where: 3612 Webster Street, Oakland, CA

This event was planned for the community to come together to share ideas and intentions to rebuild Mosswood Community Center. Mayor Libby Schaaf, Councilmembers Dan Kalb and Lynette Gibson McElhaney as well as various community leaders will be in attendance. There will be children's activities and light refreshments.

Those who cannot attend the visioning session can still contribute by making a tax deductible donation to the Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation at www.oaklandparks.org or by calling 510-465-1850.

Saturday, December 10th – Friends of the Temescal Branch Library meet-and-greet

When: Saturday, December 10th, 2:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Where: 5205 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA

Find & discuss ways to participate in planning of the centennial celebration (in 1918) of the **Temescal Branch Library**. Learn about the history of Oakland and the Temescal district.

Meet other fans & neighbors of the **Temescal Branch Library** with snacks, conversation and an illustrated talk by branch manager Steven Lavoie on the history of Oakland a screening of "Where we live: stories from Temescal..." by the Temescal Neighborhood History Project.

Wednesday, December 14th - Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League General Meeting

When: Wednesday, December 14th, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Piedmont Gardens, 110 41st Street, 11th Floor - Sky Room

First half an hour is reserved for the Piedmont Avenue **NCPC meeting**.

For more information about the Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League (PANIL), please contact: ywinemiller@hotmail.com

Thursday, December 15th - Public Safety Community Meeting

When: Thursday, December 15th, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: West Oakland Youth Center, 3233 Market Street

In light of the recent spike in violence in North and West Oakland, Councilmembers Dan Kalb and Lynette Gibson McElhaney invite residents of Hoover, Clausen and Longfellow neighborhoods to join them in a discussion with OPD about what we as a community can do to address this problem.

For more information, please email Olga Bolotina at obolotina@oaklandnet.com

Saturday, December 17th - Santa Fe CAN's Ugly Sweater Party

When: Saturday, December 17th, 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Where: OVO Eatery & Tavern, 5319 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Join Santa Fe CAN in holiday cheer, snacks and community networking. Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater and prepare for caroling around the Santa Fe neighborhood.

For more information about this event, please

visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/243090849437034/>

Saturday, December 17th - We Love Africa

When: Saturday, December 17th, 7:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Where: 4799 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland, CA

Networking * Dance * Music * Food & Drink

Featuring Eritrean and Ethiopian cuisines

Wednesday, December 21st - Golden Gate Association General Meeting (@10X NCPC)

When: Wednesday, December 21st, 7 pm

Where: Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd St.

A portion of the 10X NCPC meeting is dedicated to Golden Gate Association business. For more information about this event, please contact Angela Gennino agennino@gmail.com

Friday, December 23rd - Team Giveback's Toys for Joy Christmas Drive

When: Friday, December 23rd, 12:00 pm-6:00 pm

Where: 4506 Market Street, Oakland, CA

#TeamGiveback is once again working to make this holiday season complete for families in need. They are accepting toy, food and clothing donations on the day of the event. Paypal donations can be made at dabusride@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 10th - Report on Residential Parking Permit Program

When: Tuesday, January 10th, 11:30 am*

Where: Oakland City Hall, Sgt. Mark Dunakin Room - 1st Floor

Councilmember Kalb has heard from many residents about the lack of adequate parking enforcement in Residential Parking Permit (RPP) street zones and the bottleneck in processing requests for new RPP

zones. After not receiving adequate answers from the City Administration about these problems, Councilmembers Kalb [scheduled an item](#) before the Public Works Committee of the City Council, requiring the City Administrator to provide a comprehensive report on the RPP program to the Council. The goal of this report is get clear information about necessary budget adjustments, and how to achieve the level of both enforcement and new zone application processing that the public rightfully expects. This report will be heard at the first Public Works Committee meeting in January.

By mid-December, the City Council's 2017 meeting schedule will be available online [here](#). To sign up for public comment in advance of the meeting, click [here](#).

**This time and date are subject to change. Please check: <https://oakland.legistar.com/calendar.aspx> prior to the meeting for the most updated meeting times.*

Sunday, January 15th - In The Name Of Love

When: Sunday, January 15th, 7 pm

Where: Oakland Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakland, CA

This is the 15th annual **musical tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Details can be found here: <http://www.livingjazz.org/mlk-about/>

Thursday, January 19th - Rockridge Community Planning Council Meeting

When: Thursday, January 19th, 7:30 pm

Where: Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave., 2nd floor meeting room

For more information about Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC), please visit: <http://www.rockridge.org/>

2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition

Deadline for submissions: Sunday, February 5th

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 Youth Poet Laureate competition. Students from ages 13-18 are encouraged to apply.

The Oakland Public Library, Youth Speaks and a coalition for community groups are in pursuit of talented youth poets who are passionate about their community and are interested in networking with budding poets citywide.

The poet chosen will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and will serve as the City of Oakland's ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression for one year.

Interested youth, parents and teachers can learn more and apply online at youthspeaks.org or call the

Public Library at 510-761-7636 . Please send completed applications to oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org no later than February 5th, 2017.

Dan Kalb in the community



Dan recognizing and honoring the Oakland-based Bay Area Urban Debate League at a City Council meeting in October.

Thank you. Please stay safe and merry during this Holiday Season!

Dan Kalb
[Oakland City Councilmember, District One](#)

P.S. In addition to receiving Councilmember Kalb's periodic e-newsletter, please follow him on [Facebook](#) and/or [Twitter](#). To read past newsletters, click [here](#).