

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD)
Weekly Informational Report
Week of December 13– December 17, 2021

OAKLAND PARKS AMBASSADORS RENAMED PARKS STEWARDS

We are targeting Spring 2022 to have our Park Stewards out in the field. External searches for 20-25 Park Stewards and one Program Director should initiate shortly. At present, we are in conversations with leadership of similar programs in San Leandro and SF to learn best practices, successes and challenges, etc. We are also soliciting input from all stakeholders as we build out the vision for this program. Anyone interested in providing input is encouraged to reach out to Oakland Parks Steward Supervisor Marc Weinstein at: mweinstein2@oaklandca.gov

WINTER CAMP SIGN UP NOW!



Town Camp

As December comes to an end, our TAP participants will get to use their engineering skills by designing and building their own gingerbread houses in the OPRYD Gingerbread [STEM challenge](#).

Our partner, Lawrence Berkeley Lab will offer a monthly After School Science Hour on Wednesday 12/15. This month, participants will get to make individual sky simulators and learn the reasons behind the sky's changing colors.

Gingerbread STEM Activities

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hEAvSjI4uiZH05NH0bZrIEemQjf6WRiA/view>

TAP enrolled 373 participants for the month of December.

YOUTH SPORTS



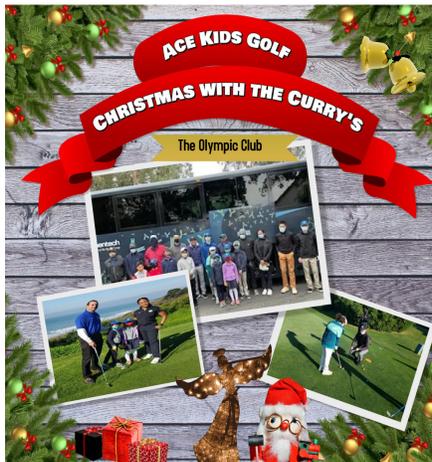
*Thank you to all the youth and adult participants. See you in the NEW YEAR!
Happy Holidays!*

Flag Football:

- Middle School Flag Football championship was held Saturday, December 11th at McClymond's High School. *Congratulations to Edna Brewers Champs!*

Ace Kids Golf:

- Ace Kids Golf kicked off their FALL program with a bang and ended with full enrollment. Twelve girls and boys were invited to the Olympic Club on December 5th for “*Christmas with the Curry’s*”. For additional information on upcoming WINTER programming register at cityofoakland.perfectmind.com or email Preston Pinkney at ppinkney@oakalndca.gov.



Davie Tennis Stadium:

- The Junior Tennis fall session is full and will end on Friday, December 17. If you are interested in registering for the Winter session register at cityofoakland.perfectmind.com.

- Davie's adult instructional program offers Group Lessons six days a week. All current classes are full and will end on Friday, December 17. New classes will be posted on the last day of the current session.

For more information contact Marc Weinstein, Recreation Supervisor at mweinstein2@oaklandca.gov or (510) 444-5663. Additional information about Davie Stadium, including adult programs, can be found at <http://oaklandtennis.org/index.php/about-davie/ip>

ADULT SPORTS

Get Out. Get Active! Workout on OPTYD's National Fitness Campaign (NFC) courts at Arroyo Viejo Park and Lowell Park. Download the app @ National Fitness Campaign and become a fitness ambassador, receive workout trainings, access locations, outdoor fitness, and challenges. The fitness court is a 7 minute-7 movement full body circuit training workout. Fitness courts are designed for ages 12 and up. And it is FREE! For more information contact Myka Hammock, Rec Sports Supervisor at mhammock@oaklandca.gov.

Motivational quote....

“If you can dream it, you can do it” ~Walt Disney

Adult Softball

- Adult Softball League programs are active. Approximately 500 players including women, men and co-ed teams participate at three fields including Owen Jones Field, Allendale Park and Curt Flood Field. Leagues play Monday-Friday evenings from 6pm to 9pm.

Register at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com. For more information contact Frederick Morris III, Sports Coordinator at FMorris@oaklandca.gov.

AQUATICS

OPRYD Aquatics team members are committed to providing pool access citywide while following current health guidelines. The Covid-19 pandemic had a negative impact on the availability of OPRYD certified aquatics staff. As we add additional certified lifeguards, program hours, days, and times are subject to change. Please scroll down for information on future lifeguard certification classes and employment opportunities.

Lions Pool: Lions Pool currently offers year-round programming including Lap Swim and Fall Family/Recreation Swim. Lions Pools is expected to resume pre-pandemic programming including youth learn-to-swim lessons, junior lifeguards, youth competitive swim team, adult swim lessons, and Parent & Child Swim Lessons for ages 6 months to 3 years-old. As of October 11, 2021, the Oakland Undercurrents, an Oakland-based non-profit, began its swimming program. Classes are offered Monday-Wednesday from 4:00pm-5:45pm.

Public Swim Fees (Outdoor Pools) ~Exact Change Required~

\$1.00 Youth (under age 18)

\$2.00 Senior (55 and over)

\$3.00 Adult

The Lions Pool Fall Outdoor Lap Swim Schedule effective November 4, 2021 – March 19, 2022, is as follows:

- 6:30am – 9:30am (Tue & Thu)
- 11:00am – 2:30pm (Mon-Sat)
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Mon-Fri)

Temescal Pool: The following is the Temescal Pool Fall Outdoor Lap Swim Schedule effective November 4, 2021 – March 19, 2022, is as follows:

- 6:30am – 8:45am (Mon & Wed)
- 12:30pm – 2:30pm (Mon – Fri)
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm (Mon – Fri)
- 11:00am – 2:30pm (Sat)

Face coverings are required the duration of the visit at City of Oakland pools except when swimmers are in water. **Locker rooms** and **Showers** remain open. **Pre-Admission Screening** is required and includes a series of questions and a temperature check.

Lifeguard Certifications Courses

OPRYD Aquatics is seeking teens 16-year-old and up, college students, adults, seniors, swim team/water polo participants, lap swimmers and the broader community interested in becoming certified lifeguards. **OPRYD Aquatics completed Blended Learning Lifeguard Certification courses during the OUSD Thanksgiving break hosted at Live Oak Memorial Pool November 20-24, 2021.**

Registration is \$100.00 for OUSD students, \$190.00 for Oakland residents, and \$225.00 for non-residents seeking to join future Lifeguarding Certification courses.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR UPCOMING LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES](#)

East Oakland Sports Center (EOSC) Pool

The East Oakland Sports Center Pool reopened on Monday December 6, 2021 following repairs to the pool circulation pump and dehumidifier pipe that were completed by ABM Facility Services.

Water Aerobics classes are held Monday-Friday mornings from 8:30am-9:30am and Monday and Thursday evening from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Sign up is not necessary. Just come on in and join us! We ask attendees to be prompt for class as the instructor reserves the leave after the first 15 minutes if there are no attendees. Masks are required. Appropriate attire for the class consists of fitness or comfortable clothing and sneakers.

2021 East Oakland Sports Center (EOSC) Pool Fall Schedule

- Water Aerobics (All Ages) * Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 9:30AM (Lap Pool)
- Water Walking Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 1:30PM (Lazy River)
- Adult Swim* Mon – Fri 9:45AM – 1:30PM (Lap Pool)
- Adult Swim* Mon & Thu 5:00PM – 5:30PM (Lap Pool)
- Water Walking* Mon & Thu 5:00PM – 7:00PM (Lazy River)
- Water Aerobics (All Ages) * Mon & Thu 5:30PM – 6:30PM (Lap Pool)
- Adult Swim* Mon & Thu 6:30PM – 7:00PM (Lap Pool)

***Monthly no contract passes, or daily rate required. No outdoor pool lap swim passes will be accepted.**

Monthly no contract passes are \$25 youth (ages 14-17), \$40 seniors, and \$55 adults. Drop-in fees are \$3 youth, \$6 seniors, \$8 residents, and \$10 non-residents. Monthly no contract passes, or drop-in fees includes access to the following: fitness center, group fitness/group X classes, Fit Care, water aerobics, lap swim, water walking, and recreation swim (when available).

For those interested in obtaining a monthly no contract pass email Stephanie Siles at SSiles@oaklandca.gov or call 510-615-5838.

Live Oak Pool: Live Oak Pool is available for rental usage only. Oakland Barracudas Masters utilizes Live Oak Monday-Saturday mornings. Oaklantis, an Oakland-based youth non-profit swimming club, utilizes Live Oak Monday-Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) has the Live Oak Pool reserved through joint-use agreement from 8:30am – 4:30pm which allows for usage by Oakland High School students.

Employment Opportunities

On December 8, 2021, OPRYD conducted oral interviews and water exams at Temescal Pool for those holding lifeguard and water safety instructor certifications.

[Click here to apply for open Aquatics Positions](#) or visit us online at [Job Opportunities | Job Opportunities \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

BOATING

- **Lake Merritt Boating Center (LMBC):** LMBC offers boat rentals each Saturday & Sunday from 11:00am – 5:00pm throughout Fall 2021. Please call 510-238-2196 or email Gabriel Gipson at GGipson@oaklandca.gov for questions or inquiries.

For questions or concerns about boating contact Gabriel Gipson or visit us online at www.sailoakland.com.

CULTURE, ARTS, NATURE, & SCIENCE

- **Rotary Nature Center:** Program planning for RNC is underway, with the first program tentatively scheduled to begin December 1st. Regular maintenance of the pond and surrounding landscaping continues. Local Scout Troop 97 completed an Eagle Scout project at RNC. The Scouts constructed and installed nine brand new planter box and planted native plants and flowers. Through the Adopt-A-Spot program, Troop 97 has committed to long-term beautification of the planter boxes. Project Photos: [Troop 97 Eagle Scout Project at RNC](#)
- **Studio One Art Center:** Adult programming has resumed at Studio One Art Center. Registration is currently open. Classes are available in ceramics, glass, jewelry design, painting, drawing and much more.

Link to current class catalog.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GcgGUEJF89eFZrZuPSQCoC4v2_Qn46oV/view

Updated Studio One Fall & Winter 2021-2022 Catalog.pdf

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/studio-one-clay-firing-services>

In partnership with the City of Oakland's Department of Human Services (DHS), Watercolor classes are offered via Zoom to all 4 senior centers including one citywide Spanish version. Plans for a second collaboration via Zoom is in the works for a beginning dance class for seniors.

Discovery Center: Discovery Center is operation out of its secondary location at Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center. The primary location is undergoing a deep cleaning and will be open on a limited basis. Science curriculum has been created and distributed for Town Afterschool Program locations.

Community Gardens: There are 12 active community gardens, 12 registered gardeners, and 247 thriving planting boxes. Staff are actively recruiting community gardeners to utilize unused boxes and to reactivate dormant gardens. Staff regularly manage gardens, and report vandalism and public safety issues. Meetings with community gardeners are being scheduled to address concerns of the gardeners and re-establish regular communication and support.

Register for a box, or sign up to volunteer at:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/commuity-gardening>

CENTRAL RESERVATIONS UNIT

Facilities & Parks Available for Rent

The calendar for Central Reservations is currently open thru December 31, 2022. To ensure a safe environment for all visitors, applicants are required to observe the following:

- Masks are required for gatherings for ages 3 yrs. of age and older.
- Anyone who is experiencing COVID symptoms must not attend and stay home if sick.

Facilities & Parks Available for Booking Monday-Sunday 8:00 am -10:00 pm

- Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks
- Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue
- Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3594 Sanborn Dr.
- Leona Lodge Community Center, 4444 Mountain Blvd.
- Jack London Aquatic Center (JLAC), 115 Embarcadero

****Booking hours vary based on venue availability.***

- ***Malonga Casquelourd Center for The Arts**, 1428 Alice Street
Available for Booking: Tuesday-Saturday 8:00am – 8:00pm, Sunday-Monday Closed
Malonga Theater: Book now for calendar dates beginning August 1, 2021.
Studio E: Public groups only
Studio A & C Resident Company Classes only
- ***Sequoia Lodge**, 2666 Mountain Blvd.
Available for Booking: Fridays 5:00pm-10:00pm & Saturday-Sunday 8:00am-10:00pm
- ***Morcom Rose Garden**, 700 Jean St.
Available for Booking: Monday – Sunday 8:00am –7:00pm
- ***Parks: Stand-Alone Parks not adjacent to Recreations Centers**
Available for Booking: Monday- Sunday 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

To book a reservation click on the link [https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/rentals- and-reservations](https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/rentals-and-reservations) or contact Central Reservations via email at: CRU@oaklandca.gov

CITY-WIDE UPDATES

- **Events:** Brookdale Recreation Center welcomes neighbors and friends to two upcoming events. Come by to make a holiday card to brighten the spirits of seniors in our community Tuesday and Thursday mornings in December. Also, join us for “Jingle Books and Crafts” on Saturday December 18th.

Event: Defremery Recreation Center will host a free community holiday giveaway, including books, clothing & toys to the first 100 children, on Saturday December 18th from 10 am-2 pm- 1651 Adeline Street.

Event: Bushrod Recreation Center will host a free sport sampler workshop for children ages 5-12 on Saturday Dec 18th from 12 pm-1:30 pm, with free snacks, music, and community book giveaway. -560 59th Street.

Event: Mosswood Park will host a community book giveaway, crafts, jumper & free bike repair on Saturday December 18th from 10 am- 1pm.-3612 Webster Street

- **Event:** This past Saturday, Lincoln Square Recreation Center participated in the 12 Days of Christmas with the Curry’s. Steph & Ayesha created a winter wonderland event for 200 local families. Families participated in fun ornament decorating stations, danced to holiday sounds from the DJ, took photos with Santa, was gifted with new books from Oakland Literacy, and each family received a festive box of goodies.

- **Tennis:** Citywide tennis courts are open to the public. Patrons may make reservations online to reserve local tennis courts at cityofoakland.perfectmind.com.
- **Pickleball:** Courts are open to the public at Bushrod, DeFremery and Montclair. Patrons can make reservations online to reserve local courts at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com.
- **Dog Parks:** Please enjoy one of Oakland's 18 on-leash dog play areas, 5 off leash fenced parks, and/or 4 off leash open play areas. For a list of Dog Parks and Play Areas, and other related information, visit <http://oaklandca.gov/resources/dog-friendly-parks>.

NEW PROGRAMS!!!

Business Plan
MAKE IT! DESIGN PLANNING

**Bushrod Recreation Center
Young Entrepreneurship Program**

DO YOU WANT TO CREATE YOUR OWN BUSINESS USING A CIRCUIT MACHINE?

Do you find it challenging to manage things with your existing and small business? Do you have a passion for creating a business plan? Do you want to learn how to create a business plan? Do you want to learn how to create a business plan? Do you want to learn how to create a business plan?

Create a plan
Research
Test your business
Prepare your business
Budgeting
Marketing

Click here to Register or Visit: Cityofoakland.perfectmind.com

BUSHROD'S SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY

Starting: December 4 - December 11
Monday - Friday
Bushrod Recreation Center
Times: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Age: 65 and over
Free Membership for the month of December
Sign up today!

Click here to register or visit: cityofoakland.perfectmind.com

**Bushrod Recreation Center
BUSHROD ULTIMATE SPORTS ACADEMY**

Saturdays, 3 Sessions
December 4, 2021
December 11, 2021
December 18, 2021

An introduction to a world wide variety of sports: Soccer, tennis, basketball, baseball, pickle ball and ice hockey.

Where: Bushrod Recreation Center
10000 25th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94620
Age: 10 and over
Cost: \$100 (includes 3 sessions)
Sign up today!

<https://tinyurl.com/yt4bx2ct> <https://tinyurl.com/2p85jj7r> <https://tinyurl.com/5cfmp289>