

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development
Weekly Informational Report
Week of September 13 – September 17, 2021

FEATURED UPDATE

NRPA MEMBERSHIP Great news! Over 100 full-time and permanent part-time OPRYD staff are registered as members of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The National Recreation and Park Association is the leading non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks, recreation and conservation.

NRPA membership offers valuable benefits, resources, professional development, and much more.

As a member, staff will receive special discounts, newsletters, networking opportunities, relevant online courses, webinars, and connect with peers through online communities or engage in discussions with like-minded members on various interests, topics, issues, and trends.

Members can also enhance their careers with obtaining NRPA's certificates in the following categories:

1. Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE)
2. Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP)
3. Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO)
4. Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI)

For further information on staff membership benefits, please click the below link.

<https://www.nrpa.org/membership/>

TOWN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM (TAP)

Our much-anticipated Town After School Program (TAP), began on Monday August 30, 2021. OPRYD is now offering enrichment activities starting from afterschool dismissal until 6:00pm Mondays - Fridays. This month's curriculum focuses on a "Welcome Back" theme that inspires a variety of team building activities to include:

- Collaborative Art Projects; butterfly mural, flowers in a pot (inspired by Vincent Van Gogh), and recycled material marble maze.
- Collaborative Games; puzzles, cooperative counting, ship wrecked, crossing the river, group juggle, birds of a feather, balloon pop and many more.
- Fitness Fun; UNO workout, surprise bucket fitness games, and a fitness fun tracker to encourage participants to work harder and have fun with fitness.
- STEM activities include; fingertip hula hoop, the great chain race, robot making sandwiches and more.

This is just a short list of all the after school fun our participants will have the opportunity to engage in this month, while exploring, learning, and creating new memories with OPRYD. This week, 340 resident children and 5 non-resident children have enrolled in TAP.

TAP curriculum and important information can be found in the Google drive here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wcga2kcXXP_Vb0wJvBtGhVIHo0F9CPjw

We are currently accepting registration for a limited number of spaces at selected sites. Financial Assistance is available. [More info here](#)

YOUTH SPORTS

PLEASE JOIN US - Monday, September 20 at 6pm for a Virtual Community Engagement for the Lowell Park Basketball Court Resurfacing with Artist Adia Millett. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation and provide input.

Zoom Link

Topic: Lowell Park Community Engagement

Time: Sep 20, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86979711094?pwd=Yk9ESW5hT2Nzc1RuUTVkJm5VRWhYZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 7971 1094

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdsEqCIU0y>

For additional information contact Myka Hammock, Recreation Sports Supervisor at mhammock@oaklandca.gov.

Ace Kids Golf:

- Ace Kids Golf has just kicked off their Fall Youth Program. Enrollment is full through December. The after-school program runs Mondays through Thursdays, and the PGA Junior League Fridays and Saturdays where space is still. On October 10th, the 2K Foundations will present the **Ace Kids Golf Junior Championship**. For additional information, email Preston Pinkney at ppinkney@oaklandca.gov.

Davie Tennis Stadium:

- Enrollment for the fall session Junior Tennis is currently full. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list register at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com.
- Davie's adult instructional program offers Group Lessons six days a week. All current classes are full. New classes post on the last day of the current session.

For more information contact Marc Weinstein, center director 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

The Adult Softball League will begin Tuesday, September 7th. Register at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com. For more information contact Frederick Morris III, Sports Coordinator at fmorris@oaklandca.gov.

- OPRYD's Adult Softball League is at three locations including, Owen Jones Field, Curt Flood Field, and Allendale Park. The league consists of men, women and coed competitions including approximately 35-40 participating teams.

AQUATICS

OPRYD Aquatics is committed to providing pool access citywide following our return from Shelter-In-Place and color-coded tier systems (purple, red, orange, yellow, etc.).

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.

Upcoming 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 is currently offering Blended Learning Lifeguard Certification courses hosted at Fremont Pool for September 13-25 and October 4-14 as follows:**

- **September 13 – 25, 2021**
Mon Sept 13, Wed Sept 15, Fri Sept 17, 2021 (5:30pm-8:30pm)
Mon Sept 20, Wed Sept 22, Fri Sept 24, 2021 (5:30pm-8:30pm)
Saturday September 25 (10:00am-3:00pm)
- **October 4 – 14, 2021**
Monday October 4 – Thursday October 7 (6:00pm-8:30pm)
Saturday October 9 (10:00am-4:00pm)
Monday October 11 – Thursday 14 (6:00pm-8:30pm)

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](#)

Lions Pool:



Lions Pool celebrated its 92nd birthday on August 29, 2021!

On August 29, 1929, the Lions Club Swimming Pool designed, financed, and constructed by members of the Oakland Lions Club opened at a cost of \$20,000 and was dedicated to the children of Oakland. Lions Pool was later placed under the City of Oakland Recreation Department in 1932.

Lions Pool currently offers year-round programming including lap swimming and summer and fall family/recreation swim. In the summer of 2022 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.



Fun in the sun at Lions Pool!

The popular **Fall Family/Recreation Swim** will resume at **Lions Pool** effective Saturday September 11 - Saturday October 30, 2021 from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Lions Pool 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 is as follows:

- 11:00am – 2:30pm (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)
- 11:00am – 2:30pm (Sat)

Temescal Pool: Noon Lap Swim will resume at Temescal Pool each Saturday beginning Saturday October 2, 2021 from 11:00am-2:30pm.

The current Temescal Pool Fall Outdoor Lap Swim Schedule is as follows:

- 12:30pm – 2:30pm (Tue – Fri)
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm (Tue – Fri)

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

East Oakland Sports Center (EOSC) Pool: The East Oakland Sports Center Pool which remains closed indefinitely as maintenance continues to replace the pool heater is expected to resume operations the week of September 13, 2021.

While we understand this closure maybe an inconvenience, our top priority is getting swimmers back in the water. Fortunately, Jennifer, our water aerobics instructor has agreed to lead a Senior Fitness Class. The class will be at no additional cost to membership and will be ongoing until the pool re-opens and regular water aerobics instruction can resume.

The Senior Fitness class will be from 8:30am-9:30am Monday-Friday in the EOSC Dance Studio. There is no sign up 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.

DeFremery Pool: DeFremery Pool closed for the summer on Friday August 6, 2021 and will reopen in the 2022 Summer Season.

Fremont Pool: Fremont Pool closed for the summer on Friday August 6, 2021 and will reopen in Summer 2022. Future lifeguard certification courses at Fremont Pool for September and October were previously listed.

Live Oak Pool: Available for rental usage only. Currently Oakland Barracudas Masters are using the Live Oak Pool Monday- Saturday at various times. Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) has the facility reserved through joint-use agreement from 8:30am – 5:30pm. Oaklantis, an Oakland-based youth non-profit swimming club, has begun use of the Live Oak Monday-Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Employment Opportunities

For those possessing current lifeguard and water safety instructor certifications, OPRYD Aquatics' next oral interviews and water exams are scheduled for Thursday September 2, 2021 at Temescal Pool.

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

BOATING

Lake Merritt Boating Center: Lake Merritt Boating Center (LMBC) has resumed boating rentals each Saturday & Sunday throughout Summer 2021 from 11:00am-5:00pm. Please call 510-238-2196 or email for additional questions or email Gabriel Gipson at GGipson@oaklandca.gov.

Boating and Sailing Camps: Ended on Friday August 6, 2021

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

Jack London Aquatic Center (JLAC): JLAC Summer Camps for youth will resume in the summer of 2022.

CULTURE, ARTS, NATURE & SCIENCE

Rotary Nature: Currently closed. Staff continue to perform regular maintenance of the sanctuary and surrounding area. Programs are tentatively scheduled to begin Fall 2021.

Studio One Art Center:

Oakland Civic Orchestra Presents the Pre - Season Kick-off
Outdoor Adult Orchestra Reading Session and Social Mixer
August 18, 2021
6:30- 9:00 pm
Studio One Art Center (Court yard)
365 45th Street, Oakland

Program Glinka: Overture: A Life for the Tsar
Schumann: Symphony No. 3, Movements 4 & 5
St. Georges: Overture to the Anonymous Lover

Who: Current members of Oakland Civic Orchestra & new players interested in joining the orchestra for the day or for the season. Instruments/numbers accepted.

Restrictions:

Experienced adult, musicians (ages 16 and above) with prior orchestral experience
Every participant must register and complete contact tracing questions, and temperature check.
Masks are encouraged.

All registrants must indicate instrument(s) played. Winds and brass numbers will be limited.

Order of priority:

Current and returning members
New string players
Winds/brass accepted as space permits

Limited Seating to 60 outdoors

New participant registrations accepted in order received until seating is full.

No instruments, sheet music or music stands provided

Participants may wish to bring a battery powered stand light

Links to PDFs of the sheet music will be delivered in advance to registrants

To learn more about the orchestra visit:

www.oaklandcivicorchestra.com

Adult programming-scheduled to return to Studio One Art Center October 4, 2021. Classes open for registration Monday, August 16th. It is time to heal yourself and take a class in Ceramics, Glass, Jewelry Design, Painting and 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

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

Discovery Center: Currently closed due the temporary reassignment of staff to assist with the City of Oakland food distribution program. Beginning October 1, 2021, the center will transition its primary location to Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center. Program is tentatively scheduled to begin fall 2021.

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.

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 reservations calendar for the Central Reservations is open for July 1, 2021- December 31, 2022. To ensure a safe environment for all visitors, applicants are required to observe the following:

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

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

- **Tennis:** Citywide tennis courts are open to the public. Patrons can make reservations online to reserve local tennis courts at www.cityofoakland.perfectmind.com.
 - **Note:** Court #1 at Bushrod is closed due to re-surfacing.
- **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.

- **Jazz On The Green** at Lake Chabot Golf Course Thursday, October 7th at 4pm-7pm. Admission for adults \$5.00 and children under 13 FREE. For more information go online at www.lakechabotgolf.com.
Lake Chabot Golf Course, 11450 Golf Links Rd., Oakland, CA 94605
- **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 PARTNERSHIP

OPRYD has entered a partnership with Kingmakers of Oakland to hold their monthly workshops at Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center from September 2021 through June 2022. Kingmakers of Oakland originated in the Oakland Unified School District’s Office of African American Male Achievement (AAMA). After 10+ years in the district, the independent non-profit now supports school districts across the country to improve the educational and life outcomes of Black boys by “healing the fish while treating the toxic ecosystem.” This multi-faceted approach is rooted in a desire to collaborate, coordinate and convene folks who are inspired to create a healthy, affirming learning environment for Black boys in the public school system. Through professional development, narrative change resources, curriculum and more, Kingmakers helps each unique district transform their school environment. We are excited to welcome Kingmakers into the OPRYD family, and look forward to providing support to their good work.

UPCOMING EVENT

Join OPRYD for Community Kindness Day at Mosswood Park.
Bring family, friends, and neighbors to help beautify our historic & cherished Mosswood Park. We will supply tools, gloves and masks for socially distanced trash pick-up and weeding of the park, tennis courts and ball fields.

Date: September 18th

Time: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Location: Mosswood Park 3612 Webster Street, Oakland

We will practice Social Distancing 6-8ft., work in pods, families stay together, and wearing a mask is essential.

- Light refreshments will be served.
- Donations are welcome