



September 4, 2020

Greetings Neighbor,

It's almost Labor Day, yet there will not be any large gatherings or picnics at which to celebrate. The Alameda County Labor County usually hosts--along with several union locals--a large county-wide picnic. This year, you and I are rightfully keeping our distance and celebrating with our respective households or with friends/colleagues on-line. Nevertheless, I want to take this opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to all our City of Oakland employees for all the good work they do to serve the people of Oakland.

And during this public health emergency, we remind ourselves to take all health and safety precautions necessary for yourself and those with whom you come in contact.

*-Dan*

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## **Make Oakland Better District 1 Clean-Up**

**When: Saturday, September 5, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Where:** Meet at 9:00am at the Quik Stop at the corner of Harrison St. and Santa Clara Ave.

This is a citywide volunteer partnership effort to clean areas around homeless encampments and in adjacent neighborhoods in every district in the city. District 1 event sponsored by Make Oakland Better, Alameda County, and Councilmember Dan Kalb.

All healthy volunteers welcome – face coverings required to participate. Social distancing will be practiced.

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# Make Oakland Better



City Wide Clean-up: District 1

**Saturday, September 5, 2020**

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Harrison St/Santa Clara Blvd**

**Encampment**

**Meet at: Quik Stop, corner of Harrison &  
MacArthur at 9:00 AM**

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

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## COVID Update from Alameda County

UPDATE: Indoor **hair salons cleared for opening as of Friday, September 4!** Salons will need to [follow the guidance](#) provided by the State. Nail salons are NOT included in this update. In another update, Alameda County is placing greater restrictions on indoor retail (including malls) to be in

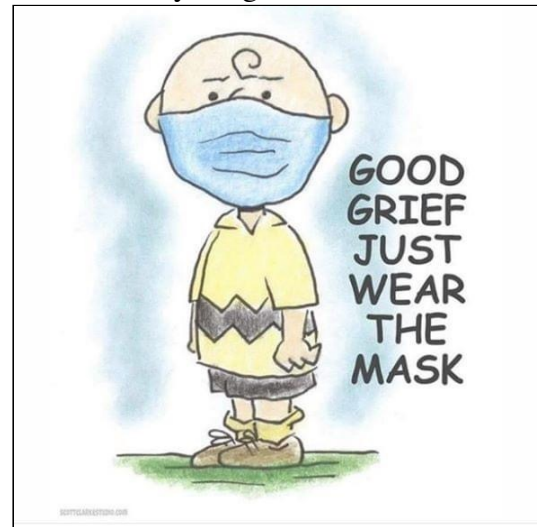
line with State guidance. Retail establishments may operate with a 25% capacity limit; grocery stores may operate with a 50% capacity limit. More information to come from the County – see this page for updates: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/sip.page?>

The [Alameda County Health Officer Orders](#) that took effect on Friday, August 28, allow the following businesses/activities to **reopen**:

- outdoor swimming pools
- nail salons, waxing services, skin care (NOTE: excludes eyebrow threading and waxing, and eyelash treatments and services that may require a client to remove their face covering)
- outdoor non-medical massages

**Tattoos, piercings and electrolysis are *not* allowed to operate indoors or outdoors** in alignment with the [State of California's Health Officer Orders](#) issued on July 13.

Additionally, wineries in Alameda County can now offer outdoor tastings by appointment without needing to provide food. In alignment with the State's Orders, this change does not apply to bars, breweries, pubs or brewpubs, which must continue to sell food in the same transaction as alcoholic beverages.



With respect to re-opening **City-operated outdoor Pools**, the City of Oakland is reviewing the Health Order requirements and has begun to resume essential training and American Red Cross certification programs for staff in anticipation of re-opening Lions Pool at Dimond Park starting in mid-September. More specific guidance and plans regarding re-opening for a second City-operated pool will be forthcoming.

Refer to [the Alameda County Openings at a Glance document](#) to see what businesses are allowed to be open and which remain closed. The County shared industry specific reopening [guidance for Outdoor Hair, Barber, Nail, Skin Care, Waxing, and Non-Medical Massage Services](#) and [Outdoor Pools](#).

The COVID-19 [Site-Specific Protection Plan Guidance & Template](#) has also been updated. The Site-Specific Protection Plan in additional languages are coming soon to the [County's Reopening & Recovery web page](#).

Schools must continue distance learning.

[Information on COVID-19 Testing can be found here.](#)

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## Clifton Hall Dormitory to Become Housing for Formerly Homeless

I am thrilled to report that last Friday during a special emergency meeting, the Oakland City Council approved a plan to purchase the California College of the Arts (CCA) Clifton Hall dormitory to provide sustainable and transit-friendly deeply affordable housing for Oakland families and seniors who have struggled with homelessness.

While it is disappointing that the College is leaving Oakland, this building presents an extraordinary opportunity to provide sustainable, transit-friendly housing to currently unhoused families and seniors.

During these challenging times, it is vitally important that we come together to take advantage of opportunities that arise to help our unhoused families and seniors move off the street into housing. I have been advocating publicly and to the College directly that the dormitory be repurposed for affordable housing, and I am thrilled that we are achieving this objective. This tangible effort by the City is something to be proud of, and I thank all those who are helping to make this happen.

The City is engaging with the California State Homekey grant program to secure funding. We look forward to this exciting legacy opportunity to provide housing for Oakland families and seniors.

On the top two floors of the building, Clifton Hall will provide 42 units of permanent below market rate housing for seniors experiencing homelessness and considered at high risk of contracting COVID-19. The first residential floor will become the permanent home for a 20-household family shelter. On the ground floor, the building likely will house the offices of Family Front Door, which serves as the hub for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for homeless families in Northern Alameda County. The building already has two levels of subterranean parking.

### **Target Population**

The City will record a restriction against the property to limit its use to the following populations:

- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness and/or at risk of experiencing homelessness
- Individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Both the transitional floor and the permanent housing uses will be regulated by the restriction, with a term no less than 55 years.

In addition to property management and maintenance staff, the permanent housing will be supported by an affordable housing service coordinator to ensure that residents are connected to services and supported by available resources. Special emphasis will be made to provide connections to senior specific health and social services.

The family shelter, managed by East Oakland Community Project, will be staffed 24/7 with residential counselors. Additional staff includes two housing navigators, an employment specialist, a program manager, food services coordinator/cook, two maintenance staff and a youth services coordinator.

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## **Wildfire Prevention Town Hall**

Thank you to the 150+ community members who joined our town hall on wildfire prevention and safety on Monday, August 31. It was a great opportunity to share how the city has taken great strides in its goal of protecting our communities from the dangers of wildfires and to gather your feedback and perspective on how we continue to make progress.

If you missed the town hall, or want to re-watch it, [you can see it here](#). In addition, the slides can be found [at this link](#). This gathering was jointly sponsored by Councilmembers Kalb and Sheng Thao.

In long-anticipated announcement, Oakland Fire Department introduced four new staff members in its re-tooled Emergency Services Division, including a new CORE coordinator. As many of you know I have been urging the city to step up its emergency preparedness and response activities for years; I congratulate OFD and the City Administrator for making this a priority.

We are in the process of obtaining answers for any unanswered questions. We will share the answers with all who registered for the Town Hall. If you did not register but want to be included in updates, please email Lisa Jacobs at [ljacobs@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ljacobs@oaklandca.gov).

City staff are finalizing a comprehensive report on how the many city departments implicated in wildfire prevention and safety are working on behalf of Oaklanders. The report should be available September 10; staff has agreed to discuss the contents of the report with community members. If you are interested in the report and subsequent discussions please email Lisa Jacobs at [ljacobs@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ljacobs@oaklandca.gov).

Finally, on the topic of wildfires in Oakland, I want to share a [very helpful article](#) with a wealth of wildfire related resources by the new Oakland-based news outlet [The Oaklandside](#). The second part of this wildfire article will be posted shortly. This is the value of local journalism; I encourage you to [support this new outlet](#).

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## Oakland offers after school programs

Oakland Parks, Recreation, & Youth Development (OPRYD) is excited to provide a safe and fun Town Enrichment Program this fall for youth ages 5 -12 years old at 19 recreation centers. The Town Enrichment Program hours are Monday – Friday from 1:30pm – 5:30pm and will take place in 2 sessions.

Session 1: September 14 to October 2, 2020 (3 weeks) | Cost: \$375  
Session 2: October 5 to October 30, 2020 (4 weeks) | Cost: \$500

Four sites in North Oakland are included: Bushrod, Charles Porter Golden Gate and Mosswood Recreation Centers, and Studio One Arts Center.

Program Offerings and Safety Measures:

- Daily Health & Wellness Check.
- Daily snack provided.
- Curriculum including enriching games and activities: Arts & Crafts, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math), Music & Movement, Outside Games, Sports, Nature, Creativity.
- Participants remain in stable groups of 8-12 children, called a "Pod"; No mixing of Pods, staggered breaks, and frequent disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.
- Curbside drop-off & pick-up.

[Register HERE](#). Scholarships available – [see this page!](#)

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## Resilient Home – new EBCE program for Affordable SolarEnergy

Thinking about installing solar and/or home battery energy storage but don't know where to start or think it's just too expensive? East Bay Community Energy's (EBCE) new **Resilient Home** program is here to help!

Oakland has partnered with Alameda County's electricity provider, EBCE, to launch a solar and battery backup program for homeowners. Resilient Home pools the power of individual participants to get more competitive pricing - with an additional incentive that provides even better savings.

EBCE has done the upfront legwork and selected an experienced installation partner, Sunrun, to make going solar and/or adding battery backup to your home simple and more affordable than ever.

Resilient Home launched July 30, 2020 and runs for a limited time. So, sign up to receive a no cost, no obligation site evaluation and learn how you can plug into the sun today, save money by storing the solar energy you produce, or storing EBCE's clean electricity, and using it when rates are highest. And most important, your family will be prepared for potential PG&E grid outages during wildfire season, earthquakes, and other unpredictable events.

Power through, together with Resilient Home. **For more information visit:**

<https://ebce.org/resilient-home/>

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## Tell the County your thoughts on Mental Health Services Act plan

In 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, known as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). It places a 1 percent tax on personal income above \$1 million. MHSA was designed to expand and transform the mental health system, while improving the quality of life for people living with mental health challenges.

**Every three years counties must create a new expenditure to plan to guide the next three years of MHSA spending.** The [MHSA Three Year Program & Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2023](#) is available for review now.

**Let County officials hear from you about how Alameda County's mental health resources should be allocated.** Please complete the 30-day [Public Comment Form](#) by September 21, 2020. Public comments can also be submitted via email to: [mhsa@acgov.org](mailto:mhsa@acgov.org).

In addition, you can participate in a public hearing on the topic:

The Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting – Public Hearing  
Monday, September 21, 2020 | 5:00 PM

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/663301309> or by phone: 1 877 309 2073 | Access Code: 663-301-309

Please reach out to Amy Shrago ([amy.shrago@acgov.org](mailto:amy.shrago@acgov.org) or 510-272-6685) in Supervisor Keith Carson's office if you have questions.

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## City of Oakland Receives Nearly \$37M in CARES Act Funding - \$5M for Renters & Homeowners

The City of Oakland received \$36.9 million in State of California CARES Act funding. Five million dollars of those funds were allocated for renter and homeowner relief through the Keep Oakland Housed (KOH) partnership of KOH nonprofit partners and other nonprofit organizations. This funding will provide one-time financial assistance to low-income renters and homeowners impacted by COVID-19.

The City's Housing & Community Development (HCD) Department is the lead manager of the program. The KOH partnership will disperse funds to eligible applicants, with each nonprofit leading the application process for their organization.

Renter applicants may contact:

- Bay Area Community Services (BACS) | [www.bayareacs.org](http://www.bayareacs.org)  
Call: (510) 899-9289 | Text: (510) 759-4877 | Apply: [housing.bayareacs.org](http://housing.bayareacs.org)

- Catholic Charities East Bay | [www.cceb.org](http://www.cceb.org) | (510) 768-3100
- Centro Legal de la Raza | [www.centrolegal.org](http://www.centrolegal.org) | (510) 422-5669

Homeowner applicants may contact:

- Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA) | [www.heraca.org](http://www.heraca.org) | (510) 271-8443 x300
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## Alameda County Transportation Commission Requests Your Input

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is pleased to announce that a new survey to inform the final recommendations of the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan is now live! [Take a brief survey](#) about your transportation priorities and needs.

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## Virtual Town Hall on Wildfire Assistance and Insurance Resources

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara and United Policyholders Executive Director Amy Bach are holding a Virtual Town Hall on wildfire assistance and insurance resources available to renters and homeowners. The event will be held on:

**Friday, September 4th at 1:30PM**

REGISTER ON Zoom [AT THIS LINK tinyurl.com/CDIwildfire](https://tinyurl.com/CDIwildfire)

Facebook Live: [Facebook.com/insurancecagov](https://facebook.com/insurancecagov)

Telephone: (215) 446-3649 or (888) 55708511 Code: 832767

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## Keep Oakland Beautiful Board members sought

For 2021, Oakland is seeking new volunteer board members who can assist with one or more tasks such as: coordination of (probably socially-distanced) clean-up events; fundraising; grant writing; writing and publishing marketing content and newsletters; website maintenance; Google Drive administration; recruiting volunteers for administrative tasks during uncertain times; and bookkeeping/accounting.

If invited to serve on the volunteer board, you would be expected to contribute 4–12 hours per month (level of work intensity varies seasonally) on board and committee activities, including fundraising and attending KOB events, for a minimum two-year commitment. The board meets monthly (via Zoom until gathering in person is considered safe) and board committees meet (by phone or video conference) as needed. In exchange, you will earn valuable community organization and non-profit administration experience and will build lasting connections with fellow Oakland residents and city staff.

[APPLY HERE](#)

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## Creek to Bay Month

2020 marks the 25th anniversary of [Oakland Creek to Bay Day](#), held in conjunction with California and International Coastal Cleanup Day -- typically the largest organized volunteer day in California and the world. In a typical year, on the third Saturday in September thousands of volunteers remove litter from waterways and shorelines, as well as upstream areas across California, the nation, and in about 100 participating countries.



Although COVID-19 prevents us from gathering in groups like on other Creek to Bay/California/International Coastal Cleanup events, individuals and households can still be a part of this 25th anniversary event by pitching in to clean up, as well as pledging and committing to actions from our homes to protect watersheds.

Cleanup actions for Oakland Creek to Bay also align with the Oaktown PROUD campaign which asks the public to “Prevent and Report Our Unlawful Dumping.” By pitching in against litter and dumping, Oakland volunteers and staff will turn the tide on these issues and contribute to improved conditions throughout the City, its creeks, waterways, San Francisco Bay, and beyond.

Join us for a Creek to Bay month of watershed cleanup, education, and commitment to practices to keep our city and water clean, from creek to bay every day in September and beyond! [Subscribe for updates at this link](#).

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## Oakland Tool Lending Library - Open for Outdoor Pickup

The Oakland Tool Lending Library (OTLL), a branch of the Oakland Public Library (OPL), will be offering sidewalk pickup of tools starting Thursday, August 27.

In order to place a hold, patrons need to call OTLL at **510-597-5089**. The phone line and the branch itself will be available for sidewalk pickup, **Thursday through Saturday, 10 AM – 1 PM**. Indoor areas remain closed!

OTLL is located at **5205 Telegraph Ave. Oakland, CA 94609**.

OTLL currently offers over 5,000 tools for loan. The tools can be used for a variety of purposes including home improvement, remodeling and repairs, gardening, landscaping, and seismic retrofit. This is a free service to Oakland residents and property owners.

Borrowers must register with the TLL prior to checking-out tools. Registration will be complete upon verification of the borrower’s address or property ownership. For details, registration instructions and policies, and a complete list of tools available, visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/tools](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/tools).

For a current list of available OPL sidewalk pickup locations and how to place a hold, visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/sidewalkpickup](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/sidewalkpickup).

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## Contacts:

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

Oakland SeeClickFix - Call 311 - <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>



**Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211**

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

**Councilmember Dan Kalb's Office - 510-238-7001**

**OPD for Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211) \ for non-emergencies - 510-777-3333**

**Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283 (recycling@oaklandca.gov)**

Dan making a blood donation at the Red Cross Blood Center in North Oakland



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