

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As we were putting the finishing touches on this newsletter, Oakland experienced a day of peaceful demonstrations on May Day followed by a night of reckless and destructive rioting in a few



neighborhoods along Broadway. While the overwhelming majority of protestors remained peaceful, a small number of criminals and violent ne'er-do-wells decided to destroy local business, break windows, throw objects, and light dangerous fires on and off the street. This mentality of violently wreaking havoc serves no useful purpose. OPD arrested several of the violent rioters and is analyzing what happened in the hopes of improving its response in the future.

I have made it a top priority to increase funding for police academies to hire additional OPD police officers as well as other efforts—including beefing up our investigative capacity and expanding effective violence prevention services—to enhance safety in our neighborhoods.

Click [here to read my initial budget priorities document](#).

Update on City of Oakland's 2015-2017 Budget Process

Mayor Libby Schaaf just released her proposed 2015-17 Budget for our city. The City of Oakland's two-year budget process will continue to be a major focus for me and all of City Hall through the end of June. As provided by the new "Budget Process, Fiscal Planning, Transparency, and Public Participation" policy that was developed in 2013-2014, budget process deadlines include:

- **April 30th** – Release of Mayor & City Administrator's Proposed Budget;
- **Between May 7 through May 30** – Community Budget Forums
 - District 1 Community Budget Forum in North Oakland, with Councilmember Kalb and Mayor Schaaf, will take place the morning of *May 30th* (*See flyer below*)
- **June 1** – Release of Budget Advisory Committee's Analysis/Report

As councilmembers, I and my colleagues will have challenging choices to make for the upcoming budget. We will make our final decision later in June, so if you have input for me regarding what you would like to see prioritized in the upcoming two-year budget, please e-mail my office at oluby@oaklandnet.com with "15-17 City Budget" in the Subject line.

In addition, you are invited to [take part in Mayor Schaaf's Budget Survey](#)—the results of which will be shared with city councilmembers.

For additional information, including a link to the Mayor's proposed budget, other budget-related documents and a more comprehensive list of the budget process deadlines, please visit my website [here](#).

Oakland Zero Waste (Garbage) Services

Beginning July 1st, our new Zero Waste contracts will kick-in offering new and expanded services as part of Oakland Recycles' collection of garbage, green bin organics and recycling materials for all residents in our city. There will be some level of rate increase to go along with it. The Council last year rejected a proposed deal that would have raised rates nearly 50%, opting instead for a strong package that includes enhanced services along with an approximately 24% rate increase. This brings our rates on par with many Bay Area jurisdictions.



So, I've been asked, how did we get to this point? [Please read more](#)

Graffiti Abatement Murals & Green Walls: Call for Neighborhood Proposals

I am seeking neighborhood proposals to combat graffiti through the creation and installation of new murals and 'green walls' on blighted walls in District One. This work is funded through the City Council's Anti-Graffiti Murals and Green Walls grants program, which supports the beautification of Oakland and fosters community pride by transforming neighborhood streets. We encourage positive and vibrant artwork that reflects the unique character of each of our neighborhoods and the diversity of Oakland.

Please find the application for the City Council [Anti-Graffiti Murals and Green Walls grants program here](#), and return your completed applications to my office no later than the end of this month.

Children's Hospital Oakland

After years of preliminary plans, community meetings, and extensive deliberations and negotiations, the City Council will consider approving the Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO) master plan for the hospital's expansion. Over the past two years my staff and I have been meeting with neighborhood groups and nearby residents, reading comment letters, attending Planning Commission meetings and working with the Children's Hospital executive team and city staff to make sure that many of the concerns expressed by the neighbors were addressed in the plan and the potential impacts to the neighborhood are reasonably mitigated.

Concerns expressed by residents included location of the parking lot entrance, employee parking in the neighborhood, limits on future growth north of 53rd street, noise from emergency helicopters, preserving the residential feel of 53rd street, and more.

Among other things, we were successful in making sure that the residents on the streets that are eligible for hospital-paid residential parking permits went far enough into the neighborhood to protect residents from excessive employee parking, the previously proposed helicopter landing pad was withdrawn and relocated in the main campus further away from the residential streets, the entrance to the parking garage be located on MLK (not on Dover street), the residential aesthetic feel be preserved on 53rd street, and that landscaping is well taken care of and enhanced throughout the hospital campus.

City Council passes Excavation Amendment to Preserve City Sidewalks and Streets

Underground utilities such as water, electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications require occasional maintenance and reconstruction, which often result in construction activity that disrupts public streets and sidewalks. While necessary, such excavation of public rights-of-way contributes to the early deterioration of pavement. We have all seen potholes that have been exacerbated by or are the result of patched road excavations.

On March 31st, I joined with my colleagues to approve an amendment to the Oakland Municipal Code governing excavation work impacting public rights-of-way. Drafted and introduced by the Oakland Public Works department, the revised ordinance provides for best practices to balance the need for excavation work with the need for minimizing disruption to public use of sidewalks and roads. The new provisions include significantly enhanced pavement restoration requirements, improved notification to residents and businesses affected by the excavation work, new community outreach requirements for lengthy, large, or significant construction, and penalties for failure to execute excavation work according to City standards. The legislation and supporting staff reports can be viewed [online](#).

Oakland City-wide Needs Assessment for Federal Housing and Community Development Funding

Oakland needs your input. Please complete this survey to assist the City in planning how it will spend Federal affordable housing and community development grants from 2015 to 2019. Access the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Oakland_CP

The Oakland Workforce Investment Board wants to hear from you!

The Oakland Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) oversees workforce development policy and programming in the City of Oakland. This fall, the OWIB will be releasing a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for workforce development services such as career counseling, training and employer assistance. In order to best meet the needs of employers, job-seekers and workers, the OWIB is seeking input on what services would be most helpful to our stakeholders. [Click here](#) to complete a

short, 5-minute survey which will provide you with information about new federal workforce laws and opportunities in Oakland, as well as request your input on needed services. Your thoughtful responses will help us plan for the next generation of training and workforce development activities for Oakland residents and businesses. All responses are confidential and individual responses will not be released, shared, or published.

Please feel free to share the survey with your lists! We'd like to include as many stakeholders as possible.

For more information about the OWIB, please visit www.oaklandwib.org and/or contact Elinor Buchen at ebuchen@oaklandnet.com or [\(510\) 238-3474](tel:5102383474).

[Policy Internship Announcement](#)

The office of Councilmember Dan Kalb is seeking one or more Policy Interns. Policy Interns conduct research on a range of local topics and assist with policy development on the councilmember's priority issues. Councilmember Kalb's office is happy to consider participation in programs that provide class credit to interns.

Applicants must be well-organized and detail-oriented, be comfortable conducting research independently or with supervision, be able to meet deadlines under pressure and juggle more than one project at a time, accept and apply feedback, and have a passion for public service. Applicants with graduate level experience preferred. The Internship is unpaid (except for a small honorarium) and consists of a 15-25 hour per week commitment during business hours in the Councilmember's office at Oakland City Hall.

To apply, please e-mail your letter of interest, resumé, and a brief writing sample to Oliver Luby, Policy Manager, at oluby@oaklandnet.com.

[Information on the Minimum Wage for Small Businesses](#)



Effective March 2, 2015, the minimum wage in Oakland was raised to \$12.25 per hour. In addition, employers must provide paid sick leave to employees who work at least 2 hours per week in Oakland. Furthermore, hospitality employers who collect service charges must transmit the entirety of the charges to employees who provide the service. Lastly, employers must post notice of these rights, as well as give written notice of these rights to current employees and new employees at the time of hire.

To assist businesses with complying with these new requirements, the City of Oakland provides [helpful information and resources online](#), including a summary of the new requirements, Notifications for Employees, a list of Employer Tools & Resources, and an FAQ. If you have additional questions about or need additional assistance regarding the minimum wage, please call (510) 238-6258 or email

minwageinfo@oaklandnet.com.

I encourage residents to support local businesses so they can continue to thrive while implementing the new minimum wage law.

2015 Small Business Week

We are happy to honor and highlight **Yasai Market** during this year's Small Business Week. It is a beloved, long-time produce store that has been serving the Rockridge and adjacent neighborhoods since 1979. "Yasai" in Japanese means produce. Sisters Bo Pak and Youza Pak have owned and operated Yasai Market for over 23 years.



Yasai is known for its wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, both organic and conventional, at affordable prices. During the winter months, bins are brimming with locally grown citrus ranging from Satsuma Mandarins to Cara Cara oranges specially delivered from Porterville in the Central Valley. During summer months, apricots, cherries, peaches, plums, and nectarines are picked locally and available in abundance. Throughout their years in business, the owners and staff have strived to meet consumer needs while providing the best customer service, always with a smile. If you are in the area, drop by the Yasai Market and see for yourself why this store continues to be a neighborhood favorite.

The owners of Yasai Market will be honored this month at an upcoming City Council meeting as part of 2015 Small Business Week in Oakland. Previous District One Small Business honorees were **Lois the Pie Queen** in 2013, and **It's Your Move Games & Hobbies** in 2014.

Annual Fire Inspection

The Wildfire Prevention Assessment District (WPAD) in collaboration with the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) has produced a new and informative annual fire inspection flier for the 26,000 WPAD homeowners and residents within the District. The flyer includes useful information on how to implement firesafe practices around one's home and provides all the steps necessary to pass OFD's annual vegetation inspection process.

It's going to be a dry summer. Please see the important informational flier here:

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/citycouncil/documents/agenda/oak053008.pdf>

Donate, volunteer, and/or Ride for a Reason: to help Oakland Schools raise critical funds



Ride for a Reason, now in its 7th year, is a two-wheeled demonstration to advocate for more state funding for public schools, as well as a fundraiser for programs that support student creativity and a nurturing environment in six Oakland public schools. California schools have the highest student-to-teacher ratios in the nation. We can and must do better. Our goals for this event this year are 250 riders into Sacramento and \$100,000 raised for six Oakland schools: **Claremont Middle School**, Edna Brewer School, **Emerson Elementary School**, **Oakland International**, **Oakland Tech High School**, and Westlake Middle School.

Please donate, volunteer, or Ride for a Reason (R4R) at <http://rideforareason.dojiggy.com>. R4R supports a soccer club and a social-emotional counselor at Oakland International High where 30 languages are spoken, all students are recent immigrants and English language learners, and 30% have formal refugee status (all are fleeing violence and poverty). With R4R funding, parents and teachers at Emerson Elementary no longer have to choose between music and art; now their kids can enjoy both. These are just examples. Show your love by helping to support Oakland students.

With less than a week before the ride, we still have some volunteer slots to fill and have not yet reached our fundraising goal. Please consider helping with rider check-in early in the morning on Saturday, May 16th, helping to prepare lunches Friday afternoon and/or early Saturday morning, or helping to clean-up for an hour at Oakland Tech at the end of the day. For more information, and/or to sign-up for one of these volunteer jobs, please contact Becki Couch-Alvarado at iambecki@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your support!

DISTRICT ONE AND CITYWIDE EVENTS

May is National Bike Month!

Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and established in 1956, National Bike Month is celebrated throughout the United States as a way to highlight the many benefits of cycling. The Oakland Public Library is hosting a series of events at several locations throughout the city. Events ranging from a Cycling History Tour, Family Cycling, Free Bike Repairs to Bike Theft Prevention Classes will be held at selected District 1 libraries (Rockridge, Golden Gate and Temescal) as well as other branches across Oakland.

For a complete list of events and more information, visit

<http://oaklandpubliclibrary.org/biketobooks>

May 4th – 8th – Small Business Week

When: May 4th-8th

Various events throughout Oakland celebrating the value that small businesses bring to the City. For a full list of events, visit: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK052814>

May 6th – Coffee with a Cop

When: Wednesday, May 6th 5-7pm

Where: Actual Café, 6334 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94608

An informal time to speak with OPD Officers about any topic desired. North Oakland's Community Police Officers are engaging in an effort to improve communications between themselves and the community as a whole.

May 8th – 17th – Affordable Housing Week

When: May 8th-17th

Where: Throughout the East Bay with several events in Oakland.

Information and tours of affordable housing options presented by East Bay Housing Organizations. Visit www.ebho.org for more details.

May 9th – Creating Commons Festival

When: May 9th, 10:00am – 6:00pm

Where: A PLACE for Sustainable Living, 64th Street (between Marshall and San Pablo), Oakland



Collaborating with community organizations and neighbors to celebrate the re-imagination of the public commons!

For more information and to get inspired please visit

<http://aplaceforsustainableliving.org/event/creating-commons-festival-2015/>

May 9th – Oakland Youth Chorus' 40th Anniversary Spring Concert

When: May 9th, 3pm and 6 pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway, Oakland

Join the singers past and present of Oakland Youth Chorus to celebrate spring and four decades of friendships, songs, community, and creating harmony through diversity in Oakland and the East Bay.

For more information please click [here](#).

May 13th – Santa Fe CAN Monthly General Meeting – Energy Efficiency

When: Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30pm

Where: Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI)

Santa Fe Community Association & Neighbors (Santa Fe CAN) is holding it's monthly general meeting on Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m. at Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI). Our guest speaker will be Tommy Fenster from StopWaste. Mr. Fenster will discuss the benefits of a more energy efficient home and advise on state and local incentives for energy improvements. *Enter the parking lot on 58th Street, west of Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Ring the buzzer for entrance at the black wrought iron gate.*

May 14th – Bike to Work Day – District 1 Pedal Pool

When: Thursday, May 14th, 7:10am

Where: Start – Actual Cafe, 6344 San Pablo Ave.

All pedal pools arrive at Frank Ogawa Plaza at approximately 8am for a complimentary pancake breakfast.

For more information about this event and other Bike to Work Day events throughout Oakland click [here](#).



Bike to Work Day 2014

May 14th – Empty Bowls – Alameda County Community Food Bank

When: Thursday, May 14th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: ACCFB, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland

Join Alameda County Community Food Bank as they transform their warehouse for an evening of art, nourishment and service to help fill empty bowls in our community. For more information please visit <http://www.accfb.org/empty-bowls/>

May 16th – Ride for a Reason

OUSD students, teachers, administrators and community members are biking from Oakland to Sacramento to raise money to support Claremont Middle, Edna Brewer Middle, Emerson Elementary, Oakland International High, Oakland Technical High, and Westlake Middle Schools. Get more information or donate [here](#)

May 16th – Save Live Youth Summit

When: Saturday, May 16th, Noon – 5:00pm

Where: Laney College, Student Center

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May 28th – Destiny Arts Center Gala

When: Thursday, May 28, 6:45pm – 9:30pm

Where: Sweet's Ballroom 1933 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612

This fundraising event features live performances, local artisan food and drink pairings. Please see more information [here](#).

***May 30th – North Oakland Town Hall: Community Budget Priorities Forum with Councilmember Dan Kalb and Mayor Libby Schaaf

When: May 30th, 10am – Noon

Where: Faith Presbyterian Church, 430 49th Street, Oakland



District One Town Hall Community Budget Forum

*Share your views on Citywide and District 1 Budget
Priorities with Mayor Schaaf and Councilmember Kalb*

Saturday, May 30th, 2015

10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

**Faith Presbyterian Church
430 49th Street, Oakland**

Councilmember Dan Kalb invites you to participate in an engaging community discussion about budget priorities.

We are seeking your input!

A presentation will be given by the City Administrator's Office followed by your input and questions.

Please contact Monica Harris, office of Councilmember Kalb
mmharris@oaklandnet.com or 510-238-7014 with any questions.

May 30th – Love Our Neighborhood Day

When: May 30th, 11:00am – 4:00pm

Where: San Pablo Avenue in the Golden Gate neighborhood and Southwest Berkeley – from Ashby to Stanford

For more information, visit the [Facebook page](#) or [Love Our Neighborhood Day website](#)
Volunteers are still needed.

Love Our Neighborhood Day is organized in collaboration with Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO), the San Pablo and Golden Gate Improvement Association (SPAGGIA), the Downtown Berkeley Association and North Shattuck Association. This event provides a great opportunity to connect all who live, work and play in Oakland with the many community organizations, business owners, entertainers and performers, and neighborhood groups that showcase our city's diversity, creativity and spirit.

June 4th – Public hearing/panel discussion – “Open Libraries Open Doors for Oakland's Youths”

When: Thursday, June 4, 6pm – 7:30pm

Where: Council Chambers, 3rd floor of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

Saturday, June 6th – Mayor Libby Schaaf's Summit on Public Safety

When: Saturday, June 6, 9am – Noon

Where: Laney College, 900 Fallon street, Oakland, CA

2015 OAKLAND SUMMIT



Saturday, June 6, 2015

Mayor Libby Schaaf and Chief of Police Sean Whent will present their vision of Oakland through Community Policing.

Laney College*
900 Fallon Street
Oakland, California 94607

* Parking in the Laney College parking lot off E. 8th Street. Handicap parking on campus off 7th Street. See Oakland Summit website for parking map.

Welcome Session: 9:00am to 10:30am
Workshops: 10:45am to 12:00pm

Tentatively scheduled workshops include:

- Community Healing through Restorative Justice
- Community Policing in Oakland
- Data-Driven Policing
- Gang Awareness
- Procedural Justice and Ceasefire
- Public Nuisance and Problem Priorities
- Public Works
- Violence Prevention Programs
- Spanish Work Session
- Chinese Work Session

How to Register:

Visit: www.oaklandnet.com/summit
Call: (510) 986-2715
Deadline to register is May 22nd, 2015

To request interpretation services in Spanish call (510) 238-7159 or in Chinese call (510) 238-3102. For more information, visit the Oakland Summit website, www.oaklandnet.com/summit, or Neighborhood Services website, www.oaklandnet.com/neighborhoodservices.html

Dan's Community Office Hours

Saturday, June 13th, 10:00am – 12:30pm

Nomad Café, 6500 Shattuck Avenue

Sunday, June 21st – 10:30am – 12:30pm

The Councilmember IS IN!

Temescal Farmers' Market, North Oakland DMV parking lot

Drop-in

Wednesday evening July 8th, 6:00pm – 8:20pm

Gaylord's Caffe Espresso, 4150 Piedmont Avenue

Dan in the Community



Dan presenting an anniversary proclamation to Pastor Johnny Leggett at Bethany Baptist Church.



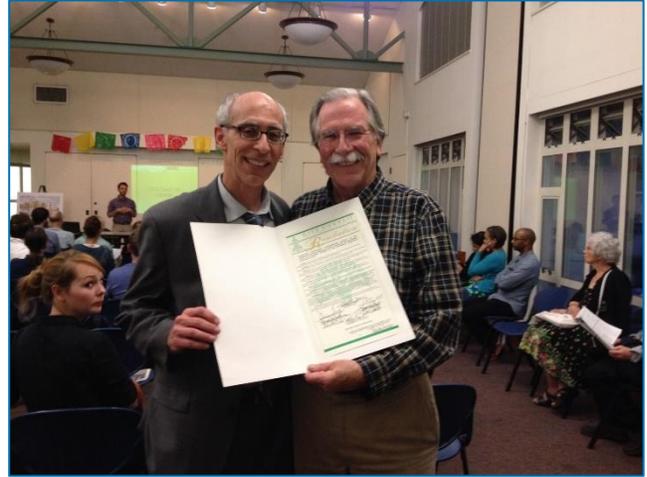
Dan with Chabot Elementary School children going over their sustainable planning ideas at City Hall



With volunteers during Earth Day



Presenting Destiny Arts Director Cristy Lemon with a resolution honoring her tremendous work in the community.



Dan presenting Rockridge News founding editor Don Kinkead with an honorary resolution.

If you are receiving this newsletter from a friend or via neighborhood listserv, or viewing it on the website please sign up [here](#) to receive my e-newsletter directly.

-Dan

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