



Dan's July-August NEWSLETTER

Greetings Neighbor,

Happy summer everyone! There are a lot of opportunities to enjoy our city, and I encourage everyone to make the most of them. From First Fridays to an Oakland Ballers game to the Oakland Museum of CA and multiple farmer's markets, there is a lot to take advantage of in our city.

These past few weeks have undoubtedly been an incredibly eventful time in our City. I want to give a statement update on the final city budget that was passed. Additionally there are important dates coming up for National Night Out and City Festival Grants that help put on events across our city. Do not miss the opportunity to apply for funding to help you or your organization host a great event here in Oakland.

And of course my office is continually working to make sure my [public safety legislation](#) adopted by the Council last fall is implemented to the fullest extent possible.

Best always,
Dan

Update on the City Budget

We are taking this opportunity to share that the Oakland City Council was able to pass a revised fiscal year budget during the mid-cycle period on July 2nd.

Going into this fiscal year (July 2024 - June 2025), the City faced a significant budget deficit with revenues coming in much lower than anticipated. We had to take significant action to resolve the budgetary shortfall. While there were no great options, it was incumbent upon us to make some tough choices, and that is what we did.

Last year, in June of 2023, the Council adopted our 2-year (FY 23-25) budget and closed a \$176 Million per year projected shortfall over two years. Because a significant portion of that shortfall--built up over many years--is considered a structural deficit, some of the broad range of spending reductions that were made were of an on-going nature. This included deleting some vacant staff positions in the budget as the first step in a multi-year effort to fully address the structural deficit.

The recent mid-cycle modified budget continues to address our structural deficit without making draconian cuts to the Police and Fire departments, and without laying off any current employees. Because we had a significant number of budgeted positions that have been vacant in some of our city departments, many of those positions were frozen or outright deleted. The budget still has three police academies during this fiscal year, and fully funds our 9-1-1 dispatch center. As a reminder, last year, we reinstituted a continual hire process for 9-1-1 dispatchers/operators.

While budget cuts were made in some program areas, we still were able to come up with funding for crucial programs going forward. Importantly, the City Council was able to identify unused carry forward funds and savings from freezing a few additional vacant positions, to restore three OPD civilian investigative staff positions. And our important Ceasefire violence intervention program was *not* cut.

As you probably have heard, the City of Oakland is taking all necessary steps to sell the city's undivided 50% share in the Coliseum property. This is an important step in the redevelopment of the Coliseum property for East Oakland and for the city of Oakland overall. The term sheet for this sale was recently signed by the City Administrator, Mayor, and the lead representative of the African American Sports and Entertainment Group (AASEG). \$63 Million of the \$105 Million sale price will be received in the fiscal year. This allows us to have a financial bridge to next year, when additional spending reductions likely will have to be made. And the sale term sheet includes commitments for affordable housing and a robust community benefits process.

We also added in the budget two permit technicians to ease Planning and Building Dept. permit wait times. These are not funded through general fund dollars.

In the spring of 2025, the Council will have to make additional challenging decisions as part of the next phase of addressing the structural deficit while seeking to provide vital services to our residents.

National Night Out



WHEN NEIGHBORS KNOW EACH OTHER,
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SAFER

IT'S TIME TO ORGANIZE YOUR BLOCK PARTY!

Organize a block party, barbeque, ice cream social, or other outdoor event that brings neighbors together.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

4:00PM – 8:00PM

Register by Monday, July 29th to receive a Host packet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
OAKLANDCA.GOV/NNO
510-238-6200



This Tuesday, August 6, 2024 | 4:00pm - 8:30pm is **National Night Out** here in Oakland. A list of neighborhood [gatherings can be found here](#) (sorted by

police beat). My staff and I hope to see you at one of the many District 1 NNO gatherings.

You are invited to attend any of the neighborhood block parties, BBQs, ice cream socials, or other outdoor event that brings neighbors together.

The 2024 National Night Out theme is “**Get Involved, Make a Difference.**”

City of Oakland staff, Oakland Fire Department and Police Department personnel and elected officials, including yours truly, will be out roaming the neighborhoods and will visit as many parties as possible.

It's time to reconnect with neighbors and friends!

Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out (NNO) is America's night out and a time for neighbors to get together to build neighborhood spirit and unity. Research shows that when neighbors know each other, neighborhoods are generally safer.

City Festival Grant Applications Now Open!



Applications are now open for the **Cultural Funding** Program's 2025 Neighborhood Voices for Festivals grant opportunity. The program will award grants up to \$14,000 to Oakland-based non-profit organizations conducting arts and culture festivals in Oakland in 2025. Interested nonprofit organizations may access the grant guidelines and applications at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/festivals2025>. The submission deadline for applications is Thursday August 22, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Budget Considerations: Publicly, we are moving forward with a reduced Festival program of grants up to \$14,000 per grantee, just in case the contingency budget is triggered. If the contingency budget is not triggered, we can increase amounts back to \$20,000 as in years past and/or provide a higher number of grants.

Timeline: This past year, Risk Management and Finance expressed concerns about funding Festivals that have already occurred. We are mitigating for this by specifying that the festivals supported through these grants need to occur between January – December 2025. This allows for City Council approval and insurance review prior to festivals occurring. This is also intended to help ensure community members receive their grant funds prior to their Festivals. For this transitional year, however, it does mean Festivals occurring between July and December 2024 will not be funded.

Statement from the City: Safer, Smoother Streets in Oakland As City Repaves Record High of 47 Miles - More on the Way



Oakland, CA — Through the incredible determination and tenacity of OakDOT crews and contractors, the City of Oakland has reached a record high of repaving in the last Fiscal Year—repaving a total of 47 miles of streets.

The City's [2022 Five-Year Paving Plan](#) builds upon the record-breaking accomplishments of the [2019 3-Year Paving Plan](#) and sets ambitious goals to invest in the care and maintenance of Oakland's streets, intentionally focusing on local neighborhood streets and historically underserved neighborhoods.

“Oaklanders rightly expect and deserve clean, safe streets in every neighborhood, and today we’re marking record progress toward delivering those streets,” Mayor Sheng Thao said. “I am so proud of our hardworking OakDOT team for setting a new standard for paving delivery, and I am so grateful to the Oakland voters who passed Measure KK and Measure U and made this work possible by funding it. We know there is much more work ahead and we want our community to know we are in high gear working every day to deliver for you.”

Streets are vital lifelines that connect Oaklanders to jobs, housing, education, and services. OakDOT's equity-focused paving plan addresses long-standing patterns of disinvestment in Oakland's most underserved neighborhoods to deliver smoother and safer streets where they are needed most, while the department continues to deliver paving and safety improvements in every neighborhood.

Since Oaklanders first entrusted OakDOT with dedicated bond funding—first through Measure KK approved in 2016 and currently through Measure U approved in 2022—OakDOT has been able to repave 250 miles, or nearly one-third of all streets in Oakland.

OakDOT has also successfully leveraged paving projects to deliver critical safety improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers at an astounding pace. Traffic safety improvements through paving projects have included everything from enhanced crosswalks, curb ramps, bus lanes, and bikeways to speed cushions, pedestrian safety islands, and protected intersections—as can be seen in the recently completed [High Street Paving Project](#) and currently under construction [West Grand Repaving and Pedestrian Improvement Project](#).

“Our paving projects present us with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rebuild our streets back better than they were before,” said OakDOT Director Josh Rowan. “Our planners, engineers, and crews are grateful for the faith Oaklanders have put in us to deliver safer, smoother streets and sidewalks—and we have no plans to slow down!”

With the summer construction season well underway, OakDOT has 22 miles of paving projects in active or near-term construction. These projects include pavement rehabilitation and protected bikeway improvements on [Lakeshore Avenue](#) and [Franklin Street](#), and long-awaited railroad track removal and pavement restoration on Poplar, Union, and Wood Streets in West Oakland. More information about the Five-Year Paving Plan, including an online map of streets included and their anticipated delivery year can be found at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/20225yp>

Many District 1 streets have been paved over the past few years, and there are many more to get to later this year and next year.

While there are far more streets in need of repair than resources to immediately provide that repair, continuing to advance the Five-Year Paving Plan is the most effective way to comprehensively address potholes and other maintenance issues. Residents are still encouraged, however, to report routine infrastructure maintenance issues and problems (including potholes) through [the 311 system](#).

Open House Information for OAAC

OAKLAND ALAMEDA SHORELINE ADAPTATION

RIISING UP WITH RISING SEAS

WHO ARE WE?

We are the Oakland Alameda Adaptation Committee (OAAC) Projects Partners. We want to build the infrastructure to protect our communities and habitat from shoreline flooding. As a valued community member, your perspective is crucial. Learn more about the risks and provide input on how to adapt to sea level rise!



Informational Workshops

| Sat, Aug 3, 2024 10 AM - 1 PM | Mon, Aug 12, 2024 5:30 - 8 PM | Thur, Aug, 15, 2024 5:30 - 8 PM |
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| Alameda Estuary focus at REAP Climate Center 2133 Tynan Ave, Alameda, CA 94501 | Bay Farm Island focus at Leydecker Rec Center 3225 Mecartney Rd, Alameda, CA 94502 | Oakland Estuary focus at Port of Oakland Exhibit Room 530 Water St, Oakland, CA 94607 |

Registration is encouraged but not required unless you need childcare or translation services. Refreshments will be served.

Phone: (510) 935-3447
Email: vflores@greenbelt.org
www.oaacadapt.org



"Join the Oakland Alameda Adaptation Committee's upcoming community workshops this August! These events are a great opportunity for you to learn about and contribute to our shoreline resilience efforts. Your participation is crucial in shaping a resilient future for our beloved shoreline. Together, we can make a difference!

Come join us to:

Learn about current adaptation plans; Share your thoughts and feedback; Engage with agency leaders and experts, and more.

[RSVP Here](#)

Thank you ahead of time!

20th Annual Community Backpack Giveaway Thank You Mistah F.A.B.



2024 Environmental Leadership Awardees



We are proud to celebrate the Oakland winners of the 2024 Environmental Leadership Awards. Every year StopWaste honors Alameda County entities for their leadership and innovations in advancing environmental sustainability, waste prevention, and contributions to building healthy, climate resilient communities in Alameda County. Since the inception of the awards program in 2000, well over 100 Alameda County businesses and institutions have been recognized.

Sparkl Reusables for their excellence in reusable foodware partnership: Spectrum Community Services, a nonprofit in Hayward serving nutritious hot meals to seniors, and Sparkl Reusables in Oakland, a reusable foodware service provider, have formed an innovative partnership that prevents some 10,000 pieces of disposable foodware from being wasted each month. At 10 out of 12 distribution sites, seniors receive their meals in Sparkl's reusable containers, ready to be carried home in reusable bags. On their next visit, they return the empty, rinsed foodware in designated bins for washing and reuse. Sparkl staff picks up the used foodware and delivers freshly sanitized containers daily in a seamless, closed loop operation. Both Spectrum's and Sparkl's

commitment to sustainability, willingness to experiment, flexibility, and excellent communication have made this successful collaboration possible.

oWOW for their excellence in construction innovation: oWOW is an Oakland-based design and construction company with multi-family housing projects in Oakland and San Francisco. oWOW's buildings use mass timber, a wood-based construction material that is stronger, lighter-weight, and less carbon intensive than other building materials and can be made from lower value woods including from burned forests. All of oWOW's mass timber is sourced from a near zero-waste wood manufacturer in Oregon. Their prefabrication and industrialized construction methods allow oWOW to cut waste on-site while also reducing on-site labor costs and construction timelines. In addition, oWOW integrates development, design, and construction—responsibilities typically fragmented—enabling workflow synergies and more creative solutions. Combined, oWOW's innovations allow them to build twice as fast and at a cost roughly 20% below traditional construction—a much needed answer to the Bay Area's housing crisis.

District 1 Mural Funding

I'm excited to announce again that my office has additional mural funding to distribute! I've been able to partially fund murals in various D1 locations including on Piedmont Ave., San Pablo Ave, Market St., Lowell St., and Claremont Ave., and I'm looking forward to funding more.

Grant applicants--grants are available up to \$10,000--may be a District 1 neighborhood organization, community-based organization, business association, or a combination thereof, or an individual artist or pair of artists working with a property owner in North Oakland.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to submit your work.

Get Involved in Oakland!



GET INVOLVED, OAKLAND!

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY?
THERE ARE CITY PROGRAMS THAT CAN HELP.
SCAN THE QR CODES TO LEARN MORE!

OAK311 (DOWNLOAD APP)



Request City Services: illegal dumping, graffiti, potholes, encampments, building maintenance, and urgent infrastructure issues.

311.oaklandca.gov

BULKY BLOCK PARTY



Join us on the last Saturday of every month* to dispose of your unwanted household items for *free*! Residents only. Bring proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

oaklandca.gov/bulky-block

MACRO: MOBILE ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY RESPONDERS OF OAKLAND



MACRO is a community response program for non-violent, non-emergency 911 calls to reduce responses by emergency services.

oaklandca.gov/macro

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION



In partnership with City Departments, meet neighbors and solve neighborhood issues while building a healthy & resilient community.

oaklandca.gov/neighborhood-services

ADOPT-A-SPOT



Adopt a public space in your neighborhood to regularly clean, green and beautify! Tools, supplies & resources provided.

oaklandca.gov/adopt-a-spot

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Free emergency preparedness & response training program. Available to individuals and groups.

oaklandca.gov/readyoakland

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

QUESTIONS: NSDADMIN@OAKLANDCA.GOV | 510-986-2715



There are so many great opportunities to get involved in your community. If you would like more information on the services that you can get involved with in Oakland follow any of these links:

[Oak311](#)

[MACRO](#)

[Neighborhood Services](#)

[Adopt a Spot](#)

[Emergency Preparedness](#)

City Boards and Commissions

There are periodic vacancies among the City's numerous boards and commissions. To fill these vacancies quickly, we need a pool of applicants that can be vetted for these seats as they become available. Most positions are filled by the Mayor, but some are filled directly by each Councilmember.

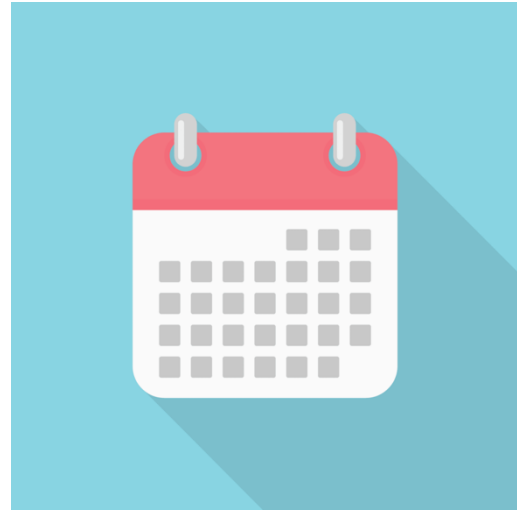
Please visit this website for information about the City's boards and commission and their vacancies: <https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6681>.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions regarding these opportunities. If you are a District 1 resident and decide to apply for a city board/commission, please let Councilmember Kalb know. He may be able to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

Dan's Community Office Hours

Dan continues to hold monthly **Community Office Hours** to hear directly from residents about their specific neighborhood or citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents and looks forward to doing these in person in the near future.

Please contact Keara O'Doherty (kodoherty@oaklandca.gov or 510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan at a local D1 cafe. **Next availability is Saturday afternoon, August 10th.**



City of Oakland is Hiring!

While some city positions are being frozen at many city departments to help balance the budget, there is still hiring going on to fill certain key vacancies. From Parks and Recreation to Economic Workforce Development, the City of Oakland has selected job opportunities available. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Apply to be a 911 dispatcher. This person must have excellent communication skills and work well in a high-stress and fast-paced environment. More [here](#). This is a key public safety position in our city. **Please spread the word that we are training and hiring 911 dispatchers.**

Apply to work on our Community Homeless Services Team. This person will lead and design the implementation of emergency crisis response strategies and support program implementation. More [here](#).

Dan in the Community



Top Left: Dan at the Temescal Fair talking with Deputy Planning Director Ed Manasse and his family.

Top Right: Dan with leaders and founders of the Center for ArtEsteem (Attitudinal Healing Connection) at the celebration of their new facility on West street.

Bottom Left: Ashlee Jemott from Dan's Team attending the Oakland Coliseum Term Sheet Signing with AASEG

Bottom Right: Dan speaking at the Temescal Fair introducing Kev Choice.

Contacts

Oakland

SeeClickFix Call 311- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211 - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>

Dan Kalb's D1 Council Office - 510-238-7001

OPD Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211)

OPD Non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

MACRO - (510) 446-2276 -- MACRO@oaklandca.gov

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

Oakland Animal Services: <https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org>

Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/oakland-launches-in-person-one-stop-permit-center-2>