



For Immediate Release  
December 21, 2009

**Reminder:**  
**City of Oakland Holiday and Business Closure Scheduled to Start this Week**  
*Public Safety Not Affected*

**OAKLAND** – As previously announced, due to budget cutbacks, the City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other city services between **Monday, December 28 and Thursday, December 31, 2009**, as agreed to by all civilian employee unions in order to balance the city’s 2009-2011 budget. City offices will also be closed for City holidays on **Thursday, December 24; Friday, December 25 and Friday January 1, 2010**.

During the business closure, police, fire and emergency services are not affected.

Mayor Ron Dellums said: “We recognize that the city’s budget deficit has caused hardship for city employees, and we thank them for their sacrifices to help sustain city services. In the throes of a global economic challenge, Oakland has had to make difficult decisions to keep this city moving forward. While these choices are difficult, they are necessary given the current financial situation.”

## **Specific Service Impacts**

### **Parking Division**

- Citations which have a due date falling between December 24 and January 3 should be paid **before** December 24 or as follows:
  - Pay in person by December 23, 2009. The Parking Citation Assistance Center will remain open until 6:00 pm on this day.
  - Mail payment by due date. Postmark dates will be considered as payment dates.
- There will be no parking enforcement on Christmas Day (December 25) or New Year’s Day (January 1).
- Parking enforcement, including meters, will be in effect on Christmas Eve (December 24), New Year’s Eve (December 31) and the other mandatory business shutdown days.

### **Public Works**

- Serious emergencies — such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions — will be responded to.

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- Sandbags and plastic sheeting continue to be available at the Security Guard Post at 7101 Edgewater for Oakland residents and business owners.

### **Oakland Public Library**

- Normal business hours will resume on Saturday, January 2, 2010.
- Patrons are encouraged not to overfill or leave materials outside the bookdrops. However, the Library will have three crews that will empty all the branch/Main bookdrops on Dec 26, 29 & 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Oakland Animal Shelter**

- If field service is needed, call OPD's non-emergency line at (510) 777-3333.
- The shelter will have revised hours between December 26 and January 14 to accommodate the MBS days:  
Monday - Thursday: 3:00 - 6:00pm  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 12:00 - 4:00pm

### **Oakland Parks and Recreation**

- Parks will be open, however restrooms will be closed and staff will not be onsite.
- The gates to Joaquin Miller Park will be closed, but trails will be accessible to the public.

### **Human Services**

- Head Start facilities and senior centers will not be open during the holiday/business closure.
- The East Oakland Senior Center / Brookfield Library food pantry will continue the brown bag distribution to needy families on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Remaining Agreed-Upon Business Closure Days**

A total of eleven business closure days were approved to balance the budget. The three remaining Business Closure days have been scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Friday, January 15, 2010
- ❖ Wednesday, March 31, 2010
- ❖ Monday, April 5, 2010

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: <http://www.youtube.com/ronalddellums>



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: <http://www.twitter.com> "Mayor Dellums"



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