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The Brunner Report

A newsletter from Council President Jane Brunner

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A Message from Jane Brunner:

I hope you had a great summer. Oakland will be facing some significant challenges this fall and we are looking for your help.

I want to start by welcoming our new Chief of Police, Anthony Batts, and invite you to hear his vision for policing for Oakland at our community meeting on Saturday, October 10th. Please see the back page for a short interview with the new Chief.

As you may know this past June and July, the City Council was forced to make significant cuts in services to deal with a deficit of more than \$93 Million. Because of the serious budget cuts, which are not over, the City cut the Public Works Department budget for park maintenance dramatically. There are many parks and median strips that need our help. As you go around town, you can see tall weeds, litter and other problems in our parks.

In order to address this issue, my office is starting the North Oakland Parks Volunteer Project as a safety net for our parks and medians. We are asking you to join us in volunteering to help keep our parks and median strips maintained. For details please look inside and sign up to volunteer.

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North Oakland Parks Volunteer Project



TOUGH TIMES FOR NORTH OAKLAND PARKS

Due to the drastic budget cuts in June and July, only a handful of our parks will continue to be maintained regularly. Many parks and medians are in danger of experiencing increased blight, weeds, and litter.

The opposite page has a list of parks and medians that will receive no routine maintenance from the City. "No routine maintenance" means that the areas will be mowed every three weeks but trash pickup and weeding will not occur on a regular basis.

Parks like Bushrod, Caldecott, Chabot, Dover Park/MLK Plaza Park, Golden Gate, Redondo and Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt (also known as FROG Park) will continue to receive all services but with less frequency. All parks need volunteers!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

In order to make sure that our North Oakland parks are well maintained, our City Council office is working with the Public Works Department, the Oakland Parks Coalition and community volunteers to develop a volunteer safety net for maintaining our parks.



Our goal is to have a team of volunteers to adopt every one of North Oakland's parks and medians to ensure that they continue to serve as the green heart and lungs of our community.

We need your help!

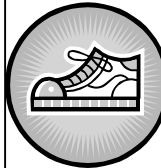
WAYS TO HELP

There are different levels of involvement that you can take on as a volunteer:



Eyes In The Park

Just keeping an eye out at your local park and calling or emailing Public Works at (510) 615-5566 or pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com when you see a problem can be a big help, especially in parks that are not receiving routine maintenance (see list on the opposite page).



Feet In The Park

Help out when you can! Take a trash bag or broom with you when you walk in your local park.

Heart In The Park

Adopt a park or median and become a park steward! This requires a larger commitment to the park but can also be done as a group.

You and/or your group will sign a park adoption agreement as a park steward and the City will provide trash bags and tools for basic park maintenance.

Jane Brunner's Office Will:

- ◆ Connect you to other people in your neighborhood who want to help your park.
- ◆ Set up trainings on park maintenance.
- ◆ Provide access to tools and materials for park clean up.
- ◆ Help create a maintenance schedule for your park.

Get Involved!

Please tear off and send in the short form on the opposite page to join in. You can also contact our City Council office at 238-7001 or jbrunner@oaklandnet.com

North Oakland Parks Volunteer Project (continued)

PARKS AND MEDIANS RECEIVING NO ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

PARKS	
Ayala Park	57 th Street & Ayala
Colby Park	61 st Street between Colby & Canning
Driver Plaza Park	Adeline Street & Stanford Avenue
Garber Park	South side of Claremont above the Claremont Hotel
Glen Echo Park	Monte Vista Ave. between Piedmont Ave. & Wilda Ave.
Grove Shafter Park	MLK Jr. Way & 36th Street
Hardy Park	491 Hardy Street
Helen McGregor Plaza Park	MLK Jr. Way & 5210 West Street
Linden Park	998 42nd Street
Ostrander Park	North side of Broadway Terrace (Clarewood to Hermosa)
Piedmont Plaza Park	4182 Piedmont Avenue
Rockridge Park	6090 Rockridge Boulevard
Temescal Creek Park	47 th -53 rd Street @ Adeline Street
MEDIANS	
40 th St Median	40th Street (Piedmont - Emeryville border)
51st Street Median	51 st Street (Broadway - Shattuck)
51 st Street Public Way	North side of 51 st Street, Shafter to Miles
Aileen Street Median	Aileen/Market Street
BART MLK Way Median	MLK Jr. Way (52 nd - 63rd Street)
Bayo Vista/Harrison Street Median	Bayo Vista & Harrison Street
Bayo Vista/Oakland Avenue Median	Bayo Vista & Oakland Avenue
College/Miles Median	College Avenue @ Miles Street
Pleasant Valley Median	Pleasant Valley (Broadway - Moraga)
Racine Point	58 th Street & Telegraph Avenue
Ridgeway Avenue Median	Ridgeway Avenue and Broadway

YES, I want to help! I can:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Park I will volunteer at: _____

Come to a volunteer meeting

Pick up litter in my park

Adopt a park or median strip

Other: _____

Interview with New Police Chief Anthony Batts

Incoming Police Chief Anthony Batts will be joining us at our October 10th Community Meeting. Here is a brief interview with the new Chief.

What are your top priorities for Oakland?

My top 3 priorities are: 1) reducing violent crime, 2) increasing the resources and capacity to address crime through collaboration with the community, other law enforcement agencies, and institutions of higher learning, and 3) improving the public's level of trust in its Police.

What do you believe will be the biggest challenges that you will face?

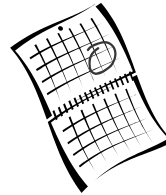
The two biggest challenges will be winning the trust of police officers and the community, and building a vision of hope as we work together.

Why do you believe that Long Beach's crime rate is so much lower than Oakland's?

I don't really know yet. The overall demographics are very similar. Long Beach has a highly-rated school district. Long Beach also invests heavily in community and economic development.

What does community policing mean to you?

Community policing is a philosophy and a way of working. I see it as a platform for innovation. It means a) having the community play a large role



JANE BRUNNER'S Community Advisory Meeting

Saturday, October 10, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Peralta Elementary School

460 63rd Street

October's Topic

Meet Oakland's New Police Chief

Featuring

Police Chief Anthony Batts,

(Parking on Alcatraz, east of Telegraph)

in creating a safe community with a strategic approach, b) allowing officers and employees to be creative and innovative, and c) having all city resources work together.

I believe that all public entities exist to bring value to the residents which they serve, in the way that the residents expect. If a Police Department doesn't bring value in the eyes of the residents, it should not exist. Community policing is a mechanism to help us create value.

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