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Vote on Measure K – June 7th



Above is an artist rendering of a possible Oakley Library and Community Learning Center. Learn more on page 4.

Cast your vote on June 7th

On June 7, 2016, Oakley residents will be asked to vote on *Measure K* which, if approved, will build a new downtown Oakley Library and Community Learning Center.

In 1999, Oakley’s Community Library moved to the Freedom High School campus in what was supposed to be a temporary five-year agreement. Seventeen years later the library is still there, occupying 3,000 square feet of Freedom High School’s library. The needs of the community and the high school have outgrown the original building sharing arrangement.

Over the years, the space limitations have increasingly limited the ability of both the Oakley Library and Freedom High School to meet the growing demands for resources. These resources would include a larger up-to-date book and reference collection, more technology resources, and the type of educational programs that both students and patrons expect from their library. Additionally, due to Oakley’s growing population, library parking has become a problem. *(Continued on page 4)*

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Oakley Police Department Completes Big Transition

Transition from County Sheriff's Office to City Services nearing completion.

Since Incorporation, the City of Oakley has contracted for police services with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff Deputies functioned as Oakley officers drove Oakley Police cars and wore Oakley Police Department uniforms to serve the community. At the end of each month, the County issued an invoice to the City of Oakley for the cost of providing those services. The arrangement worked well, although the County's increasing costs did not allow the City to hire additional officers.

Last year, a detailed examination of how to best provide police services was conducted. Many factors were considered: cost, employee turnover, our ability to attract and retain highly-qualified personnel, as well as our control over this important function of local government. Ultimately, the decision was made to move away from the Sheriff's Office and form our own Police Department.

Effective May 6th, the men and women serving you at the Police Department officially became City of Oakley employees. Chief of Police Chris Thorsen remarked, "This is an exciting coming-of-age for our community. Next to Incorporation, I would say this is the biggest decision our community has made."

What are the differences you will see? In the near term, the changes will be minimal. We're glad to share that most of the Sheriff's Office personnel currently assigned to Oakley have opted to stay with us through the transition, becoming true Oakley Police Officers. Over time, you should notice more consistency in the faces serving you.

As a stand-alone agency, we will be responsible for our own records and property functions. In the past, to obtain a copy of a police report or have property returned, we asked you to go to Martinez.



The new City of Oakley Police Department

Those functions will be handled locally and thus more convenient for our residents. We anticipate stronger relationships between the Police Department and other City of Oakley departments. These stronger bonds will improve efficiency and synergy in our response to issues and challenges. Furthermore, we also believe this new endeavor will result in stronger relationships between the community and our officers.

The key reason for the transition is an effort to save money. Simply put, as a stand-alone Department we can provide the same service for less money. We have three more sworn officers in our ranks than before. Initially, the increased staffing will be at the rank of Lieutenant and one additional Detective. The Police Department needs to continue growing to keep pace with the growth in our community. In the months after separation we will evaluate closely the expected savings derived from forming our own department and prioritize the use of those funds towards more officers on the street, protecting our community.



Left to Right: Lieutenant Jeff Billeci, Chief Chris Thorsen, Lieutenant Eric Navarro

Oakley Adopts New Strategic Action Plan

Since Incorporation, the City of Oakley has developed specific two-year strategic plans. The strategic plans dictate the direction and priorities of the City for the following two-year period by delineating ten focus areas, each with corresponding goals, as well as the concrete action steps that will help accomplish the stated goals.

The development of these plans is a community-driven process commencing with a citizen satisfaction survey. The survey was mailed to a random sample of 500 residents and was also available online on our website. The primary purpose of the survey was to get information and feedback regarding resident needs and satisfaction with City services.

Additionally, the City hosted a Town Hall Meeting during which residents got a chance to participate in smaller breakout sessions where they were tasked with brainstorming action items. Input also came in through the City's new online citizen engagement forum, called *Engage in Oakley*.



Oakley residents attend special town Hall meeting.

Some of the exciting items that made the "to-do" list include:

- Design intersection improvement and signalization at Laurel Road/Rose Avenue and initiate right of way acquisition for the project
- Inventory the City's major eyesores and prioritize them for abatement
- Integrate Recreation Internship availability for college students
- Complete Laurel Road widening from Rose Avenue to Mellowood Drive
- Implement recreation registration, reservation and online payment software
- Expand the Heart of Oakley Festival
- Invest in providing free Wi-Fi service in City Parks where we have Comcast service available
- Implement Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program
- Re-implement a K-9 unit, who can also serve a Problem Oriented Policing Officer
- Complete a re-write/update to the Emergency Operations Plan
- Upgrade the audio/visual system in the Council Chambers to record/broadcast public meetings
- Extend Citizen Leadership Academy to include additional Citizens' Police Academy sessions



Staff and residents brainstorming ideas during special town hall meeting.



City residents hard at work during the town hall meeting

Vote on Measure K — June 7th (continued from page 1)

Patrons of libraries with more space enjoy a variety of programs not available at the Oakley library.

These include *Coding for Kids*, homework help, computer classes for seniors, inclusive story times, financial literacy workshops, and more.



Young book enthusiast

Due to the lack of space at Freedom High School, these programs can't be offered.

Measure K requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass. What will it cost? Successful passage would add \$7.75 in additional tax, per month, per parcel over a thirty-year period. For more information, and the full Measure K ballot language, visit www.ci.oakley.ca.us.



Library patron, Sasha Rossburg

Voting YES means:

- Construction of a new 20,000 sq. ft. library space.
- Access to community, conference, and study rooms.
- A fully-equipped technology center.
- More books, reference materials, movies, etc.
- Dedicated parking for library patrons.
- Electrical outlets for laptops, phones, iPads, etc.

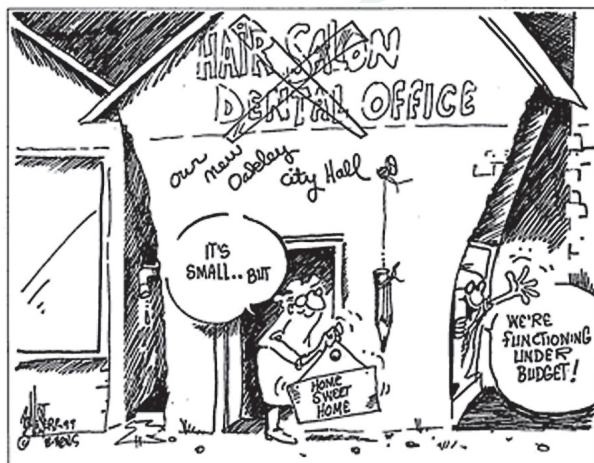
Voting NO means:

- Current 3,000 sq. ft. library space.
- No public meeting rooms.
- Eight public computers.
- Limited shelf space.
- Inadequate parking.
- One available electrical outlet.

Oakley Trivia Time

Can you name the three places since incorporation (1999), where the City offices had been located prior to the inauguration of our existing City Hall?

(Answers on page 8)



Brentwood News - Thursday, July 9, 1999

Welcome to Downtown's Newest Business!

Guanatos Ice Cream is located in the two-story building at 3330 Main Street, next to Grocery Outlet.

Guanatos serves home-made ice cream using the freshest and sweetest ingredients and organic, local fruit whenever possible.

Also available are all sorts of ice cream treats, popsicles, juices, and fruit salads with their own sweet cream or with fresh juices. They also make fruit drinks, smoothies, fruit bars, sorbets, banana splits, chocolate-covered bananas and frapuccinos.

Be sure to buy local – shop Oakley!

Vote este 7 de junio - *Medida K*

¿Desea una mejor colección de libros, servicios, programas, horarios y acceso a la biblioteca de Oakley? El 7 de junio del 2016, residentes de Oakley tendrán la oportunidad de votar a favor o en contra de la medida K que, de ser aprobada, proporcionaría fondos para construir una Biblioteca y Centro de Aprendizaje Comunitario.

En 1999, la biblioteca de la comunidad se trasladó al campus de la preparatoria Freedom High School en lo que se suponía sería un contrato temporal de cinco años. Diecisiete años después, la biblioteca está todavía allí, ocupando 3,000 metros cuadrados del edificio que también alberga la biblioteca estudiantil de la preparatoria. El espacio compartido es insuficiente, limita tanto la comunidad y el acceso de los estudiantes a recursos necesarios. La colección de libros, tecnología, programas, y estacionamiento son escasos en esta ubicación. La falta de espacio limita gravemente la disponibilidad y variedad de programas ofrecidos para la comunidad. Programas que otras bibliotecas ofrecen y serían opciones aquí si hubiera el espacio incluyen codificación, ayuda con las tareas escolares, clases de informática para los ancianos, la hora de cuentos incluso a niños con necesidades especiales, educación financiera, etc.

Puede estar pensando a sí mismo, "Genial, pero ¿cuánto va a aumentar mis impuestos si yo voto por la medida?" La aprobación de la medida K, requiere que dos tercios de los votantes estén de acuerdo con un impuesto adicional de \$7.75 por mes, por parcela durante un período de treinta años. Solo los dueños de propiedad pagarían este impuesto. Para obtener más información, escriba a marquez@ci.oakley.ca.us.

Votar Sí Significa:

- La construcción de una nueva biblioteca de 20,000 pies cuadrados de espacio para satisfacer las necesidades actuales y previsibles de la comunidad.
- Acceso a un salón comunitario, sala de conferencias, y salones de estudio.
- Centro de tecnología con varias computadoras, impresoras etc.
- Más libros, películas, etc.
- Estacionamientos dedicados para los usuarios de la biblioteca.

Votar No Significa:

- La biblioteca actual de 3,000 pies cuadrados.
- Falta de salas de reunión pública/salón comunitario.
- Ocho computadoras públicas.
- Falta de espacio para libros, películas, etc.
- Estacionamiento inadecuado.

Se Establece Un Departamento De Policía Municipal

A partir del 6 de Mayo los oficiales del Departamento de Policía serán empleados de la Ciudad de Oakley. Antes, la ciudad contrataba con la oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Contra Costa, quien proveía su personal. Al final del mes mandaban una factura que continuaba incrementando de precio, sin servicios adicionales. Por lo cual, el Consejo decidió establecer nuestro propio Departamento de Policía Municipal. ¿Cuáles son las diferencias que pueden esperar ver? Los cambios serán mínimos. La mayoría del personal asignado a Oakley, han optado por retirarse de la oficina del Sheriff y quedarse con nosotros a través de la transición.

Como agencia independiente, seremos responsables por nuestros propios registros y funciones de propiedad. En el pasado, para obtener una copia del informe policial o tener bienes restituidos, usted tenía que ir a Martínez. También anticipamos que este cambio nos darán la oportunidad de crear una relación más estrecha entre la comunidad y nuestros oficiales. La razón clave para la transición es un esfuerzo para ahorrar dinero. Podemos proporcionar el mismo servicio por menos dinero. A partir del 6 de Mayo, tendremos 3 oficiales más que antes. Es importante que el Departamento de Policía pueda crecer al mismo paso que crece nuestra comunidad.

Eventos Familiares *Tome nota y acompáñenos*

¡Campamento de verano!

La División de Recreación ofrece una serie de campamentos de verano y actividades en 2016. Asegúrese de recoger una guía de recreación en el palacio municipal o a través de www.oakleyinfo.com. La guía tiene información sobre clases de verano, campamentos y eventos especiales para toda la familia. Se requiere pre-inscripción en el palacio municipal, 3231 Main Street, Oakley. El espacio es limitado, por eso no demore para asegurar su lugar.

11 de junio – 1 de octubre: Más Películas en la Plaza

Acompáñenos y disfrute de una película bajo las estrellas. Traigan sillas y cobijas. Las películas comienzan al oscurecer. Las fechas incluyen el 11 de junio, 30 de julio, 27 de agosto, 24 de septiembre y 1 de octubre.

2 de julio: Celebración de la Incorporación de Oakley Como Ciudad

Ya son 17 años desde que Oakley se convirtió en una ciudad, algo que es causa de celebración. Este año habrá más música, comida, actividades para los niños y juegos pirotécnicos. Acompáñanos en el campo de futbol junto a la preparatoria Freedom High School de las 6:00 p.m. en adelante. La entrada es gratuita.

23 de julio: Exposición de Autos

Este año agregamos entretenimiento con la banda *Free Agents*. El evento contará con todas las marcas y modelos de coches americanos y extranjeros. Nos vemos entre las 10:00 a.m y 2:00 p.m. en la Plaza del Centro Cívico. La entrada es gratuita.

20 de agosto: Concierto de Verano

El concierto de verano se llevara acabo en el Centro Cívico comenzando a las 6:00 p.m. El entretenimiento será la banda, *Floorshakers*. La entrada es gratuita.

Propuesta Para Nueva Estación de Tren

Este proyecto establecería una plataforma de tren a lo largo de la línea de servicio de San Joaquín (Amtrak) que ya pasa por Oakley. La plataforma crearía una parada como parte de una ampliación dirigida por el San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority SJPA que gobierna y administra el servicio de trenes en el corredor de San Joaquin (Bakersfield-Fresno-Modesto-Stockton-Sacramento-Oakland). Si todo procede bien los viajeros podrían esperar el tren en una plataforma nueva y llegar a Oakland dentro de 55 minutos (antes de las 8:00 a.m.). La plataforma estará ubicado junto a las vías del ferrocarril entre las calles 2nd y O'Hara Avenue. Se planean 300 estacionamientos adicionales que estaran disponibles para los pasajeros del tren y los clientes de los negocios cercanos.

La ubicación de la plataforma propuesta fue determinada según un estudio financiado por la Comisión Metropolitana del Transporte y de la Autoridad de Transportación de Contra Costa. El estudio identificó este lugar como altamente visible, accesible al público y un fuerte catalizador para continuar la vitalidad iniciada por los recientes esfuerzos de revitalización en Main Street y a través del ayuntamiento. El estudio estima que el espacio alrededor del área inmediata de la plataforma del tren seria ideal para ubicar unidades en la segunda planta y espacio para oficinas y comercios en la planta baja.

Según estudios nacionales el acceso al transporté regional, típicamente aumenta el valor de casas residenciales en los vecindarios cercanos. Igualmente esta plataforma podrá promover el desarrollo "townhomes," o unidades habitacionales de múltiples pisos que es comúnmente preferida por una población joven que ocupa espacios residenciales mas económicos mientras viajan a trabajos más lejanos.

Upcoming Summer Fun! *Mark your calendars*

Summer Camp!

The Oakley Recreation Division will host a number of summer camps and activities in 2016. Be sure to pick up a Recreation Guide at City Hall or visit: www.oakleyinfo.com. The guide includes summer classes, camps and special events for the entire family. Hosted by the Oakley Recreation Division, each camp requires pre-registration at City Hall, 3231 Main Street, Oakley. Space is limited so register early.

July 2: Cityhood Celebration

Oakley's popular birthday bash celebrating the City's 17th birthday will take place at the Freedom Basin and will include jump houses, games, food, music and fireworks. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Wristbands for jumpers are \$5, and kids 5 and under are free. Starts at 6:00 p.m.

July 23: Main Street Car Show

Come out to enjoy live entertainment by the *Free Agents* and a car show from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Plaza. The Car Show is open to all makes and models of American and foreign cars. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

August 20: Summer Concert

The Civic Center Plaza will be rockin' to the *Floorshakers* starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Admission is free.

Movies in the Plaza

Join your neighbors for a free family fun movie night at the Civic Center Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. All movies will begin at dark. This summer's films; June 11: *Inside Out*; July 30: *The Spongebob Movie - Sponge out of Water*; August 27: *Minions*; Sept. 24: *Aladdin*; Oct. 1: *Hotel Transylvania 2*.

Be a part of the decision-making! *Engage in Oakley!*

The online platform offers a new way to weigh in on City projects and issues

This new tool builds on the City's continuing efforts to engage citizens through social media, neighborhood meetings, a Citizens' Academy, and other methods. *Engage in Oakley* can be accessed through the City's website. Each post provides background information, followed by a question or opportunity for citizens' comments and engagement. Read what others are saying and share your own opinion, either anonymously or with your name attached. The forum, made possible by Peak Democracy, is effective in that it allows for surveys, annotations of documents, brainstorming, polls, blogs, photo topics and more.

City officials will use the public input to help guide their decision-making process. "We want the public to be part of the process," said Mayor Kevin Romick. "This is an incredibly effective way to engage residents to participate in decisions from the privacy and convenience of their own home, and at an opportune time to their schedules." The City used *Engage in Oakley* to seek help with the development of the City's two-year Strategic Plan by asking residents to prioritize the *10 Areas of Focus* and the stated goals.



Sprucing Up Oakley

The City of Oakley is continuing its extensive improvements on the west side of the City with the new Gateway Sign and Landscaping Project at the Hwy 160/Main Street interchange. Previously, the site was poorly maintained, unkempt, and overrun by weeds. The newly-landscaped areas will be maintained regularly by City staff that will clear weeds and debris to preserve the prominent entrance into Oakley.

Similar to the monument signs around the City, the Gateway sign is internally illuminated and will be highly visible in the evening hours after the sun has gone down. The new landscaping and sign significantly enhance the appearance when arriving into Oakley and similarly complements the new roadway and median recently completed on Main Street.

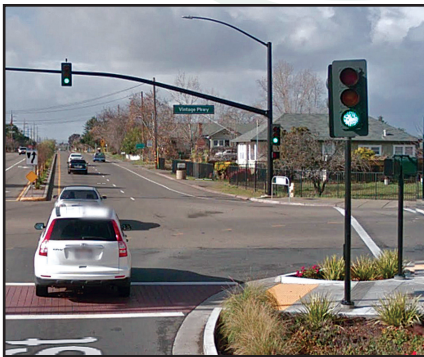


New Oakley City Gateway sign

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Improving Traffic Flows

The City of Oakley continues to grow, and with the new development activity comes a change in traffic patterns as residential and commercial establishments are constructed. The Public Works and Engineering Department is keeping up with these changes and making significant strides in ensuring that the roadway network and proposed roadway improvements are aligned with the demands of traffic within the community.



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission granted funds to the City to synchronize four of our heavily-used traffic signals at intersections along Main Street and Empire Avenue. This effort is currently being studied and implemented to improve efficiency of traffic flow and minimize delays on these corridors. The City is also working on securing the second cycle of this grant that, if successful, would allow for the synchronization of 20 existing signals along our arterial roadways.

In addition to our efforts to synchronize traffic signals, a Citywide Traffic Model is currently being established to evaluate the existing traffic conditions throughout the entire City. Once complete, this model will continue to be updated to assess the traffic impacts in our roadway network as each project is constructed. Lastly, we are working on designing the Laurel Road and Rose Avenue traffic signalization project, as well as the project that would widen Laurel Road between Rose and Mellowood Drive.

These traffic measures will improve the overall traffic operations of the community for years to come. The City will continue to prioritize roadway improvement projects as development proceeds in various parts of Oakley.

(Answers to Oakley Trivia Questions on Page 4) The existing City Hall was inaugurated on December 8, 2007. Previous to this building, City Offices were housed at:

1. 204 Second Street, affectionately known as the "White House" which was donated to the City by the Women's Club,
2. A storefront located on Main Street,
3. Two 7,500 square foot buildings that we added to create the City Hall we have now.

Oakley - Then and Now *We've come a long way, baby!*

Here are some pictures to remind us how far we have come in such a short time. Oakley isn't stopping, either. Read the below article on Oakley's proposed commuter train depot.

Before



Old dilapidated building across from City Hall 2007



Old Centro Mart 2007

After



Carpaccio's on redesigned Main Street corner 2016



New Grocery Outlet store 2016

Proposed Train Platform - *Commute from Oakley to Oakland by Amtrak*

Catch a commuter train to Oakland from Oakley? This project would build a train platform for commuters to board Amtrak from a Downtown station as part of an expanded service operated by the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority. The platform will be located adjacent to the rail line north of Main Street between 2nd Street and O'Hara Avenue. Approximately 300 additional parking spaces are included in the plan in anticipation of the increased demand for parking.

The proposed platform location was selected based on a study funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. The study identified this location as highly visible, publicly accessible and a strong catalyst for continuing the character and vibrancy initiated by the recent revitalization efforts on Main Street at and across from City Hall. The study estimated that the vacant space near the train platform would be ideal for retail/commercial/office development, as well as some residential units.

The convenient access to regional transit, based on national research, would also raise residential home values in the surrounding neighborhoods and promote townhome development, which encourages younger workers to reside in Oakley and start or support local businesses in the Downtown area.



Proposed development downtown at 2nd Street and Main Street

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

June

- 3 City Hall Closed
- 11 Movie in the Plaza (*Inside Out*)
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 17 City Hall Closed
- 18 Community Citizenship Drive
- 28 City Council Meeting

July

- 1 City Hall Closed
- 2 Neighborhood Celebration
- 4 City Hall Closed*
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 15 City Hall Closed
- 23 Main Street Car Show & Concert
- 30 Movie in the Plaza (*Spongebob Movie 2*)

August

- 5 City Hall Closed
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 13 Kids Fishing Derby
- 19 City Hall Closed
- 20 Summer Concert
- 27 Movie in the Plaza (*The Minions*)

September

- 2 City Hall Closed
- 13 City Hall Closed
- 16* City Hall Closed

September (continued)

- 17 Heart of Oakley Festival
- 24 Movie in the Plaza (*Aladdin*)
- 27 City Council Meeting

October

- 1 Movie in the Plaza (*Hotel Transylvania 2*)
- 7 City Hall Closed
- 11 City Council Meeting
- 15 Harvest Festival
- 21 City Hall Closed
- 25 City Council Meeting

November

- 4 City Hall Closed
- 8 City Council Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony
- 11* City Hall Closed
- 18 City Hall Closed
- 24-25 City Hall Closed

December

- 2 City Hall Closed
- 3 Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 10 Breakfast with Santa
- 13 City Council Meeting
- 23 - Jan 9 City Hall Closed

* = Holiday

For More Information:

Find detailed information on specific events and a current list of all events at the City of Oakley website at www.oakleyinfo.com and click on *Events & Classes*.

Have an item for the community calendar?

Local non-profits, service organizations, public clubs, etc. can submit their events for our community calendar. To submit your event, visit the City of Oakley website at www.ci.oakley.ca.us, click *How Do I?* and scroll down to *City Information* and click *View More*, then click *Add an Event to the City Calendar*.

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City Meeting Schedule

All City Council meetings are regularly held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 3231 Main Street.

Meeting agendas are posted online at www.oakleyinfo.com and at the following locations:

- City Hall, 3231 Main St.
- Delta Vista Middle School 4901 Frank Hengel Way
- Freedom High School Library, 1050 Neroly Rd.

City Council

- Kevin Romick, *Mayor*
- Sue Higgins, *Vice Mayor*
- Doug Hardcastle, *Councilmember*
- Vanessa Perry, *Councilmember*
- Randy Pope, *Councilmember*

City Hall Directory

Building	625-7002
Code Enforcement	625-7031
City Attorney	625-7000
City Manager	625-7007
City Clerk.....	625-7013
Economic Development.....	625-7006
Human Resources	625-7011
Parks	625-7037
Planning & Zoning.....	625-7000
Police Non-Emergency	625-8855
Police Dispatch.....	625-8060
Public Works/Engineering.....	625-7037
Recreation.....	625-7041

Community Services

Services Information.....	211
Oakley Chamber of Commerce.....	625-1035
Oakley Library	625-2400
Animal Control	335-8300
Fire District (ECCFPD).....	634-3400

Local Utilities

Diablo Water District	625-3798
Ironhouse Sanitary District	625-2279
Oakley Disposal Service	757-7660

Business Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
City Offices are closed 1st & 3rd Friday of each month