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## Oakley Community Recreation Center



### Ten Year Dream to Become a Reality

The long-awaited Oakley Community Recreation Center is taking shape. Prior to Oakley's incorporation in 1999 the Moura Property (located just south of the O'Hara Park Middle School) was purchased with park dedication funds. The vision of this site was a premiere location for community center-like facility and amenities. This vision is now becoming a reality!

In 1997, a committee was formed that conducted community forums, surveys, and a needs assessment. The assessment results indicated that the citizens of Oakley desired a comprehensive learning, recreation and meeting center that would serve the entire community. These results were reiterated later in 2001 when the Delta YMCA conducted surveys where respondents indicated that the most important need was a recreation center with a large multi-use room, small meeting rooms, teen room, outdoor recreation, trail access, visibility, assembly hall, teen activities, and affordability.

The Chamber of Commerce also conducted surveys of families and found that when asked about community facility needs, respondents mentioned a community center, senior center, and teen center, among other park and recreation amenities.

In 2002 the Moura Community Center Project/City of Oakley Parks and Recreation Subcommittee met to reconfirm the vision and site concept. Additional research found that, when presented with the idea of making improvements to the Moura property, the highest priority was building a recreation center for youth and family activities.

The need for a Community Recreation Center is also highlighted in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan-2002. The Master Plan Facility Standards recommends that at a population of 30,000 Oakley should have a Community Recreation Center and that at a population of 68,000 Oakley should have two Community Centers. *Continued on page 4*

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## City Staff Committed to Impartial Excellence



City Staff attending the Implicit Bias Training

This past May, City Staff, including the Police Department, spent three hours learning about subconscious attitudes (often called “implicit biases”) and procedural justice.

The purpose of this training was to even further exemplify the 3P’s we already aspire to, which are being polite, professional and progressive (finding new ways to do things better, more efficiently, etc.) in all encounters with the public.

According to social psychologists, persons fully committed to egalitarian norms can have subconscious bias due to the physiology of our brains. The “implicit system” in our brain is designed to be reactive rather than reasoned, and thus helps us process information by making quick categorizations. When faced with an ambiguous stimulus, the mental shortcuts “fill in” the uncertainty categorizing people on sight to stereotypes, impacting our perceptions and potentially our behavior. This is pervasive and part of our humanity – even people who consciously reject racial/other stereotypes have some form of bias.

After that depressing realization, Staff learned about the four pillars of Procedural Justice: respect, voice, neutrality, and care. As residents, you expect service be delivered to you in a fashion that builds confidence in the leaders and servants.

Per procedural justice theory, residents are much more likely to comply with municipal codes and requirements if interactions with their government demonstrate respect; provide an opportunity to voice concerns or suggestions; ensure that the policies are applied neutrally (fairly) regardless of age, gender, background, etc.; and, that residents believe that we care about the impact of policies and procedures.

In an effort to truly live up to the neutrality pillar, the last half of the training equipped Staff with concrete strategies that can reduce our biases.

The training was provided by *Day Light Justice*. Day Light Justice founders Christy Chandler and Shanti Brien have over 30 years combined experience as criminal justice attorneys and educators. “I think this training shows the Staff’s commitment to having a positive impact on the community, a contact and individual at a time. Research has shown that biases are malleable. Through raising awareness of bias and providing staff with strategies they can apply, we hope we allowed a space for self insight and motivation to reduce its impact,” said City Manager, Bryan Montgomery.

The training was sponsored by *You, Me, We Oakley!* The Program hosts a variety of activities that bring people together and allow the opportunity for dialogues and relationships to take place overcoming language, generational, racial, and ethnic barriers. Private grant funds support the cost of activities, overhead, promotional materials, etc.

## Downtown Oakley Renovation

### Project Update

The next phase of the Main Street Improvement project is well underway. The project, partially funded with a federal grant, is located between Norcross Lane and 5<sup>th</sup> Street and is the implementation of planning that has been ongoing for several years.

The new improvements of this roadway include new curbs, decorative sidewalks, street furniture, decorative lighting, medians, a new signal at Norcross Lane and Main Street, angled parking, new landscaping, repaving, and the gateway monument (image below).

The first part of this project installed a storm drain system along Main Street. That work was completed last year and allowed the current project to start in late March of this year. The contractors on the project have been very efficient with their work and the final layout is becoming more visible as the work proceeds.

Prior to construction, the City conducted an extensive outreach program that involved contacting each business and resident to ensure that Downtown businesses were accommodated during the work. For merchants facing Main Street, parking was one of the primary issues expressed, so the City responded by constructing a parking lot behind the Main Street businesses between Norcross Lane and O'Hara Avenue.

This parking lot serves both the patrons and the employees during construction and will continue to be a part of a much larger parking lot that is planned for behind these businesses. The contractor has also provided a channelized pedestrian path along the front of the businesses that can be accessed from the parking lot at Norcross Lane.

The construction of the downtown renovation project is proceeding on schedule and the many of the new features, such as decorative sidewalks, curbs and medians are now visible. The beautiful gateway monument will be the last feature of the project to be installed in the median on Main Street and Second Street.

### Oakley Ranked Among California's Safest Cities Again!

The City of Oakley was recently ranked in the LendEDU Top 100 Safest Cities in California Report.

LendEDU is a marketplace for student loans, student loan refinancing, credit cards, personal loans, and other financial products. Oakley ranked 47<sup>th</sup>!

### Oakley Honored as 2017 Playful City USA Community

National non-profit *KaBOOM!* honored the City of Oakley with a *Playful City USA* designation for the second time.

Playful City USA honors cities and towns across the country for putting the needs of families first so kids can learn, grow and develop important life skills. The recognition is given to communities that make it easy for all kids to get balanced and active play through programs, policies and infrastructure.



## *Oakley Community Recreation Center* Continued from page 1

In 2003, the Delta Family YMCA presented a great partnership opportunity to the City and began developing the Moura site by placing five temporary buildings and began programs and classes on site. Plans were developed and fund-raising began to build a permanent recreation center on the site. The YMCA was not able to complete the project and the modular buildings were turned over to the City.

Since that time, the City has been utilizing the temporary modular buildings left behind by the YMCA as an interim Community Recreation Center, but these buildings are aging and no longer sufficient. During the past few years discussions regarding the need to replace the modular buildings took place and talk of making a Recreation Center a priority was reignited.

This conversation has continued and very positive feedback was received during two break outs at the Community Wide Strategic Planning Meeting, a Lunch with the Mayor session on this topic, discussions during the City of Oakley Leadership Academy, as well as at numerous City Council meetings. Furthermore, staff created an online *Engage in Oakley* survey to consult with the public prior to the designing the facilities amenities.

The survey results indicated that the respondents believed that this is a good site for a permanent Recreation Center, and that the amenities that people would most like to see would be a multipurpose room, meeting classrooms, kitchen facility, and an outdoor patio seating area. Further, the thousands of residents currently participating in programs, classes' and events at the Moura Property continue to voice strong support for a permanent home for these community activities.

In order to meet the needs and desires of the community while best utilizing the resources available, the Recreation Center is planned as a phased development project. The first phase of the overall site will include parking, a multi-use field, and a signal at the intersection of O'Hara Avenue and Chianti Way.

The first phase of the building will include a 4,000 square foot community hall, kitchen, office, and outdoor patio space. This new facility will be supplemented by the existing modularity as classroom space until phase two of the building can be completed. Building construction will start later this year and be completed next summer.

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## Did You Notice?

### Dedicated Veterans Parking at City Hall

There's now a dedicated parking spot for our veterans at City Hall. Thanks to the veterans community for proposing and providing the sign. It's a small way to pay honor to those who protect our freedoms and may have even been wounded in service.

May this small action make veterans feel appreciated as they transition back into civilian life.



## Volunteer Residents at Work for You

The City of Oakley has many opportunities to serve your community on volunteer advisory boards that might be of interest to you, as opportunities arise in the future. The advisory boards are one way we engage residents in the process.

These residents' activities on boards range from studying critical issues, performing independent research, reviewing staff reports and recommendations. However, all ultimately require appointees to provide well-developed advice to legislative bodies (our City Council, Board of Supervisors, etc.).

Below is a quick glance at the civic minded residents donating their time to shape a better future alongside Staff and your City Council:

### Contra Costa Library Commission

Yolanda Mendrek is Oakley's appointee to the Contra Costa Library Commission, with Arnald Fitzpatrick, Jr. as an alternate. The Contra Costa Library Commission advises the County Board of Supervisors and County Librarian on library services, and provides a link between communities and the County Library. Information can be obtained by contacting (800) 984-4636.



Yolanda Mendrek.

### Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District Board

Michael Krieg is Oakley's appointee to the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District Board. The Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District Board is dedicated to preserving the health and welfare of residents by reducing the risk of diseases spread by insects and animals and offers services to the public to control insects and animals in a responsible, environmentally-conscious manner.

If you have questions, suggestions or comments regarding mosquito and vector matters, please contact Mr. Krieg at (925) 628-5281 or by email at [mmkrieg@gmail.com](mailto:mmkrieg@gmail.com). You may also contact the District at (925) 771-6196 for assistance or visit [www.contracostamosquito.com](http://www.contracostamosquito.com).

### Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging

Grayce Smith is Oakley's appointee to the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging. April Langro is Oakley's alternate.

The Advisory Council on Aging makes recommendations to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors on matters related to the development and administration of senior programs in accordance with the mandates of the Older Americans Act. If you have questions, suggestions or comments regarding senior programs or matters, please contact Ms. Smith at (408) 840-1226.

### Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens' Advisory Committee

Michael Dupray is Oakley's appointee to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens' Advisory Committee. The Committee provides citizen perspective, participation and involvement in Contra Costa Transportation Authority policy development and implementation. *Continued on page 11*



Grayce Smith

## Cindy Coelho, Oakley's Recreation & Events Coordinator

### Making Oakley More Fun, One Event at a Time

by Barbara Santos

She kicked-off the wildly popular *Summer Blaze* Day Camp at the unofficial start of summer. Then the spectacular *Oakley Cityhood Celebration* with its unrivaled fireworks display quickly followed. Cindy Coelho should be exhausted. Instead, she is bubbling over with enthusiasm for even more events, camps, and classes that will make life fun for local residents in the coming months.

Cindy is clearly a woman who loves what she does as Oakley's Recreation and Events Coordinator. While she prefers staying in the background, everyone should know Cindy is a big reason the magic happens around here.

If you have young children, you may already know Cindy is the Camp Director of the Summer Blaze program—a 'traveling' camp held at Oakley parks—including a park with water features. "When it gets hot, we like to keep the children wet!" says Cindy. But it is also Cindy's job to organize the vendors, food booths, and activities at our various events, including the Oakley Cityhood Celebration. Who oversees the booking of city ballfields for local teams? That would be Cindy.

Another side of her job allows Cindy to be a serious advocate for our Oakley businesses. She is particularly proud of her part in reviving the *Shop Oakley* program with its handsome publication featuring nearly 30 local merchants and plenty of money-saving coupons. "It looks so good, like an actual magazine, people think they have to pay for it, but it's free." She encourages residents to pick up a coupon book at any of the City events or at City Hall.

Cindy also coordinated the *Taste of Oakley* - an event to celebrate food and the folks who provide it. Participants included Oakley restaurants like *Black Bear Diner* and *Sabrina's Pizza*, food stores like *Grocery Outlet* and *Lucky's*; specialty shops like *Guanatos Ice Cream*; and even caterers. "There is a slide show of this year's event we can play at other city events. We are promoting the (Taste of Oakley) participants all year long," she says.

It takes a village to put on a great event—especially all the wonderful activities for the whole family that Oakley offers. Cindy wants to give credit to everyone on the team at the department including Recreation Manager Lindsey Bruno and Senior Recreation Leader Cindy Tumin. On a personal note, it is her husband Michael and son Racin (home from college for the summer) that she credits with rounding out her life. Maybe it isn't surprising that since she is knee-deep in festivals as part of her job, her idea of a great afternoon is quietly reading a good book at home!

Looking toward the future, Cindy is excited about expanded class offerings on the horizon once the new Oakley Recreation Center is completed. She also knows the public has long wanted a facility they can rent for weddings, parties, and other events. "We are currently limited to the portables on the site right now. Construction should be complete by the fall of 2018." The new complex will be located near O'Hara Park Middle School. *Continued on page 11*



Cindy Coelho

## A Very Short Year

### Oakley Police Department's First Year of Service

On May 6, 2016 the City officially assumed responsibility for policing the streets of Oakley. Prior to May 6, the City of Oakley received police services through a contract with the Contra Costa Sheriffs Office. It has been a year of growth, service, and development.

**Growth:** In fiscal year 2016 the Oakley Police Department had an authorized strength of 28 police officers.

Today, we have an authorized strength of 33 sworn officers. For the 2017/18 fiscal year, we've budgeted for an additional officer, bringing us to 34. The additional positions have allowed us to reinstitute our Problem Oriented Policing program and our Police Canine program, as well as expand our Traffic Enforcement unit. We also added an Investigations Division Sergeant and an Administrative Sergeant.



Preschoolers on fieldtrip to Oakley Police Station

All these additions allow us to provide enhanced services to our community. As part of our independence, we developed an in-house records and evidence division. These functions are provided by a host of full and part-time professional employees.



Newest member of the Oakley Police Dept: Koda

**Service:** Along with providing high quality police services, this year members of the Police Department and other City Staff members partnered with the *Friends of Oakley* to participate in the annual Christmas basket program, and the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Our officers hosted hundreds of residents on Police Department tours and participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

**Development:** The City continues to build a comprehensive monitoring system at key intersections. This camera system has been instrumental over the year in helping to solve several crimes. In addition to gathering evidence in major criminal cases, the system has aided in providing clarity in traffic collisions where there were conflicting statements provided by the involved parties.

Other technology developments under way include the patrol fleet upgrades that feature new state-of-the-art tablet computers capable of receiving information regarding stolen or wanted vehicles in the field.

Chief Thorsen likes to tell people about his first patrol shift as a Deputy Sheriff in East Contra Costa County over thirty years ago. *Continued on page 13*

## Energy Choices May be Coming to You in May of 2018

Oakley residents may soon have a choice regarding their source of energy. On March 23, 2017 the City Council voted to join a local not-for-profit MCE Clean Energy (MCE), a Community Choice Energy program that will provide Oakley's energy consumers a choice for their source of energy.

The decision was not taken lightly and followed work sessions, a resident Ad-Hoc Committee studying the option and presenting findings, community public meetings on the topic, and a public workshop.

In short, a Community Choice Energy Program allows local governments to aggregate the buying power of customers in order to provide residents a cleaner energy option that is primary renewable, such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric etc. at comparable prices. Residents will have the option of joining MCE Clean Energy or opting out and remaining with PG&E. Regardless of the energy source selected (PG&E or MCE), PG&E continues to deliver the power and bill customers. MCE customers can even opt for higher renewable energy content, where PG&E's default is 30% MCE Oakley residents will participate in a 50% renewable energy program, but could opt for 100%, at their discretion.

Added benefits to the local community include greater control to the City over energy procurement, as the City would be a part of the governing board, helping to guide rates and future renewable energy facilities that may or may not be in Oakley. Additionally, the electricity rate savings means more money in your pocket, which can be spent supporting local businesses. For a larger business, the savings in its operational costs may be significant enough that it may make a project pencil out and be more feasible to pursue in town.

The Council's decision was the first step needed to submit a formal application to MCE. MCE will now conduct an internal technical study to determine the impacts that the additional, cumulative electricity load will have on MCE's rates and ability to achieve greenhouse gas reductions. This study will inform MCE's Board of Directors' vote to include new member communities, which should take place in August or September of this year.

Unfortunately due to State law, residents will be automatically switched over to MCE and have to opt out to remain with PG&E. However, MCE has a proven track record of executing intensive and very comprehensive outreach tailored to each city's needs to ensure residents understand how to make their choice. MCE will draft a Community Outreach Plan with input from the community to determine demographic-based outreach strategies, community events/public spaces for tabling, community-specific advertising campaigns, communication channels, and more.

This process will include generating an outreach timeline and forming a Community Leader Advisory Group (CLAG). The CLAG will meet several times during the outreach period to provide input and help inform MCE's outreach activities. *Continued on next page*



Mayor Higgins recognizes Ad Hoc Committee Members (left to right): Michael Moore, Mayor Higgins, Diane Brennan-Mayor, Rafael Ochoa. Not pictured: Yolanda Mendrek.



## *Energy Choices May be Coming to You in May of 2018* Continued from previous page

When MCE launches service to new communities it is required by law to send a minimum of four mailed notices informing all electricity account holders of the change in their electricity service. This includes two mailers before the start of service and two mailers after. MCE exceeds the minimum legal requirements by sending a fifth mailed notice.

Mailers with specific information will be sent to customers that are enrolled in special programs such as solar net energy metering, Balanced Payment Plan, or discounted rates for energy (i.e., CARE, FERA). MCE expects, if the technical study and MCE Board vote is favorable, that Oakley would come on line in May 2018.

Special thanks to the Ad Hoc Committee that provided findings to the council. The Citizen's Committee members were: Rafael Ochoa, Yolanda Mendrek, Dian Brennan-Mayor, and Michael Moore.

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## Oakley Community Dog Park Project Update

Dog owners and their furry friends are in for a treat with the new Oakley Community Dog Park on the horizon for construction this year. Construction activities are scheduled to start later this summer and completion is anticipated in summer 2018.

The new dog park is approximately two and one half acres and located adjacent to the existing Nunn-Wilson Family Park. The main features of the dog park include a dedicated large dog and separate small dog play area, a dog water play area, a dog agility training area, a parking lot accessible from Oxford Drive, a restroom, and a shaded group picnic area.



Oakley Community Dog Park Project Plan

The City has received a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for half the cost of construction of the Dog Park which complements local funding for the project. This local funding is restricted for park development only.

The park improvements will further expand to the east, with the conversion of the existing stormwater detention basin to an athletic field to be constructed next year. Studies show that dogs increase social interactions among residents and influence outdoor recreation. This dog park will be great addition to our parks in Oakley for both residents and their pet dogs.

## Oakley Benefits From New Investment



Nature Property Owner Developers

The City of Oakley is more than just business friendly, Oakley is also development friendly.

Residential development is leading the way in Oakley, with over 450 homes completed in 2016 and over 200 new homes anticipated to be built in 2017. Even better news is that it is not just new homes that are being built – developers, retailers, and businesses are also choosing to invest in Oakley. The following are just a few of the upcoming commercial development projects in Oakley:

### Buon Appetito Restaurant

A new Italian restaurant has opened in Downtown Oakley, called Buon Appetito. The owners of Buon Appetito currently operate two other locations, one in Hayward and one in Benicia. Located in the former Carpaccio Restaurant space, Buon Appetito will serve authentic Italian cuisine with homemade pastas, sauces, and deserts. The restaurant space includes seating downstairs as well as an upstairs room available for additional seating and events.

### Nature Properties

A new mixed-use development is coming to Oakley at the eastern entrance to the Downtown. Nature Properties has entered into a Development Agreement to construct a two-story, mixed use project in downtown Oakley along the north side of Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. The 40,000 square foot development will contain first floor retail and second floor office space, and be developed in two phases. Construction on the project is anticipated to start by fall of 2017.

### Full STEAM Ahead Children's Academy

Construction has started on a new 10,000 square foot child care facility located off of Neroly Road in front of Diamond Hills Sports Club. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by next summer.

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## Invite Us into Your Neighborhoods!

*National Night Out* is Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. On that evening, residents are encouraged to get out together and spend time meeting their neighbors. Knowing your neighbors reduces crime and increases the sense of community we all enjoy here in Oakley. Our tradition in Oakley is to have our staff attend your events as they occur across the City. If your neighborhood is having an event, we would like to join you! Please call Ms. Marisa Aguilar at 625-8854. She will coordinate with our staff who will be attending the events. We look forward to meeting with you!




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### *Cindy Coelho, Oakley's Recreation & Events Coordinator* Continued from page 6

Cindy mentions a few more upcoming Oakley events she is working on already: a Classic Car Show on Main Street in July, free *Movies in the Plaza* each month, a Fishing Derby in August, the *Heart of Oakley* in September as well as the *Harvest Festival* in October (*whew!*). It takes organization, not just magic, to make all that happen. Lucky for the residents of Oakley, Cindy Coelho is clearly one organized woman. For details on Oakley's recreational opportunities, go to <http://www.ci.oakley.ca.us/recreation>.

## *Volunteer Residents at Work for You* Continued from page 5

If you have questions, suggestions or comments regarding transportation matters, please contact Mr. Dupray by email at [mr2dupray@yahoo.com](mailto:mr2dupray@yahoo.com). You may also contact the Contra Costa Transportation Authority at (925) 256-4700 for assistance or visit [info.ccta.net](http://info.ccta.net) for more information.

### **East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board**

Brian Oftedal, Adam Langro and Thomas D. Johnson are Oakley's appointees to the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board.

The District serves the cities of Brentwood and Oakley as well as unincorporated communities such as Bethel Island, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Byron, Marsh Creek and Morgan Territory. The District may be reached at (925) 634-3400 or you may visit [www.eccfpd.org](http://www.eccfpd.org) for more information.

### **Citizen Planning Advisors**

Ravinder Batth, Samuel Drucker, Nicholas Garcia, Veronica Gomez, Nick Lawrence and Patricia Twigg serve as Oakley's Citizen Planning Advisors. The six-member appointed Citizen Planning Advisor group reviews subdivision and Design Review applications which could include Residential, Commercial or Industrial projects.

The Advisors have the opportunity to submit comments regarding the applications, which are then made part of the formal staff reports presented to the City Council. The Advisors use the adopted Residential and Commercial/Industrial Design Guidelines in their review of the projects.

### **Oversight Board**

Bill Swenson, John Amie, Sue Higgins, Josh McMurray, Eric Volta, Brian Oftedal, and Bob Kratochvil are members of the Oakley Oversight Board. This seven-member board oversees the activities of the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency.

Some years ago the State dissolved redevelopment agencies and the Successor Agency is tasked to wind down the activities of the former Oakley Redevelopment Agency. The Oversight Board reviews and assists in the implementation of these activities.



Brian Oftedal



Ravinder Batth

## *A Very Short Year* Continued from page 7

"At that time, Oakley was a sleepy town with more cows and orchards than people. We have now grown to become the eighth largest city in Contra Costa County."

He adds, "Our first year has flown by! I'd like to thank the many citizens who have supported us on this incredible journey. Your Police Department will continue to maintain services as this community grows. We will continue to use technology to make us as efficient as possible. I look forward to continuing our partnership in this exciting and growing community."

## Upcoming Events

### August 12: Kids Fishing Derby

Come join us at the Oakley/Antioch Pier as we hold the annual Kids Fishing Derby. This free catch-and-release event is for children 15 years and under. Prizes will be awarded for the smallest, largest, and most fish caught. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The derby runs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and is followed by a free lunch. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at City Hall.

### August 19: Movies in the Plaza

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free showing of the movie *Sing* at the Civic Center Park! All movies begin approximately 30 minutes after sunset. Snacks and beverages can be purchased at the snack bar. See the Municipal Calendar for more movie dates.

### August 26: Concert in the Park

Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy good music, friends, and a summer evening outdoors at Oakley's *Concert in the Park*. This free event starts at 6:00 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza.

### September 23: Heart of Oakley Festival

Save the date for the *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart of Oakley Festival* at the Civic Center Plaza from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy entertainment from local talent, sample local wines and micro-brews, explore the goods of over 50 local vendors and enjoy some delectable delights from various gourmet food trucks. Plus, visit various multi-cultural booths sponsored by *You Me We Oakley* and local residents.

### October 21: Harvest Festival

The City of Oakley will be hosting the Annual Harvest Festival at the Civic Center Plaza starting at noon. Wear your costumes for a costume parade and satisfy your sweet tooth at the Pie Eating Contest! Showcase your pumpkin carving skills by bringing a pre-carved or decorated pumpkin to enter in our Pumpkin Contest. Children's activities and local vendors will be there to celebrate the harvest as well!

### November 11: Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

Come honor those who have served in the United States military at Oakley's *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Observance* which will be held at Civic Center Plaza beginning at 11:00 a.m. Oakley's program will include the Presentation of Colors, student essays, a rifle salute, taps, and more.

### December 2: Tree Lighting Ceremony

Kick off the holiday season with free refreshments, crafts for the kids, live entertainment, and festive holiday decorations at the *Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony* at the Civic Center Plaza! Santa will be a special guest to help get you in the holiday spirit. The tree lighting will take place around 6:00 p.m. in front of City Hall.



Kids Fishing Derby catch!



Harvest Festival Fun!



Veteran's Day Observance

## Need a Passport?

The City of Oakley is a one-stop shop for your passport needs, including photos. Passport application processing hours are between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (except the first and third Fridays of each month and during holiday closure), at Oakley's City Hall located at 3231 Main Street. Appointments are required. Please call (925) 625-7000.

### City Seeks Input Regarding Planned Entrepreneur Incubator

Do you operate a home based business out of your home? Have you thought of finding a suitable space outside of your home? If so, we want to hear from you!

The City owns the building located at 3330 Main Street (across the street from City Hall, which houses Guanatos Ice Cream downstairs) and exploring a small business incubator in the upstairs of this 2,400 square feet space. The center, perhaps one day known as the Entrepreneur Center, would be built to serve the needs of Oakley's small business community.

The City is currently envisioning the space to include:

- Individual offices
- Large and small conference rooms
- Co-working space

In addition to the use of the facilities, tenants in the Entrepreneur Center would benefit from small business programs offered by Oakley's Economic Development program, including the following:

- 10-week Entrepreneur Training Program (How to put together a business plan)
- Condensed Business Plan training
- Business workshops
- Business coaching
- Business mixers and lead events

Help us better understand your needs, that we can better understand the demand for the Entrepreneur Center. Please complete a survey online accessible on the Economic Development webpage of our website at [www.ci.oakley.ca.us](http://www.ci.oakley.ca.us).

## GET SOCIAL WITH US



*Want to receive updates regarding upcoming events, City Council actions, construction projects, employment opportunities, police activity, & more??*

- Sign up for the *Oakley Outreach*, a weekly e-Newsletter
- Join your neighborhood's private social network at Nextdoor.com
- Like us on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter
- ❤️ us on Instagram
- Find us on Flickr
- Be a part of the Decision Making through Engage in Oakley
- Report a Concern via Oakley OnDemand



## Empieza La Construcción de Un Centro de Recreación

La obra del tan esperado centro comunitario ha comenzado. Desde antes de la incorporación de Oakley en 1999, la visión para la propiedad de Moura (localizado al sur de la escuela secundaria O'Hara Park) era de un día establecer un centro comunitario con instalaciones y comodidades adecuadas. De hecho, esta propiedad fue adquirida con fondos designados para parques.

Desde 1997, varios foros, encuestas y evaluaciones de parte de comités comunitarios por el Delta YMCA, y la Cámara de Comercio han establecido una y otra vez que la comunidad cree que hay necesidad de un centro de recreación, que incluya un salón grande y aulas que sirvan para recreación y aprendizaje en Oakley.

Nuevamente en el 2002, un subcomité se reunió para reafirmar la visión y concepto del sitio Moura. Esta investigación encontró que cuando se presentó la idea de hacer mejoras a la propiedad Moura, la prioridad entre los residentes fue la construcción de un centro de recreación para jóvenes y actividades familiares.

La necesidad de un centro de recreación se ve documentado en el Plan Maestro de Parques y Recreación de 2002. El Plan maestro de instalaciones recomienda que al llegar a una población de 30,000 habitantes, Oakley debería tener un centro de recreación comunitario y que, al llegar a una población de 68,000 Oakley debería tener dos centros comunitarios.

En el 2003, Delta YMCA comenzó a desarrollar la propiedad Moura, colocando cinco edificios temporales e inició programas y clases y un gimnasio. Ellos elaboraron planes y comenzaron a recaudar fondos con el fin de construir un centro de recreación permanente de YMCA. El YMCA no pudo completar el proyecto y los edificios modulares fueron donados a la ciudad de Oakley.

Desde entonces, la ciudad ha utilizado los edificios modulares temporales, como si fuera un centro comunitario, ofreciendo clases de recreación, pero estos edificios están viejos, el uso los ha desgastando bastante, y ya no son suficiente. Durante los últimos años, el tema de remplazar los modulares con algo permanente ha surgido. Estas conversaciones se llevaron acabo en el foro comunitario estratégico, en una sesión de almuerzo con el alcalde patrocinado por la cámara de comercio, en la Academia de Liderazgo, varias juntas del consejo y por fin atreves de una encuesta la cual consultó con el público antes del diseño de las instalaciones.

Los resultados de la encuesta indicaron que la mayoría de los encuestados opinan que este es un buen sitio para un centro de recreación permanente, y que los servicios que la gente les gustaría ver sería un salón de usos múltiples, aulas, una cocina y un patio exterior. Además, los miles de residentes que actualmente participan en los programas, clases, y eventos continúan siendo una voz fuerte de apoyo para establecer un edificio permanente en el cual podamos continuar estas actividades comunitarias.

Con el fin de satisfacer las necesidades y deseos de la comunidad dentro de los recursos disponibles, el Centro de Recreación está formulado como un proyecto de desarrollo gradual que se llevara acabo en fases. La primera fase incluye estacionamiento, un campo de usos múltiples (para varios deportes), y un semaforo en la intersección de O'Hara Ave y Chianti. La primera fase de la construcción del edificio incluirá un salón de 4,000 pies cuadrados, una cocina, una oficina y un patio. Este nuevo edificio será complementado con los modulares temporales los cuales continuaremos usando como aulas hasta que tome lugar la fase dos de la construcción. La construcción de la primera fase comenzará a finales de este año y se completará el próximo verano.

## Departamento de Policia: Un Año Despues

El 6 de mayo del 2016, la ciudad asumió oficialmente la responsabilidad de patrullar las calles de Oakley. Antes del 6 de mayo, la ciudad de Oakley recibía los servicios policiales a través de un contrato con la Oficina del Sheriff de Contra Costa. Ha sido un año de crecimiento, servicio y desarrollo.

En resumen, con los ahorros logrados hemos crecido el Departamento. En el año fiscal 2015/2016, el Departamento de Policía de Oakley tenía una dotación autorizada de 28 oficiales de policía. Hoy tenemos una dotación autorizada de 33 oficiales. Para el año fiscal 2017/2018, el presupuesto permite agregar un policía mas, lo cual nos lleva a 34.



Niños preescolares visitan el departamento de policia

Las posiciones adicionales nos han permitido restablecer el programa Problem Oriented Policing (un oficial dedicado a dar le seguimiento a quejas/problemas recurrentes, además agregamos el programa canino, y ampliamos nuestra unidad de tráfico. Por tanto, observen el limite de velocidad al manejar. También hemos añadido un sargento para supervisar la División de Investigaciones y un sargento Administrativo. Todas estas adiciones nos permiten proporcionar mejores servicios a nuestra comunidad.

El Jefe de Policia, Thorsen dice, “Nuestro primer año ha pasado volando! Me gustaría agradecer a los ciudadanos que nos han apoyado en este viaje increíble.”

## Resumen de Desarrollo

La ciudad de Oakley sigue desarrollándose. En el 2016, se terminó la construcción de 450 viviendas y anticipamos que en el 2017 más de 200 nuevas viviendas serán construidas.

Una noticia aún mejor, es que el desarrollo, trae consigo negocios los cuales quieren invertir en Oakley. Los siguientes son sólo algunos de los próximos proyectos de desarrollo comercial en Oakley:

### El Restaurante Buon Appetito

Un nuevo restaurante italiano abrió a fin de junio en el espacio previamente ocupado por Carpaccio. Los propietarios de Buon Appetito actualmente operan otras dos sedes, en Hayward y en Benicia. Buon Appetito ofrece autentica comida italiana incluyendo pastas, salsa, y postres caseros.

### Nature Properties

Un nuevo proyecto de desarrollo de uso mixto está bajo construcción en el centro de la ciudad. Nature Properties ha entrado en un acuerdo para construir un proyecto de uso mixto a lo largo del lado norte de Main Street, entre la calle Second St y Fifth St. El edificio es de 40,000 pies y dos plantas provera locales para oficina y tiendas.

### Full STEAM Ahead Children’s Academy

Ya ha comenzado la construcción de una guardería de niños de 10,000 pies. La guardería esta ubicada en la calle Neroly en frente de el Club Deportivo y Gimnasio Diamond Hills. Se espera que la construcción termine el próximo verano.



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## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

### August

- 4 City Hall Closed
- 8 City Council Meeting
- 12 Kids Fishing Derby
- 18 City Hall Closed
- 19 Community Citizenship Drive  
Movie in the Plaza (*Sing*)
- 26 Concert in the Park

### September

- 1 City Hall Closed
- 4 City Hall Closed \*
- 9 Movie in the Plaza (*Lego Batman*)
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 15 City Hall Closed
- 23 *Heart of Oakley* Festival
- 26 City Council Meeting

### October

- 6 City Hall Closed
- 7 Movie in the Plaza (*Beauty & the Beast*)
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 20 City Hall Closed

- 21 Harvest Festival
- 24 City Council Meeting
- 28 Dia de los Muertos  
Cultural Workshop

### November

- 3 City Hall Closed
- 4 Community Citizenship Drive
- 10 City Hall Closed\*
- 11 Veterans Day  
Observance Ceremony
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 17 City Hall Closed
- 23-24 City Hall Closed\*

### December

- 1 City Hall Closed
- 2 Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 9 Breakfast with Santa
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 22-1/5 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](http://www.oakleyinfo.com) and click on *Events & Classes*.

### Have a Community Calendar Item?

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](http://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*.

### Stay Informed!

Sign up for the City's weekly e-Newsletter or visit our website.



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### City Meeting Schedule

All City Council meetings are regularly held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

Sue Higgins, *Mayor*  
 Randy Pope, *Vice Mayor*  
 Doug Hardcastle, *Councilmember*  
 Kevin Romick, *Councilmember*  
 Claire Alaura, *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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month