



# Neighborhood Services Division

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## 5 Safety tips for your home

1. Keep doors and windows locked at all times. If you choose to leave windows partially open during times of warm weather, secure windows to prevent intruders.
2. Keep the exterior of your home well lit and shrubbery trimmed back.
3. Make sure you have strong locks on your doors – deadbolts that extend an inch and a half are preferred.
4. Install a wide angle viewer in the door.
5. If someone tries to break into your home while you are inside, immediately call 911. If possible, leave the house. If you are not able to get out of the house lock or barricade yourself inside a room.

## Upcoming City of Oakland Community Event:

**Art and Soul:** "Two sensational days of music, food, fun and art in beautiful downtown Oakland." For more information please visit:  
<http://www.artandsouloakland.com/index.htm>

## National Night Out 2014



### SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out!

In 2013, Oakland celebrated National Night Out with 667 parties citywide. This year, the Neighborhood Services Division's goal is to have over 675 parties throughout Oakland. It is easy to participate in National Night Out. Be a host by organizing a block party, barbeque, ice cream social, or other outdoor event that brings your neighbors together. Make sure you register early!

**REMEMBER:** When neighbors know each other, neighborhoods are safer.

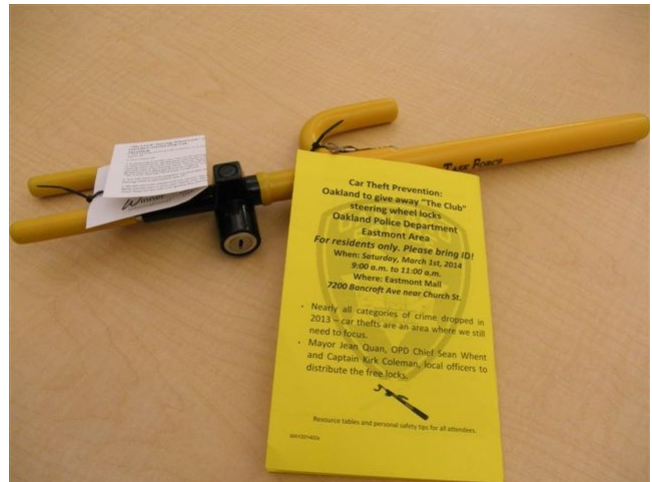
For more information and to register please visit [www2.oaklandnet.com/nno](http://www2.oaklandnet.com/nno) or call (510) 238-3091.

## Area 5 Host “The Club” Give Away

In an effort to reduce car thefts in Area 5, Mayor Jean Quan, OPD Chief Sean Whent and Area 5 Commander Captain Kirk Coleman distributed FREE “club” steering wheel locks on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in front of the Eastmont Police Station.

Neighborhood Services Coordinators distributed flyers throughout Beat 30 and the giveaway was announced on the radio. But the word was out and residents came smiling about their free club. Captain Coleman greeted everyone, checking identifications and the Chief of Police and Mayor Quan presented the device.

Everyone is encouraged to use an anti-theft device to secure their steering wheel or brake pedal. They are a proven deterrent to auto theft. Never leave anything in public view in your car. Roll your windows up and lock them before leaving the vehicle. Set your alarm before walking away from the car. If possible, avoid parking in isolated or poorly lit areas.



If you should be a victim of auto theft, report the crime to the Oakland Police Department by calling the non-emergency number (510) 777-3333 or submit a Crime Report Form ONLINE at [www.oaklandpolice.com](http://www.oaklandpolice.com).

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## Police Services Technician Shares Public Safety Information With Parents and Children

Every week there are Neighborhood Watch and Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council meetings in many locations citywide at various times. Unfortunately there are still parents who are unable to attend these meetings for many different reasons. In an effort to reach everyone, Police Services Technician II, Brenda Ivey and Neighborhood Services Coordinator Karen Harris visited the Rainbow Recreation Center Inclusion program on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. They met with a group of parents who received current public safety information. Many of the parents were Spanish speaking so translation was provided. The parents were given information about various



meeting times and locations and safety tips. The highlight of the presentation was PST Brenda Ivey working with the small children. Brenda demonstrated personal safety techniques to the children and even shared earthquake preparedness information. Every child also became a Junior Police Officer with a silver badge. Each of the children had an opportunity to duck and cover under a desk and away from the windows. All of the children were also fingerprinted. The information provided was very valuable to the parents, grandparents, and staff.

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## The Beat 13Y “Being Prepared Workshops”

Beat 13Y Public Safety Committee/NCPC and North Hills Community Association (NHCA) recently hosted a series of “Three Being Prepared Workshops.” The series of educational workshops was presented in conjunction with Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the City of Oakland. It featured talks by experts, survivors of disasters such as the recent PG&E gas pipe explosion, and vendors of equipment such as earthquake preparedness kits.



Workshop 1: <http://www.northhillscommunity.org/index.php?page=disasterresources>

Workshop 2: <http://www.northhillscommunity.org/index.php?page=disasterresources2>

Workshop 3: <http://www.northhillscommunity.org/index.php?page=disasterresources3>

The North Hills-Public Safety Committee NCPC meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Locations vary so please call (510) 238-6822 or visit [www.oaklandnet.com/neighborhoodservices.html](http://www.oaklandnet.com/neighborhoodservices.html) to confirm location.

### Workshop 1, Oakland Hills: Specific Disaster Risks and Agency

**Response Plans**, the audience found out about critical improvements in municipal preparedness and in the building code that have been made in the 23 years since our last major disaster, the 1991 Oakland/Berkeley Tunnel fire.

### Workshop 2, Taking Control: Building Safety into our Lives

, focused on taking control of one's own safety. Structural and seismic engineering specialists and experts in both property insurance and emergency preparedness presented useful information. There was a presentation of Oakland's CORE program which offers emergency training, suggested tools and equipment lists, medical kits, and emergency communication protocols. This session answered questions such as “What steps can you take today to be better prepared?” and “What will be your initial actions when a disaster happens?”

### Workshop 3, After Disaster Strikes

: The Road to Recovery, focused on disaster recovery. Recovering from a disaster can be an arduous process.

## Beat 27Y Beautification Project



In 2011 The Rainbow Community and Melrose High Hopes Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils (NCPCs) wanted to do something to beautify the Bancroft Corridor. It was decided that the groups would build planter boxes to be placed in the median strip. Flowers would be planted and hopefully some type of signage would follow to denote the area. For the past two years the

boxes have existed with draught tolerant plants. Beat 27Y members weeded, watered and manicured the plants faithfully. NCPC Chairman Bob Bodnar carried bottles of water to the site on his bike and watered on his way to the BART Station. In November 2013 with the assistance Roberto Costa and his extraordinary team of artist, tile panels were begun. Every Saturday at 10 a.m. volunteers met in the Melrose Library basement and worked on the project. Finally the panels were ready to be installed on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The panels were designed to tell a story about the area. They include a panel with students reading a book, which happens at the library. There is a mosaic panel with a picture of a fire truck noting the fire station on 50<sup>th</sup> & Bancroft. There is a rainbow on one panel; it is the rainbow and dove that is also on the Beat 27Y NCPC members T-shirts designed by Julia Baker. One panel says Melrose High Hopes representing the side of the street that is Beat 27X. The project is not

complete and some panels had to be replaced due to an automobile accident on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Residents are encouraged to drive by and enjoy the story that is being told. We want people to know that Neighborhood Councils work to improve the quality of life on the beat and throughout the City of Oakland.



The Rainbow Community NCPC meets the last Thursday of each month at the Eastmont Police Station at 6:30 p.m.

## West Oakland Job Fair



We partnered with the Office of the Mayor and the YMCA of the East Bay to organize the West Oakland Job Fair. It was a very successful event, as we had over twenty employers on site, and over two hundred job-seekers attended. Many employers handed out applications, conducted interviews, and noted that they planned to hire individuals they had met at the event. We also had a workshop wherein participants could receive support building and developing their resumes.

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## Earth Day at Sobrante Park



**Before**

Sobrante Park residents participated in Earth Day on April 26th, 2014. The residents chose to clean-up 105th Avenue and Edes Avenue. Here are the before and after pictures:

### City-County Neighborhood Initiative Sobrante Park

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**After**

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## Cinco de Mayo

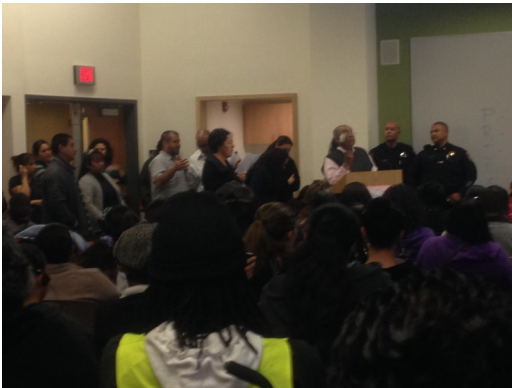
On Sunday, May 4, 2014 Oakland Police Dept. and Neighborhood Services Division joined Councilmember Noel Gallo, AC Transit, BART, CHP, Fire Dept and the Fruitvale Merchants in celebrating Cinco de Mayo.



Over 500 people enjoyed the Neighborhood Services booth and the OPD Lowrider. Over 500+ safety materials, bags, finger printing kits and stickers were distributed out to visitors. Over 100 prizes were raffled out to children. Families and Mariachi enjoyed taking pictures with the Lowrider and Officers.



## Community residents working with City, County offices to make their schools safer



On February 20, 2014 over 180 parents from Acorn Woodland School, EnCompass Academy and residents from Melrose/Coliseum Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) organized a meeting with City, County and OUSD staff regarding safety concerns around the schools and 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue Library. The purpose and vision of the meeting was not about what hasn't been done; more of how can we work together with the City Departments, County agencies, OUSD.

As a result from the meeting there have been some short term improvements:

Public Works Agency and Traffic Services Division repainted sidewalks, painted curb clearance at the driveways, painted bus stop curb, added stop ahead sign, installed one way signs at parking lot exit, No parking along school, added double line on 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. A speed bump will be installed in the fall on Rudsdale to curb the speeding and traffic.

The Oakland Police Dept., OUSD PD., BART PD and the Oakland Housing Authority PD have all issued citations for traffic violations; which resulted in the decrease of speeding, traffic and hit and runs. The Oakland Police Dept. was instrumental in getting a crossing guard.

Alameda County was instrumental to ensure food vendor had proper health permits. As a result the food vendor is no longer impeding traffic and has relocated.

"What is important is that they kept their word (City, County, BART, OHA) and continue to help us. It was not just a meeting but it felt like a community coming together regardless of race, gender, language, etc.. We all had one goal in common and it was the safety of our children and residents; that brought us together." said Rosa Ibarra, parent leader from EnCompass and NCPC committee member.

"Our job is still not done there is still a long way to go. We need more community involvement", said Ted Adkinson, Chair of the Melrose/Coliseum NCPC.

More long term improvements will take place in the coming months and year.

Since the meeting in February attendance and participation to the Melrose/Coliseum NCPC from parents have increased. They are getting more involved in Community Clean ups, taking classes to get certified for CPR, attending programs at the 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue Library and started teaching computer classes.

"Nothing can be more empowering, rewarding and motivating than seeing a group of residents getting involved to make a difference for their children as well as community. Seeing the fruits of their labor become a reality. They made it happen. I am honored to be working with great leaders. They motivate and remind me why I love my job." said Edith Guillen, Neighborhood Services Coordinator for the area.

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