



Measure Y Newsletter

Your Measure Y Dollars at Work For a Safe Oakland

May 2008

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for supporting Measure Y, Oakland's violence prevention and public safety initiative. We'd like to let you know how the funds raised through your generosity are being used to create a Safe Oakland. If you know others who are interested in this information, please [forward it to a neighbor](#).

Meet Officer Dodds: A 20 Year Veteran



How much more effective is an officer when he has close ties to the community? According to Officer Keith Dodds, it makes a world of difference.

"Working in the communities I grew up in, people already knew who I was when I went into their homes," he tells me. "It gave me an edge. I was viewed less as law enforcement, and more as part of the family."

Officer Dodds has been a resident and a member of the Oakland community his entire life, and is a twenty year veteran of the Oakland Police Department...

[Read more about Officer Dodds](#)

Walk to End Poverty

To celebrate May as National Community Action Month, the Oakland Community Action Partnership is hosting its 3rd Annual Walk to End Poverty and Violence on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 9 a.m., around Oakland's beautiful Lake Merritt.

This annual community event is intended to raise awareness about the conditions of the 68,148 people living in poverty here in Oakland. Come join us at the Lake Merritt Bandstand for a free 8:00 a.m. registration, and come relax after the walk at the 10:00 a.m. Community Fair! You'll enjoy the live performances, free snacks, and children's activities, so bring the friends, bring the family, or walk the dog to show support for our communities.

For more information, please feel free to visit us on the web at www.OaklandCAP.org or contact us at 510-238-2362.

Oakland Fire Junior Marshal Program



The Oakland Fire Department now has a Junior Fire Marshal Program. These students are taught the importance of a fire safe school environment and are mentored by a fire inspector during their tenure.

The Fire Prevention Bureau, in conjunction with the Oakland Unified School District, private schools and charter schools, select a group of students from Grades 5 to 8, to become Junior Fire Marshals for the school year. Call 238-2391 for details.

Questions? Comments? Have a story to share about your neighborhood? For more information, please visit us at www.MeasureY.org.

Sincerely,

The Measure Y Team

We are: Police, Fire, and Community Programs for a Safe Oakland

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The [Neighborhood Services Division](#) Invites you to the [Oakland Neighborhood Summit 2008](#) "My block. My Community. My Responsibility!"

Saturday, May 31 at Laney College
Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:15am-9:00am

Program & Workshops 9:00am-3:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Joseph Marshal, Ph.D., Omega Boy's Club

Registration Deadline: May 16th

For more info and to register, call 238-7159 or check out the [flyer](#).

Next Measure Y [Oversight Committee Meeting](#)

Monday, May 19th
6:30-9:00pm
Hearing Room 1
City Hall
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
Oakland

For more information, contact Jeff Baker, Assistant to the City Administrator, at jbaker@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3671.

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