



News from
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Reminder: Public Safety Not Affected by City of Oakland's Planned Business Closure This Friday

OAKLAND, CA – As previously announced, due to budget cutbacks the City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services on Friday, March 13, as approved in the October 21, 2008, revised budget.

Police, fire and other essential public safety and emergency services are not affected. For a complete list of City facilities which will remain **open** during this closure, go to www.oaklandnet.com.

Mayor Dellums said: “Our nation is facing one of the most severe economic crises in our history. Local governments throughout the country are struggling to remain financially solvent. Many have chosen to stay open fewer days to reduce costs, opting to close business as often as once-a-week, in addition to laying off employees. These are painful choices that require a delicate balance between maintaining vital services and exercising budgetary restraint.”

Specific Service Impacts

Public Works

- Street sweeping will occur only in areas where parking restriction signs are posted.
- No other routine Public Works operations will be performed during the closure.
- Serious emergencies — such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions — will be responded to.
- The Public Works Call Center will be closed to all routine calls. Routine services will resume on Monday, March 16, 2009, and will include park maintenance, tree services, street light outages, pothole repair, graffiti abatement and illegal dumping removal. Delays in routine services may occur due to backlogs from the holiday/closure period.

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Oakland Public Library

- The Main Library, branch libraries and AAMLO will also be closed on Friday, March 13.
- All libraries, including AAMLO and the Tool Lending Library, will be open regular hours on Saturday, March 14.
- The Main Library will be open during regular hours on Sunday, March 15.
- Normal operating hours will resume on Monday, March 16.

Oakland Animal Shelter

- The Oakland Animal Shelter will be **CLOSED** on Friday, March 13.
- The Animal Shelter will be open regular weekend hours on Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15.

Oakland Parks and Recreation

- Recreation Centers will be closed.
- Parks will be open, however restrooms will be closed and staff will not be onsite.
- The gates to Joaquin Miller Park will be closed, but trails will be accessible to the public.

Remaining Business Closure Days for 2009

A total of thirteen business closure days were approved in the revised budget. The City will suspend administrative and other City services one to two days per month, for a total of six additional days, for the remainder of the fiscal year, through June 30, 2009. In an attempt to minimize impacts on both employees and residents, the remaining business closure dates will take place, whenever possible, around official City holidays and have been scheduled as follows:

- **Friday, March 13**
- **Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10**
- **Friday, May 22** (Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day)
- **Friday, June 5 and Friday, June 19**

A list of open facilities during the closure is attached.

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