

OPDC

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OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older
Oakland Residents

This Adopt-a-Block Team is Next Level



Every year, OPDC recruits, coordinates, and supports teams of student volunteers for clean-up events all over Oakland. Our student groups have fun, make friends, pick up litter—and help build Oakland connections.

Members of Circle K, an international service organization at Pitt, are always looking for opportunities to volunteer.

Semira McFarlane, Vice President of Service for Pitt’s chapter (far left, above), says she likes Adopt-a-Block “because you can socialize while getting work done.”

McFarlane’s job with Circle K is to choose service projects for members to get involved in. “I really care about the work itself,” said McFarlane. “And I’ve gotten pretty good at it!”

Since McFarlane became team captain last



fall semester, Circle K has organized 3 successful clean-up events along Semple Street, with more planned before the semester is done.

“It’s rewarding to see all the bags of trash piled up after we’re done as evidence of our accomplishment,” said McFarlane. Her team averages 4-7 bags of trash, which are collected by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

McFarlane says that she sees Circle K continuing their partnership with OPDC in the future. “I hope to have another 2 years in my position with Circle K and to continue doing this work with Adopt-a-Block for those two years!”

This year, OPDC worked with more than 250 Adopt-a-Block team members, who put 300+ hours into cleanup events, collecting over 105 bags of trash from Oakland streets. Thanks to all our amazing volunteers!

Events

Let's Talk: Move-Out Season!

Wed, Apr 19. 6 p.m. In-person at 294 Semple or via Zoom: bit.ly/3MGCFCo

Join a community conversation to learn about how Pitt, the city, and OPDC are preparing for this summer's trash tsunami.

Phone: 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 829 4683 8403

Passcode: 483514



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Visit our website for complete information on OPDC's community activities and projects:
www.opdc.org

Public Comment Opportunities

Community Needs Forums

Wed, Apr 26. 6—7 PM. 414 Grant Street. Additional meetings via Zoom: bit.ly/3KWceY6

Do you want a say in the use of federal funds for community development and housing?

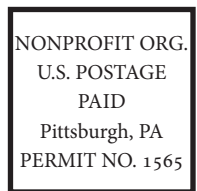
Join one of four public meetings the city is hosting on programs for people who are low- and moderate-income, unhoused, or have HIV/AIDS.

Pittonkatonk

Sat, May 13. 1—11 p.m. Schenley Park Vietnam Veteran's Pavillion

The annual Pittonkatonk May Day concert and BBQ is a volunteer-supported celebration attended by more than 3,500 people.

Join the fun with dozens of local, national, and international brass bands and local social and environmental justice organizations.



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PennDOT 12-Year (TYP) Program Update

Every two years, PennDOT updates the TYP. The public comment period for the next update runs through April 30, 2023.

Oakland has two PennDOT assets: Forbes/Fifth and Boulevard/Bates/2nd Ave. We invite folks to prioritize public transit, and want those priorities to be reflected in the plan.

Survey available online at bit.ly/3KzpWig.