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OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older
Oakland Residents

Neighborhood Quality Today



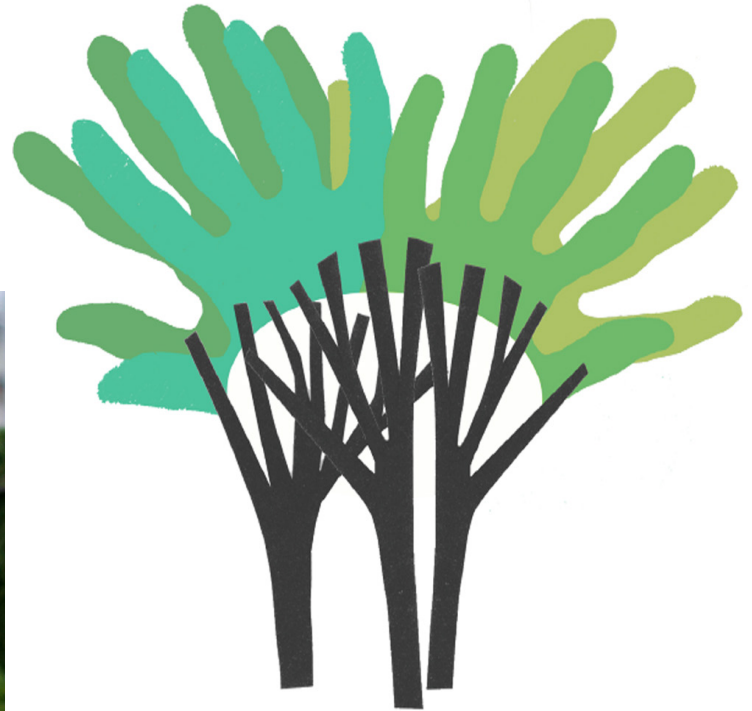
A new school year is beginning—and Liz Gray, Neighborhood Quality Consultant at OPDC, is ready. Here are her insights for getting plugged into the quality-of-life scene.

“Oakland is on the rise,” says Gray. “We have better capabilities to work with landlords and report concerns than we did five years ago.”

Each year, Oakland welcomes students new to living on their own, so there is a need to educate them about being a good neighbor.

“Neighborhood quality is for everyone,” says Gray. “We’re not asking anyone to do anything that is above and beyond—containing trash, cutting grass. It’s an education... adult 101!”

Oakland residents can come to OPDC if they are concerned about neighborhood quality.



“I can be your voice and amplify your voice,” says Gray. “I’m happy to show you how to file a 311 concern. Become a squeaky wheel.”

Do you want to be more involved in neighborhood quality? Attend meetings like Oakwatch: The Oakland Code Enforcement Project.

“We’re a community—a family. Everybody who lives here has a responsibility for each other.”

Oakwatch meets quarterly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Sept 21. Liz Gray can be reached at lgray@opdc.org and 412.335.0933.

FILE A 311 CONCERN

Dial 3-1-1 to speak to a live operator from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

UPMC Lifestyle Village Survey

UPMC broke ground on Presbyterian Bed Tower on Fifth Ave and De Soto St in June with the building planned to open in fall 2026.

UPMC is conducting a survey on the types of programs, services, and events Oakland residents want in the “Lifestyle Village.”

Take the survey online at bit.ly/lifestyle-village or over the phone with Assistant Director Andrea Boykowycz at 412.621.7863 x217.



The first three floors will be a dedicated publicly-accessible space: the Lifestyle Village.



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Be a Good Neighbor Block Parties

Block Parties bring together Oakland residents, off-campus students, and campus and community partners for family-friendly, get-to-know-you gatherings with food, games, music, and prizes.

FULL SCHEDULE

Block parties are 5-7 p.m., rain or shine.

SEPT 6—South Oakland

Dan Marino Field (Frazier Field) at 3716 Frazier St

SEPT 13—North Oakland

Gallagher lawn at 234 North Dithridge St

SEPT 14—Oakcliffe

Oakcliffe Community Playground at Craft Ave and Niagara St

SEPT 20—Oakland Square

Dawson Street at Oakland Square

SEPT 27—West Oakland

The Corner, 200 Robinson St

Hosted by the University of Pittsburgh.