

OPDC

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# OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older  
Oakland Residents

## New CLT homes on Frazier Street!



OPDC's mission is to build a better Oakland and help neighbors thrive. In the case of the four new Oakland Community Land Trust (CLT) houses we built on Frazier Street, that mission is literal.

"We're thrilled to be building new homes and introducing new neighbors to South Oakland," says Andrea Boykowycz, OPDC Interim Director. "The CLT will ensure these houses remain affordable and owner-occupied in perpetuity."

OPDC began the Oakland CLT in 2018 with just two houses. Now we have almost 20. With each new house, the CLT offers a chance for homeowners to build equity, while preserving opportunities for future homebuyers through community control of the land.

Lanita Lee had been renting in the Hill District while working in Oakland at Magee Women's



Hospital for the past eight years. This April, she and her family joined the South Oakland community as first-time homeowners of one of the new-construction houses.

"It feels great. It's a beautiful home," says Lee, whose purchase was made possible by a Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) grant through a program developed by OPDC. Camille Dixon, OPDC Community Services Director, worked closely with Lee to mend credit, reduce debt, and secure the support she needed. "We help applicants understand the funding and qualifications for affordable homes and the best options we have for them," says Dixon.

Special thanks to the Oakland Development Fund, URA, WesBanco, PHARE, FHLB, Shape Development, and Pfaffmann and Associates for making this project possible.

# Charles Anderson Bridge Meeting



*Wed, May 31. 6—8 p.m. Virtual and hybrid at 294 Semple, Frazier Fieldhouse, and 3439 Parkview.*

The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and the Mayor's office are holding a public meeting to share updates on the Charles Anderson Bridge rehabilitation.

*Questions? Call Andrea Boykowycz, OPDC Interim Director, at 412.621.7863 x217.*



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## CLT Events

### Let's Talk: Oakland Community Land Trust

*Wed, May 17. 6—7 p.m. 294 Semple and Zoom.*

Join a community conversation to learn about the CLT and how it serves the community's interest by guaranteeing the sustainability of affordable homeownership.

Phone: 646 558 8656  
Meeting ID: 829 4683 8403  
Passcode: 483514

### Frazier Street Block Party

*Sat, June 3. 12—3 p.m. 3747—3787 Frazier; no parking zone.*

Meet new neighbors and celebrate the completion of four permanently affordable, owner-occupied CLT homes. Food and drink provided—potluck dishes welcome!

*Questions? Call Hannah Fierle, Operations and Volunteer Coordinator, at 412.621.7863 x117.*