

A Newsletter for Older Oakland Residents

## The weather is getting colder...

Do you or someone you know need help with heating bills? The 2023-24 LIHEAP season is now open. LIHEAP offers one-time cash grants to help with utility bills for low income families — between \$300 and \$1,000, depending on household size, income, and fuel type. To apply, call the Allegheny County Assistance Office at 412-565-2146.

Need help with snow removal? We can help match you with Oakland volunteers. Please stop by our offices at 294 Semple Street or call 412-621-7863 x123.

### ... Oakland hearts are warm!

The University of Pittsburgh is planning for another successful Christmas at Pitt event this year. Contact Justin Dandoy at Justin.Dandoy@ pitt.edu if you'd like to help, or if you have questions or suggestions about donated gifts for Oakland youth.

Community Human Services has expanded their Wednesday hours at the Lawn Street Food Pantry. Food prices are on the rise, and our partners at CHS have seen increased demand in Oakland for food assistance. Reach out to OPDC's Dave Friedman with questions about accessing food supports in Oakland – 412-621-7863 x123.

It's sock weather! Are you a knitter? Want to learn? Carnegie Library in Oakland hosts a We Learn Knitting Circle every Tuesday at 4:00 pm. Visit the library or register online at http://carnegielibrary.org/events for more information.



# Safe at Home in Oakland

Lee Schmidt is Pittsburgh's Director of Public Safety — a job that encompasses everything from police, fire, and emergency medical services to animal control, nighttime economy management, and homeland security. Every neighborhood has its own mix of public safety challenges, and Oakland has a bit of everything.

What are your biggest safety concerns? Director Schmidt will be talking with Oakland residents at this month's Let's Talk on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. Join us at 294 Semple Street or online via Zoom – see the link at opdc.org/events. Bring your questions and suggestions!



## **Homes for Sale**

Oakland is a great place to live. Help us spread the word! The Oakland Community Land Trust creates affordable homeownership opportunities for working families, and we have homes for sale in South Oakland, Oakcliffe, and West Oakland.

OPDC has recently completed renovations to six 2-bedroom homes on Edith Place in South Oakland. These homes are available starting at \$145,000 to qualified buyers. Contact Elly Fisher at 412-621-7863x221 for more information.



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#### **Events**

Let's Talk: Oakland Public Safety Wed, Nov 15, 6:00-7:00 p.m. 294 Semple and Zoom.

Phone: 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 876 9823 6197

Passcode: 896767

Bring your questions for Lee Schmidt, Pittsburgh's Director of Public Safety!

#### **PRT Bus Line Redesign Public Meetings**

Tue, Nov 14, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID: 838 1497 8845 Thur, Nov 16, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID: 841 7639 5420

Join to learn about PRT project goals and give input about how you utilize the PRT bus network and how it can better serve you. Register at BusLineRedesign.com. Registration is required.