

OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older
Oakland Residents

Emergency Rental Assistance

If you are an Allegheny County resident struggling to pay rent or utilities, and have experienced financial hardship or unemployment at any time since March 2020, you could easily qualify for emergency rental assistance. Call Camille Dixon at **412-621-7863 ext. 212** or reach out to ACTION Housing directly at **412-248-0021**.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

As of April 13, all Pennsylvanians 16 and older are eligible for a vaccine. If you are 1A eligible and still have not received a vaccine, we recommend you make an appointment as soon as possible. Stay up to date on vaccine availability by signing up for the **Allegheny County Community Notification System** at bit.ly/allegHENYalerts.

Where can I get a vaccine?

1. If you have a primary care physician, call them first!
2. UPMC is committed to delivering COVID-19 vaccines as quickly as possible. Visit <https://vaccine.upmc.com> and fill out a form **OR** call 844-876-2822 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm any day of the week. You will be contacted as soon as a vaccine slot becomes available.
3. Call 2-1-1 for help scheduling a COVID vaccine or to have your vaccine questions answered.



Hello, Spring!

Now that the weather is warming up, Oakland can't wait to get outside.

- The **Car Bazaar** is a socially distanced flea market in downtown Pittsburgh. Open every Saturday this April from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Learn more at carbazaarpgh.com.
- In the spirit of Earth Day, get involved and outdoors with **Venture Outdoors!** Sign up for events throughout the week on the website: bit.ly/voed21.
- Join the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy at Schenley Plaza for their **Intro to Hatha Yoga** class from 5:00 to 6:00 pm on April 22. This class will focus on nine yoga poses, and will include 15 minutes of deep relaxation breathing techniques. Register for this free event at bit.ly/schenleyyoga.

Can I recycle this?

The City of Pittsburgh is planning to have bag-free recycling by 2023, and is distributing new recycling bins to encourage participation. Oakland residents will receive their free 32-gallon blue recycling bins with tight-fitting lids this spring. Look out for a mailer that will be sent two weeks before you receive your blue bin.

Want to brush up on your recycling skills? Learn about “wish-cycling” and how you can avoid contaminating your recycling. Sign up online for a **free educational webinar** at bit.ly/pghwishcycling.

Street trees!

TreeVitalize Pittsburgh works to increase Pittsburgh’s street trees. Do you know an Oakland street that deserves more trees? Please contact Maura McCampbell at **412-621-7863 ext. 111**.



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www.opdc.org

It’s that time of year, Clutter collection is here!

With the semester coming to a close, OPDC and Pitt are looking ahead to spring and summer when leases turn over. Clutter for a Cause collects and redistributes unwanted durable items so they stay off Oakland streets and out of landfills. But Clutter isn’t just for students! OPDC and Pitt will collect household items for donation at the Sennott Street parking lot on April 26 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please call Maura McCampbell at **412-621-7863 ext. 111** with any questions.

Dates to know

**April 21, 12:00pm: Oakwatch:
The Code Enforcement Project**
Meeting ID: 872 3222 2013
Passcode: 699343
Join by phone: 646-558-8656

**April 27, 6:00 pm: Oakland-
Wide Design Development
Review Community Meeting**
Meeting ID: 820 8369 2421
Passcode: 238921
Join by phone: 646-558-8656