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OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older
Oakland Residents

Here's where we are on Oakland Public Realm E (OPR-E)

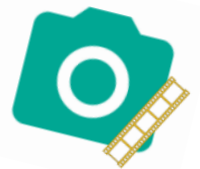
On Tuesday, February 8, Mayor Ed Gainey requested a second 30-day continuance on the Oakland Public Realm Subdistrict E (OPR-E) proposed zoning ordinance. According to the Mayor's Office Press Release, the administration will consider the zoning in a phased approach, and "continue to advocate for a solution that prioritizes equitable development, inclusionary zoning, food access, and aligns with the priorities in the Oakland Plan."



Until the public hearing before the Planning Commission (now scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.), residents are encouraged to leave their feedback on the proposal at the EngagePGH website, engage.pittsburghpa.gov/OPR-E. If you would like assistance submitting testimony or want more information, contact OPDC's Community Engagement Specialist **Yeraldyn Pacheco** at **412.621.7863 x119** or at ypacheco@opdc.org.



Celebrating Black History Month



Charles "Teenie" Harris (1908–1998) was the leading photographer for *The Pittsburgh Courier* from 1941 to 1975. Nicknamed "One Shot" for his quick ability to photograph his subjects, Teenie captured the daily lives of Black Americans, including athletes, celebrities, and civil rights leaders. His work is featured year-round in the Carnegie Museum of Art, now with a new interactive exhibit. The City-County Building is also featuring a tribute to Teenie Harris this month with an exhibit of both his negatives and his impact on Black history in Pittsburgh. See the online photo gallery and display at pittsburghpa.gov/events/black-history.

Senior Aging-in-Place Homeowner Assistance Resources are Still Available



Any Oakland homeowner over the age of 55 who is at or below 80% of area median income may be eligible to receive up to \$22,500 for home repairs and modifications when they join the Oakland Community Land Trust (CLT). By joining the CLT, participants continue to own and live in their home; and ensure their home will remain homeowner-occupied in perpetuity. The CLT is growing! OPDC just welcomed a new family to Coltart Street in January. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the CLT, please contact OPDC's Community Engagement Specialist **David Friedman** at **412.621.7863 x123** or at **dfriedman@opdc.org**.



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www.opdc.org

Snow Angels



Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter, so we're still connecting residents with volunteers to assist with snow shoveling. Contact Community Engagement Specialist **Yeraldyn Pacheco** at **412.621.7863 x119** or at **snow@opdc.org** to be matched with a volunteer who will shovel your sidewalk and walkways within 24 hours of a snowfall.

Dates to Know

Wednesday February 16, 6:00 p.m.

Let's Talk... Oakland Plan: Projects and Programs – Representatives of the Department of City Planning will share updates on the Oakland Plan. Bring your questions, concerns, and ideas – and your neighbors! – for this resident-focused discussion.

Meeting ID: 829 4683 8403

Passcode: 483514

Join by phone: (646) 558 - 8656