

Direct to You

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The Holiday Season—

A time for family, joy, gratitude,
giving & celebration.

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Good Afternoon OHA Team,



Thanksgiving has always been the official beginning of the holiday season, a time for family, joy, gratitude, giving, and celebration. If you were like me, the experience was different this year, as my family celebrated thanksgiving in our individual homes. I “Zoomed” with my sisters while we cooked and laughed, played “KaHoot Family Feud” (old school verses new school—we let the youngsters win), and shared family stories that might have been “just a little” larger than life.

All in all, Thanksgiving gave me plenty of time to feel gratitude for all that is good in life—so of course that meant thinking a lot about OHA and the wonderful work we do.

Each day we come together as the OHA team to do good work that graces us with the opportunity to have a positive impact on our co-workers and the community we serve. Despite the challenges of this year, our OHA team has risen above and learned how to serve the Oakland community in new ways, and the results demonstrate the heart of service that is *The OHA Way*.

So this week I want to highlight our colleagues by sharing a few photos (see above) of OHA employees in our daily efforts working as a team, and the resulting impact to families and the properties we care for.

OHA, I am thankful for each of you.

Have a great week!

Patricia



REMEMBER: if you have reasonable suspicion that you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you are experiencing symptoms of fever (100.4 Fahrenheit or higher), coughing, or shortness of breath, do not report to work. Immediately contact your primary care provider and then your supervisor for instructions on what you need to do next. If you have any questions regarding your schedule, please contact your supervisor or Director. If you have questions in regards to pay or leave time, please contact Human Resources at (510) 874-1575.

All past issues of Direct To You are available on the OHA website for 24/7 access. In addition to the messages sent directly from the OHA executive director, you can also find links to other resources, articles, and up-to-date information about OHA operations and the ways we are addressing the current health crisis.



2021 OHA Holiday Schedule and OHA Calendar



Oakland Housing Authority

2021* HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

OHA will recognize the following holidays in 2021. Business offices will be closed on these dates.

January 1	Friday	New Year's Day
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (Observed)
February 15	Monday	Presidents Day
March 31	Wednesday	Cesar Chavez's Birthday
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day
July 5	Monday	Independence Day (Observed)
September 6	Monday	Labor Day
September 9	Thursday	Admission Day (OHA office closed)
November 11	Thursday	Veterans Day
November 25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving Day (OHA office closed)
December 23	Thursday	1/2 Day - Christmas Eve (OHA office closed)
December 24	Friday	Christmas Day (observed)
December 29	Wednesday	1/2 Day - New Year's Eve (OHA office closed)
December 30	Thursday	New Year's Day (Observed, OHA office closed)

One floating holiday will be earned on Indigenous People's Day, October 11, 2021. Unreps earn a floating holiday on Thursday, September 9, 2021. Please note that holidays that fall on an Alternate Friday (day off) will be observed on the previous scheduled work day. *Calendar was created on and is current as of October 27.

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2021 **OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY**
1619 HARRISON STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612 • Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm. The downtown office is closed on alternate Fridays. The calendar below outlines the 2021 holiday and office closures.

JANUARY

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MARCH

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APRIL

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JULY

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AUGUST

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OCTOBER

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DECEMBER

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2021 OBSERVED HOLIDAYS (OHA Offices Closed)

January 1 New Year's Day	May 31 Memorial Day	November 11 Veterans Day	December 24 Christmas Day (observed)
January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	July 5 Independence Day	November 25 Thanksgiving	December 29 1/2 Day - New Year's Eve
February 15 President's Day	September 6 Labor Day	November 26 Day After Thanksgiving	December 30 New Year's Eve (observed)
March 31 Cesar Chavez Day	September 9 Admission Day	December 23 1/2 Day - Christmas Eve	

Thanks for Giving!



In a world of “me, me, me,” some employees of OHA are asking, “What more can we do for you?” This was demonstrated the week before Thanksgiving when one OHA family had the misfortune of experiencing a fire at their home. Fortunately, it was just a structural fire and everyone was safe, but unfortunately they lost many of their belongings and added one more thing to the list of frustrations for 2020.

The OHAPD team that responded to the incident, however, quickly realized and embraced the opportunity to help beyond just taking the report for the family that had been displaced. OHAPD **Squad 4** sprang to action that same

evening by gathering resources and was able to quickly obtain groceries and other supplies to help the family in their time of need. Team FCP followed up a few days later with additional supplies and resources to aid the family through the holiday.

Recognizing that this is the season to care and share, Squad 4 and FCP remind us all that we can serve others in ways both large and small. We are grateful to have such amazing colleagues here at OHA; and we are thankful for their service to our clients. Thank you Squad 4, which includes Corporal **Juan Ramirez**, Officer **Brian Quon**, Officer **Ramanpreet Singh**, and Police Service Aide **Alex Contreras**, all supervised by Sergeant **Ramon Jacobo**. An additional shout out to the FCP team for connecting the family to longer-term resources.



Win a prize for the Holidays

With so many people taking the responsible step of quarantining over the Thanksgiving holiday, we are all looking for ways to make the experience fun and memorable.

Many sources, including Town & Country Magazine, are offering [Quarantine Thanksgiving Ideas](#). Try a few or come up with your own.

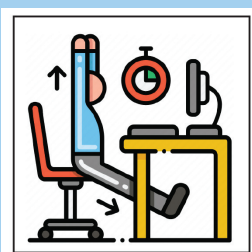
Share your favorite ideas via [Direct From You](#) by Friday, December 4, for a chance to win a gift card. The best ideas will be included in the pre-Christmas **Direct To You**, giving OHA employees even more ways to enjoy the holidays responsibly.



OHA Employees Working as a Team, Making Our Neighborhoods and Community Better



RESOURCES & REMINDERS



GET UP AND MOVE fitness class.

Beginning Tuesday, December 1, and then every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter, OHA will be providing a “Get Up and Get Moving” Zoom class two times per week for 15 minutes. Each session will be a little different—sometimes dance, sometimes calisthenics, sometimes yoga—but always fun!

Don't forget to bring your boogie shoes and get ready to get up and get moving!

NOTE: By accepting the Zoom meeting invitation, it will be on your calendar and you will receive reminders; then join when you can. Always check with your physician before beginning any new exercise program.