

Cross Roads



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The last issue of the CrossRoads was published in the Fall, 2013, and only contained Borough information. Information from the public schools was missing due to a technical problem. I am happy to report that the situation has been rectified. And WE ARE BACK! Just as we moved our clocks forward in the Spring, we have also moved forward and once again enjoy the cooperative partnership between the Borough of Oakland and the Board of Education.

So what is new since I last wrote my message?

We survived the winter snow. Much appreciation and applause to our DPW for the terrific job they did clearing our roads. Unfortunately, snow, plowing, salting and winter thaw have caused damage to our roads. If you have noticed severe potholes which have not been re-



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The Oakland Public Event Committee is pleased to continue to bring exciting events, open to all of Oakland's residents. This year is no exception.

The spring season kicked off with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the recreation fields. A great big 'bunny' thank you to everyone who attended and especially to those who made it so special, our wonderful residents.



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THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

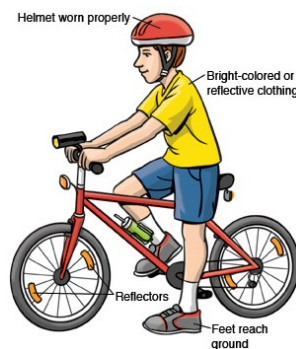


After a very long, cold and snowy winter, spring is upon us. Cabin fever will soon be gone and our roads will be filled with pedestrians and bicyclists.

It is important as drivers to be mindful of them sharing the roads; it is equally important for pedestrians and bikers to obey the rules of the road. Bicyclists must obey ALL of the same laws of the State of New Jersey that motor vehicle drivers abide by. For example, bicyclists must obey traffic signals and traffic signs. Pedestrians also must obey traffic signals and signs, such as when to or when not to walk into an intersection; and cross at designated crosswalks. Along

with bikers and walkers, motorcycles will be out in force. These vehicles are sometimes hard to see so it's important to be aware that they are out there.

Another road hazard is the left over grit and salt that is on the roadway. These hazards stay on the roads until the spring rains wash them away, so it is important to be careful of this.



Another issue in the spring is the emergence of the Black Bear.

Bears come out of hibernation in the spring and are hungry; they also have new born cubs at this time. A few things to remember going forward: DO NOT FEED THE BEARS!! This is very important because they become accustomed to people and sometimes lose their fear of humans. It is also important to try and keep your trash secure, as they see this as a meal.

Although they are cute, you should never approach bear cubs. Mom is never far away and if you happen to get between her and her cubs, she will become very defensive and protective of

them; and we know how protective moms can be!

If you do see a bear in your neighborhood, it's a good idea to let the Police Department know (201) 337-6171. We will respond to the scene and monitor the situation. To keep our residents safe, we have trained officers to deal with problem bears.



THE OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Oakland Public Library will soon be all decked out in daffodils and hyacinths! The Library garden is thanks to Girl Scout Daisy Troop #95390, Brownie Troop #94893, and Jr. Troop #94143. The Girl Scout Leaders and the Oakland Garden Club Ladies helped with the final preparations for last fall's bulb planting. Put thoughts of winter aside, and come to the Library to enjoy a taste of Spring! Once through our doors, there are so many wonderful programs you may enjoy. Our goal is to have something for everyone!

The Children's Dept. has just finished our "Leaders are Readers" program with the Dogwood Hill, Manito, and Heights School Principals. Each year, Mr. Clark, Mr. Silverstein, and Ms. Ciambra visit the Children's Dept. of the Oakland Public Library, and invite students in their respective schools for a very special story time. The Principals are a "Celebrity for a Day", and each child that attends gets a special memento—a bookmark with his Principal's photo. Everyone looks forward to this annual event. Thank you to the School Principals for making this program such a success!

The Children's Department has just completed a nine-week session of Preschool Story Times but will continue the Story Times for three and four-year-olds on Mondays from 10:30 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm and the Tots Library Club (for children Birth to 24 months) on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for the month of April and into May. Children, ages 6 and up, may sign up for an Art Inspiration Series with art enthusiast, Arleen Ritter, on Tuesdays, April 1, April 15, and April 29 from 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm. Each session will feature a different artist. The Tail Waggin' Tutors program is offered to children of all ages. The Library has two of the most adorable therapy dogs, Daisy and Sadie, who visit the Children's Department once each month. Children have a chance to read a favorite book to the dog during these sessions. Tail Waggin' Tutors is usually the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:10 pm and the second Thursday of the month from 5:30 pm to 6:10 pm.

It is almost time for Oakland Kindergartners to get their own Library Cards! Miss Debbie, the Children's Librarian, will visit each Kindergarten class, and bring the Library Card application and read a few stories to the children in their class-

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room. The class then has a field trip to the Library. On that day, each child will receive his own library card. Our Oakland children, and their parents, always look forward to this very special day!

This year's 2014 Summer Reading Club will begin on Tuesday, June 24. The Kick-off event will be "Dragons & Dreams" presented by the Sciencetellers from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Dogwood Hill School Multipurpose Room. This is a perfect program to start the festivities for the "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Summer Reading Club. Oakland children of all ages may join us for the summer extravaganza!



Oakland teens will be invited to join their own Summer Reading Club in June, "Spark a Reaction!" The active teen volunteer program transitions from the school year into the summer months with some fantastic projects such as a carnival for the children.

The Adult Dept. is holding six Computer Workshops every Wednesday from March 26th through May 7th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The workshops will be an Introduction to Computers, Basic Mousing 101, Introduction to the Internet, Create an Email account, Email 101, and Downloading eBooks. Registration is either in person or by phone at 201-337-3742.

The latest addition to the Adult Programming Lineup is our Knitting Club, which is held on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Certified Knitting Teacher Lenore Meyer leads the program. Ongoing programs include two book clubs that meet monthly, and the Thursday morning Career Transition Support and Networking Group, Neighbors- helping-Neighbors, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

For further information, call (201) 337-3742 or visit the library's website: www.oaklandnjlibrary.org/friends.

IF THIS IS THE YEAR YOU TURN THE BIG 50! CELEBRATE WITH A COLONOSCOPY!

Here is a little info so you can come clean for this procedure.

A colonoscopy is a procedure where a special doctor called a gastroenterologist examines the walls of your large intestines by looking through a long flexible fiber-optic scope. The gastroenterologist is searching for little growths called polyps that have the potential to turn into cancer. The doctor will remove these polyps thereby PREVENTING CANCER.

The Gastroenterologist will give you instructions on how to prepare for the colonoscopy. He will prescribe medications that will empty out your bowels. This is necessary so there are no "obstructions" blocking his view as he examines the inner walls of your colon with the endoscope.

You will begin to prepare yourself the day before you have the colonoscopy. You need to be ready for this day! So, two days before the Colonos-

copy, pick up the medications the Gastroenterologist prescribed. Review with the pharmacist the correct way to prepare and take the "clean out" medications. Re-read the instructions you were given from the Gastroenterologist's office. Have clear juices, broth, and Jell-O (not red) available to drink the day before the colonoscopy. Also, since you will receive sedation during the colonoscopy, you need to recruit someone to drive you home after the procedure.

The day before the colonoscopy stick to the clear liquids. Make the prep more palatable by mixing it early in the morning and chill it in the refrigerator until it's time to take in the afternoon. You will be spending time in the bathroom so have some magazines or a lap-top handy. Remember, do not eat anything solid -it will only get in the doctor's way! Do not eat or drink anything after midnight. The day of the colonoscopy dress comfortably. Have

a list of any medications you take ready to show the nurse and anesthesiologist. A nurse or anesthesiologist will start an IV in order to give you fluids and medicine for sedation during the colonoscopy. You will be monitored - heart rhythm, blood pressure and oxygen level throughout the procedure and while you are waking up from anesthesia.

After the procedure you may feel a little bloated and have an urge to pass gas. Go ahead- since you took your prep correctly it is only the air the doctor put in.

**Reduce your
Risk of Cancer**

"A colonoscopy can prevent cancer!"

OAKLAND BUILDING DEPARTMENT



For those who have survived this winter, with spring begins projects both in and outside the home. The Oakland Building Department is available to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm for permits and information. If you aren't sure whether a permit is needed, please call the office for advice and information. The Building Department number is (201) 337-1644.

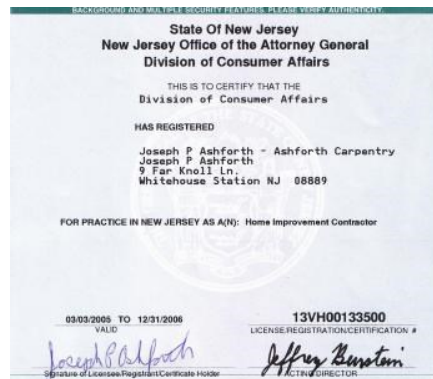
Fence permits are available through the zoning office which is also located in the Building Department. New Borough ordinances now require new height and setbacks for sheds, air conditioners and generators. Please contact Mike Tabback, Zoning Officer at 201-405-7710.

Residents are reminded that permits issued by this office must receive final inspections for work. Final inspections should be made by this office before final payments are made to contractors. Inspections may be scheduled by contacting Gail Bowitz,

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Technical Assistant at (201) 337-1644.

The Borough of Oakland reminds residents that if a contractor comes to your residence unannounced and advises you that repairs must be done immediately caution you to please verify that the contractor is a licensed New Jersey Home Improvement Contractor.



Any licensed contractor will provide this information. Don't get pressured into unnecessary repairs or work. Any contractor that is not licensed as a Home Improvement Contractor cannot work on your home. If you find yourself in this situation please contact this office or the Oakland Police.

The Fire Prevention Bureau wants everyone to remember that when the clock changes it is time to change the battery in your smoke detectors. All smoke detectors have batteries and they need to be periodically checked and changed. If you need information regarding this or the location of detectors please contact Ralph Porrino, Fire Inspector at (201) 227-9616.

Residents are also reminded that fuels used for generators of other liquid fuel equipment should be located in a safe and stable area. Keep these fuels out of the garage area and areas of extreme heat and unventilated areas.

Residents who are selling their home or changing tenants need to make sure that a Continued Certificate of Occupancy is obtained at least two weeks prior to the selling or leasing date. A Continued Certificate of Occupancy application can be picked up at the Oakland Building Department.



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OAKLAND FIRST AID SQUAD CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



The John Robert Walker, as it is officially named, was started in 1954 by John and Vivian Walker in memory of their son, John Robert Walker. Today we continue the tradition of providing free Emergency Medical Service to our residents and businesses. We have been able to do this through the continued support of the community and the Mayor and Council. Although financial support is very important, we need people to keep us going to! We responded to a total of 891 calls last year. Of those, 654 patients were transported to the hospital, 10 calls were fire department assists, and we did 19 stand-by for sporting or community events.



Pictured are two of our members. Connie Monks has been a member since the beginning. Connie responded to emergencies for many years and continues to contribute by attending our meetings and preserving our history. Valerie joined as a junior member while she was still in high school. She actively responds to emergencies while continuing her studies in college. Our members are accountants, mechanics, teachers, students, medical professionals, retired, self employed, unemployed. Anyone with the ability to pass the Emergency Medical Technician course and physical can apply or if you have other abilities that you think would benefit our organization, please contact us.



We are celebrating our 60th anniversary this year. Please look for future events and check our Facebook page as well. Thank you for your support! Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/ofasnj>



OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Since 1909, the all-volunteer members of the Oakland Fire Department have been serving the residents of this great community. In addition to responding to emergency service calls, we provide our Community with public service information through tours of our firehouses, participation at School events and through our annual Fire Prevention week program that helps education the youngsters of our community on fire safety.

As well as serving the residents of Oakland, we are also members of the North West Bergen Mutual Aid Group which means we help our neighboring communities, also volunteers, when they need assistance and they likewise do the same for Oakland. The men and women that make up the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department are all residents of Oakland. As first responders we work closely with the members of the Oakland Police Department, Oakland First Aid Squad volunteers and Oakland DPW.

Thankfully, many of the calls we respond to are not life-threatening. A typical call lasts approximately 51 minutes and can average 16 responders covering two support apparatus and maintaining our fire desk operations. However, there are times when calls are more serious such as during hurricanes Sandy and Irene where we ran continuous shifts for nearly 48 straight hours.

In just the past three years, our department has averaged close to 430 emergency service calls per year. That means that on an annual basis our members put in over 10,000 man-hours responding to emergency service calls. In addition to these service calls, we will spend over 3,100 man-hours training on the latest fire, river and ice rescue techniques. Additional time is spent inspecting and servicing our equipment to keep things in good operating order.

Through your generous support during our fundraising efforts, we have been able to purchase equipment and perform improvements at our firehouses without asking for funds through the Municipal Budget. Some of these purchases and building improvements include: Purchasing of the Scuba truck, two new Assistant Chief's cars, the Suburban support vehicle, the reconditioning of the Scuba truck for Swift Water Response, the refurbishment of the service kitchen at Company 1 (a designated Town shelter site) and the construction of the Radio Dispatch Fire Desk and its equipment.

The Oakland Fire Department is always looking for additional volunteer firefighters to protect the lives and property of our neighbors. For more information, and an application for membership, come to the Yawpo Ave firehouse any Monday night at 7:00 PM and ask to speak to one of our Chiefs or Officers.

We want to thank the Residents of Oakland, and the Mayor and Council, for your continued support of our efforts.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF SUMMER ARE BACK!

After a cold and snowy winter the first signs of spring are upon us. Nothing says nice weather then the "crack of the bat". This year our baseball and softball programs are hitting record number of participants, as Oakland's boys and girls enjoy the game that most of us have played. Spring training will take place during the month of April as games begin by May. June 7th is the date of this year's parade, which will feature a hero's welcome for our players, the traditional ceremony and carnival for players and siblings to enjoy.

Our Mountain bike program enters its second year and is sure to be a fun time for kids and adults alike. Please remember to sign-up for the program early as it sells out fast. This year we hope to run the classes at Great Oak Park.

Spring golf and tennis are underway which helps Oakland's youth to improve their swings and develop an appreciation for the sport; along with having a lot of fun. Oakland is fortunate to have its own golf driving area and putting green located behind field 9 and the equipment shed. Residents are welcome to take advantage of these amenities.

Soccer, Football and Cheerleading sign-ups are held this spring,

to find out information about those sports, as well as summer camp and summer sports camps sign-ups, please visit www.OaklandRec.org. Enjoy your spring Oakland, we all deserve it!

**It's Official, The Name is
Great Oak Park!**



GREAT OAK PARK

Founded 2013

OAKLAND NEW JERSEY

After a much spirited campaign and vote, the name Great Oak Park was decided upon as the name for the 40 acres of land located on the western part of town. The property once was the location of Mueller's Park and Pleasureland Park. All the great memories from those parks will live on even though Oakland has chosen a new name for the park's future.

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we all deserve it!"***

Weather has held up a lot of the work that was to be begin this winter, but with the spring comes rebirth. Two boy scouts will be opening up walking trails, cleaning-up debris and preserving the beauty of the park. A new sign will be erected on Route 202 that proudly announces that Oakland, while progressing will preserve the environment and landscape that has made our hometown so appealing.

Bird houses will dot the park from one end to the other. The Sports Association of Oakland will be erecting approximately 20 colorfully painted houses, made by Oakland children in the SAO's art classes. Another 40 will sit high in the trees donated to Oakland by an anonymous benefactor.

Mark your calendar, Saturday April 26th will be the "Great Clean-Up of Great Oak Park". Everyone and anyone is welcome to put on a pair of gloves and boots and lend a hand. The clean-up will give you the opportunity to not only join the efforts in transforming the park, but to see inside the park for yourself. To register for the clean-up and follow the developments of Great Oak Park, please keep visiting www.NewOaklandPark.com

See you on April 26th!

OAKLAND PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE EASTER EGG HUNT



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We particularly thank all of our dedicated volunteers who make these events possible and for the countless hours spent on planning each and every detail, our omnipresent DPW staff and our terrific sponsors Walgreens & Starbucks! The Oakland Public Events Committee meets on the second Monday every month at 7:30 pm at the Seniors Center (behind the Oakland Police Station) and we are always looking for new volunteers to join us.

Our next event is our annual Memorial Day Parade being held on Sunday May 25th at 1:00 pm. In June we will hold another annual tradition; The Oakland Carnival scheduled for June 25-28 and the Fireworks Display scheduled for Saturday night.

Please look for more details on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-Public-Events-Committee/422216124499094.
 E-mail us at oaklandpec@gmail.com.



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paired, call DPW with the location or contact me and I will forward the information to DPW.

The Great Oak Park is moving along. If interested in participating or just want to hear about the progress of the Park, attend their regular monthly meetings. The committee is anxious to hear your ideas.

Sewers. They are coming! When I moved into Oakland with my husband in 1973, the realtor told us, "Sewers are coming." Fast forward 41 years and now you hear me saying the same words, "Sewers are coming." The difference is that I am focusing full attention on this project and promise to work diligently towards finally bringing sewers into our town.

Completed Library Construction. The litigation is completed. Architects have visited the structure and submitting proposals. Shortly, bids will be accepted, and then we can finally move forward...speaking of the library, thank you to Abby Saner, Library Director, who has transformed the library from an old fashioned quiet reading room to a bright, welcoming, and technologically inviting community resource center.

IT'S TIME TO COME HOME. I received some very disturbing news—many residents left our library and have begun using the Franklin Lakes Library. The increased usage in Franklin Lakes by Oakland residents has resulted in a \$4,500 annual surcharge to BCCLs. Come back to our library. Visit our facilities. You will

be pleasantly surprised. In addition, you will be saving your fellow taxpayers money.

I was told that some go to Franklin Lakes instead of driving to our library because of traffic.

Traffic. When I first ran for office I made traffic congestion an issue. After I was elected, I was able to convince the County to synchronize the traffic lights on Ramapo Valley Road, north of West Oakland Avenue. The lights are synchronized and yet we still have traffic congestion during rush hours. There are hurdles to jump, but I live by the famous quote, "Nothing is impossible." I will not give up! We have to find a way to move the many vehicles traveling through our town.

Van Allen House and Stream House.

The Ramapough Conservancy has been busy filing and obtaining grants for repairs and renovations. In addition to grant money, they are raising the necessary funds to match the needed money. Keep a close watch on the property. You should see repair work begin shortly.

Now that winter is behind us, it is time to go out and think healthy. You recently received a card inviting

you to register for the Mayor's Wellness Program in conjunction with the Bergen County Weight Loss Challenge.

It is a 12-week program beginning April 5, 2014. (If you have not registered and still want to participate, go to the gym and sign up.) At the end of the 12 weeks in June, you will be eligible for prizes if you regularly weighed-in and attended seminars on nutrition and healthy living. In addition, you receive free passes to the local gym, Do Well Be Well, 340 Ramapo Valley Road in Oakland. For more information go to the website, www.DWBW.net. Together we can make Oakland a healthier community and gain points towards Sustainable New Jersey certification.

Please remember that if you wish to contact me, talk to me or write to me with your comments and suggestions. Call me on the telephone. If I am unable to talk with you, leave a message and I will return your call. Email me at mayorschwager@oakland-nj.org. I will respond. Visit me at Borough Hall during my regular open office hours before council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. I arrive at Borough Hall by 5:30 p.m. and stay there until it is time to go to the council meeting. Come to our council meetings and express your opinions. I may not have the answers when you ask, but I will certainly find the answers and get back to you in a reasonable time.

Until next time, Mayor Linda H. Schwager



COLONIAL DAY AT HEIGHTS

As a culminating activity to our Colonial Unit, our fifth graders created and organized a special afternoon filled with Colonial crafts and foods. Parents/Guardians and our fourth graders too, had the opportunity to hear about the different products that were available during Colonial times, including a replica of a pillory.

Additionally, the fifth graders, along with their teachers, dressed up in Colonial garb. Many thanks to our fifth grade teachers, Ms. Fredericks, Ms. Garling, Ms. Gostomski, Ms. Keane, Ms. March and Mr. McMullan for all of the extra time, effort and energy that they expended to bring this project to fruition.

Kudos also goes to all of the parents/guardians who assisted their children with this special endeavor to make it the great success that it was. Our strong home/school partnership remains the backbone of successful children and a wonderful school environment.



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DOGWOOD HILL FIFTH GRADE AND PARENTS ENJOY MINUTE TO WIN IT EVENING

In what has become a family and school tradition at Dogwood Hill School, the fifth grade students and their parents enjoyed a, "Minute to Win It," sports night coordinated by the Physical Education Instructor, Ms. Jessica Glazer. On the evening of March 20, students were teamed up with a parent or guardian to try their skills in a series of events based on the Minute to Win It television show.

Each student/adult team had one minute to complete a silly, fun challenge. Did you ever think it was possible to balance three golf balls on top on one another? Well, one of our teams completed that challenge in under a minute. Other

pairs of participants stacked and unstacked cups to form a pyramid, tried to balance five apples atop one another, tossed ping pong balls into plastic cups, tried to paddle-ball a crumpled piece of paper into a garbage pail and a host of other tasks.

Throughout the evening, laughter rang through the multi-purpose room as moms, dads, aunts and uncles got a chance to share a stress-free, fun time with our students. This is the fourth year that Ms. Glazer has coordinated the Mi-

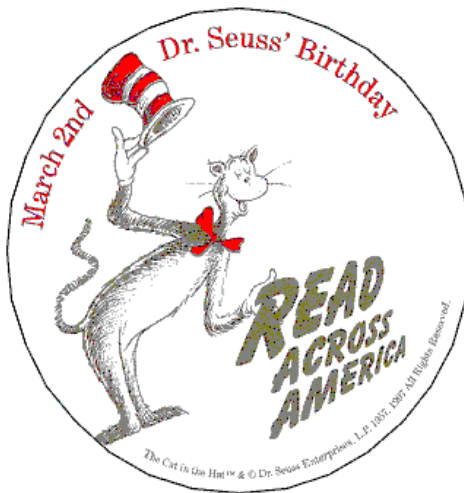
nute to Win It theme in the annual fifth grade sports night, and it was once again a hit. Thirty-six stations were set up throughout the multi-purpose room. Every sixty seconds, the challenge would end and the pair of contestants would have to move on.

There were a number of Dogwood Hill School staff members on hand to assist with the stations and join in on the laughter. Fifth grader, Frank, thought balancing the golf balls was the most fun, "because it was the hardest." His classmate, Nick, shared, "They were all fun." All the students agreed that Ms. Glazer should bring it back again for next year's fifth grade.



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READ ACROSS AMERICA AT MANITO



On February 27, Manito School fittingly launched its Read Across America celebration by welcoming the Cat in the Hat to our K-2 classrooms for a brief visit.

What followed was a month-long celebration of reading, as Manito continued its tradition of welcoming first grade parents, district personnel and other special guests to the classroom to serve as 'mystery readers'. In addition to having every first grade child's parent participate, Manito students were treated to a reading from Superintendent, Dr. Coffaro and the Valley Middle School administrative team, Mr. Desiderio and Ms. Christiano. Manito principal, Mr. Silverstein also served as a mystery reader and had the privilege of reading to about 30 of his biggest fans at the Oakland Public Library on March 18 to punctuate the month-long event.

The Manito Community extends its sincere appreciation to first grade teachers, Ms. Davis and Ms. Parr for organizing our annual mystery reader program, and to all of the mystery readers who brightened our long winter days by sharing one of their favorite children's books.



ANOTHER WIN - VALLEY CAPTURES SECOND PLACE AT NATIONALS!

Valley Middle School's Future City team came home victorious once again after competing in the Future City® National Competition in Washington, DC. The team, Adam Akovity, 14, Nigel DaSilva, 13, and Christopher Leymeister, 14, teacher Judith Vihonski and mentor Robert Akovity received a \$5,000 STEM scholarship sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).

After a summer of research, the team began their engineering work in September



writing an essay on future transportation, designing a city on SimCity software, creating a tabletop city model, and preparing a 7-minute presentation. Their creation was Whenua Aotearoa, a city located near the Bay of Plenty, on New Zealand's South Island.

Key elements of their city included an educational system that offered individualized learning experiences. Teachers and students used HoloDesks, three-dimensional workstations, to project holo-

"Valley Middle School's Future City team came home victorious once again "

VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2014 TOSHIBA / NSTA EXPLORAVISION

Two teams of Valley Middle School sixth grade students were selected as Honorable Mention Winners in the 2014 Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision competition. The ExploraVision competition requires groups of students to select a current technology, research it, think what it might look like in 20 years, and describe the design process, the positive and negative consequences, and obstacles. The Honorable Mention award places the teams in the top 10% of all ExploraVision projects submitted. This year, over 14,000 students participated.

Sarah Applebaum, Christopher Flug, and Eric Ming envisioned the Smog Shield, a transparent breathing mask that filters pollution. Victoria Boyce, Stephan Klein-MacDonald, and Gavin Vallesterro developed the Mending Med, a bandage of the future made with bacterial nanocellulose to speed the healing process.

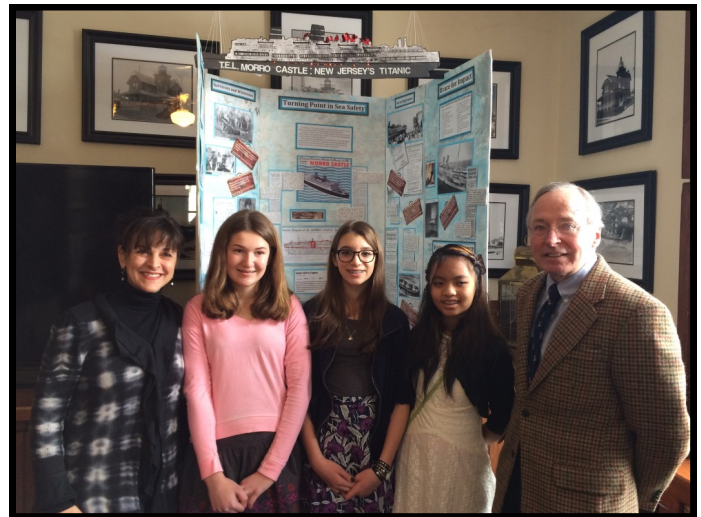


The students were coached by Ms. Jena Boomhower, a teacher for Oakland Public Schools' Gifted and Talented program.

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graphic images during classes. Public transportation systems, the cross-city Super Conducting Vacuum Trains (SCVTs), Surface Skimmer integrated ferries, and electric buses were all eco-friendly and efficient. In Addition, Their engineers created a unique Manure-To-Methane (MTM) system that collects and processes the animals' waste and turns it into methane that drives fuel cells to generate clean electric power.

Since last fall, 40,000 middle school students from 1,350 schools have been engaged in the 2013-14 Future City® Competition. Teams from 37 middle schools and organizations, each a winner of intense regional competitions held throughout January, participated in the Future City National Finals, which took place at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC as part of Engineers Week, February 16-20, 2014. With a first-place national win in 2013, four second-place national victories, and fourteen regional championships in fifteen years, Valley is very proud of its students and record!



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