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## SENIOR-DISABLED HOME REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

The City provides many unique programs and services to the community, including the [Senior-Disabled Home Rehabilitation Loan Program \(SDRLP\)](#). The SDRLP assists qualified low-income senior and/or disabled Berkeley homeowners repair their homes to eliminate conditions that pose a threat to their health and safety. The people served by the SDRLP are some of Berkeley's most vulnerable. Of those served, 91% are elderly, 51% are disabled, and 62% are female heads of household. Over the past 20 years, this program has provided over \$2 million in federal and state funds to over 100 households to help them remain in their home by providing much needed health and safety related repairs. Kudos to the team that makes this work possible: Be Tran, Kim Cobb, Raquel Molina, Rhianna Babka, and Jeffrey Glover.

## COFFEE WITH A COP

Building trust with the community is a top priority for the Berkeley Police Department. One of the many strategies the department has is for officers to meet and talk with people to strengthen ties with the community. The Berkeley Police Department's Coffee with a Cop is coming to downtown Berkeley this month. On Wednesday February 13, from 8 am - 10 am, at McDonalds (1998 Shattuck), get to know some of the people who serve on our police force. Ask questions, voice concerns, or simply begin a conversation over a cup of coffee.

## INTERACTIVE MAPS ONLINE

The City has a new [community portal](#) where the public can use interactive maps to learn about projects, properties, environmental features, and much more. The [community portal for geographical information services \(GIS\)](#) allows the public to research topics that previously required a phone call, email, or even a visit to City offices. With this new portal, it's easy to explore (and export, share or print!) a variety of topics:

- Property & Planning
- Environmental
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Community Services
- Base Data

## RECREATION EVENTS

- Feb 7 *Soulful African American History Celebration*, all ages, free, 6 pm, MLK Jr Youth Service Center Gym
- Feb 21 *Black History Celebration*, all ages, free, Frances Albrier Auditorium
- Feb 26 *African American History Celebration*, all ages, free, James Kenney Gymnasium