

# H I S T O R I C O A K L A N D

#### FOUNDATION

Oakland Cemetery & Its Economic Impact

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Tarique Ashraf How many ways can Oakland be a part of someone's story?

- As a volunteer or visitor...
- As a celebrant or guest...
- As a nearby diner, shopper, or bar-hopper...
- As a neighbor...

#### Volunteers & Visitors: Oakland By The Numbers

- Annual revenue: \$5,052K
- Annual visitors: ~125K
  - Event attendees, dog walkers, picnickers, runners, families, and more
- Major annual revenue drivers:
  - Event and Program Admission: \$770K
    - Illumine (7K attendees)
    - Spirit of Oakland (8K attendees)
  - Plant Sale: \$150K
  - Visitor Center Sales: \$125K

### Celebrants & Guests: New Event Spaces In Progress

- Two event space projects
  - Bell Tower renovation
    - Event space for 120 standing or 60 seated people
  - New Visitor Center with event space
    - Event space for 325 standing or 200 seated people
- Will welcome a variety of events like weddings, birthday parties, and corporate events at rental cost of \$500 to \$3K for the Bell Tower and TBD for the Visitor Center

## Celebrants & Guests: How Does Oakland Compare?

- In the Atlanta area:
  - Atlanta History Center: \$10K-\$12.5K
  - Historic Freight Depot: \$11K-\$25K
  - Woodruff Arts Center: \$3K-\$9K
- US cemeteries that allow weddings:
  - Bonaventure Cemetery (Savannah, GA): \$75+ per hour
  - Old City Cemetery (Lynchburg, VA): \$700-\$1.2K
  - Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis, MN): \$995
  - Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Glendale, CA) : \$3K-\$7K

#### Celebrants & Guests: Event Revenues

- Catering: \$10-\$150 per person
  - Drop-off: \$10-\$35
  - Buffet or sit-down: \$30-\$150
- Waitstaff wages: \$20-\$30 per hour
- Minimum estimated revenue for a 50-person 4-hour sitdown wedding reception: \$4.9K
  - Food and drink: \$85 per person
  - Waitstaff (1 per 10 guests): \$25 per hour
  - Bartender: \$25 per hour

#### Diners, Shoppers, & Bar-Hoppers (Neighbors, Too): Indirect Impact

- Retail and dining
  - Dining partnerships
- Supporting businesses and services
- Rental housing development and prices
- Property values

## Oakland Area Development Timeline



### Diners & Bar-Hoppers

#### **Restaurants**

- Six Feet Under
- Tin Lizzy's
- Republic Social House
- Das BBQ
- Doc Chey's
- Agave
- FirePit
- Milltown Tavern
- Other restaurants within a 0.3-mile radius

#### Oakland's Annual Impact: **\$500K+**

# Neighbors: Rental Housing Development

- New complexes built/developed
  - Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts (~1997)
  - Pencil Factory Lofts (2009)
  - Lumen Grant Park (2018)
  - Platform Grant Park (2018)
  - Marchon (2022)

Average Rent (Oakland-Adjacent vs Zip Code 30312)			
Туре	Average Adjacent Rent	Average 30312 Rent	
Studio	\$1,650	\$1,623	
One Bed	\$1,885	\$1,770	
Two Bed	\$2,348	\$2,282	

#### Rental home price per square foot



# Neighbors: Property Values

- Home values in Oakland's zip code:
  - 22% higher than overall Atlanta home values
  - 14%-86% higher than all adjacent zip codes except 30317 (9% lower)

Area	Neighborhoods	Average Home Value
Atlanta		\$374K
30312	Old Fourth Ward	\$455K
30303	Downtown	\$245K
30315	Lakewood Heights	\$248K
30316	East Atlanta, Cabbagetown, Reynoldstown, Ormewood Park	\$398K
30317	Edgewood, Kirkwood, East Lake	\$501K

## Neighbors: Property Values

• Average home value within one block of Oakland:  $404 \text{ per } \text{ft}^2$ 



#### Further Work To Be Done

- Shoppers: Supporting Businesses and Services
  - Grant Park Market
  - Shep's Ace Hardware Grant Park
  - Other retail
  - Services like Lush Nails, Ideal Barbershop, and Vibe Ride