

THE LAKE MERRITT INSTITUTE

(Lake Trash Removal, Fountains, Education, Lake Expertise)

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VOLUNTEER LETTER

NOVEMBER TRASH TALK: Rainfall / Trash Levels: Rainfall waned (only 1.64 inches) and we caught up with the trash by removing 5,700 pounds of the nasty stuff. That's less than the 6,880 pounds from October but still a substantial amount. Trash was removed on **20 of 30** days by **128 people** who collected **169 bags**.

What will December bring? It depends on how much it rains; and how many volunteers turn out.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON LAKE MERRITT: Enjoy a unique view of Oakland as your Water Sleigh takes you on a 30 minute voyage around Lake Merritt. Tours glide past the Bandstand Fountain, stop at the lighted, floating tree in Christmas Cove, and then return to the Boating Center where cookies and hot cider await you.

Fridays (10th and 17th) at 6 and 7 pm.
Saturdays (4th, 11th and 18th) at 4, 5 and 6 pm.
Sundays (5th, 12th and 19th) at 4, 5 and 6 pm.

Bring your caroling voice. Groups welcomed. Candy cane treats. Song sheets provided.

All this for \$5 per person on the Water Sleigh; or \$7.50 per person on a Gondola.



Call for reservations (510-238-2196). Cash/Visa/Master Card/American Express accepted.

Tours depart from the Boating Center *Inside Lakeside Park* at 568 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, 94610.

Sponsored by the Boating Center and Gondola Servizio.

ARE YOU A MEMBER? Volunteers receive this newsletter free, but members of the Lake Merritt Institute also receive "Tidings" our monthly newsletter of events, ideas and news about our downtown estuary. And, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a non-profit corporation dedicated to removing trash from the Lake, educating people about urban runoff, maintaining the fountains and providing scientific information for management decisions. Its easy, just send \$25 or more with a membership form to the address listed above. Forms are available at our website; www.lakemerrittinstitute.org.



*I don't like trash in my Lake!
Come on out and help clean it up!*



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