

Oakley to host citizenship drive this weekend

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Immigrants will get help becoming an American citizen at a citizen **drive** in **Oakley** this **weekend**.

The **drive** will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday at O'Hara Park Middle School, 1100 O'Hara Ave., **Oakley**.

Volunteers will be on hand to help eligible permanent residents complete the required naturalization application. To be eligible, a person must be a legal permanent resident for at least five years, or three years if they are married to a U.S. citizen. They also must demonstrate good moral conduct.

All applications will be verified by immigration attorneys from the International Institute of the Bay Area and Contra Costa Bar Association.

Participants also will hear a presentation on the benefits of **citizenship**, including the right to vote.

After completing the naturalization application, they can register for civics classes provided by Liberty Union High School District's adult education program.

Together with Opportunity Junction, IIBA will provide information about English as a Second Language classes on Monday evenings in Antioch.

The **drive** is intended to foster a sense of community and encourage new Americans to participate in their communities.

Other organizations helping to organize the event are the city of **Oakley** and Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization.

To register for the event, emailgaby@youmeweoakley.org or call 925-625-7011.

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