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2017 Viola Blythe Award Winners

The City of Newark recently celebrated their annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. Pictured are winners of the 2017 Viola Blythe Awards along with members of the Newark City Council.

Youth Award: Josephine Diep

Group Award: Seniors in School

Senior Award: Judith Wood

Viola Blythe Volunteer of the Year: Ramona McMaster

Congratulations to the Viola Blythe Award Winners!



Pictured are Mayor Alan Nagy at the podium, from left to right are Council Member Luis Freitas, Council Member Michael Hannon, Senior Award winner Judith Wood, Youth Award winner Josephine Diep, Larry McMaster (representing Volunteer of the Year Ramona McMaster), Tom Federico (representing Group Award winner Seniors in Schools), Council Member Sucus Collazo and Vice Mayor Mike Bucci.

City of Newark Hours of Operation and Contact Information

Newark Civic Center
37101 Newark Blvd. (510) 578-4000
Monday - Friday* 8:00a - 5:00p

Newark Community Center
35501 Cedar Blvd. (510) 578-4852
Facility rentals only

Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Drive (510) 578-4840
Monday - Friday 9:00a - 3:00p

Silliman Activity and Family
Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Avenue (510) 578-4620

Monday - Friday 6:00a - 9:00p
Saturday 7:00a - 7:00p
Sunday 7:00a - 5:00p
Call for holiday hours/closures and for specific programs and/or open swim times or check our website at www.newark.org.

**Due to budget cuts City offices are closed on alternating Fridays.*

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2017 Fall Citizen Police Academy

Our philosophy of Community Oriented Policing in the City of Newark is producing many positive results. One of the most important outcomes is an increased awareness of the importance of an effective police – community partnership that includes open and honest communication. One of the goals of the Citizen Police Academy is to facilitate this partnership and to improve communication by developing a better understanding of each other’s role in the community.

Your participation in the Citizen Police Academy will not only be a positive learning experience for you, but it will also give us the opportunity to listen to your concerns and ideas. During the Academy, you will be exposed to many aspects of your police department and you will learn about the laws, procedures and policies that govern law enforcement. Our hope is that this course curriculum, coupled with the experiences of the students, will lead to lively and informative discussions about issues facing the City of Newark.

The Newark Police Department is your police department. By working together, we can solve many of the problems facing us today. Your participation in the Citizen Police Academy is one of the many ways that you can get involved in your community and contribute towards making a safer living environment.

The upcoming 2017 Fall Citizen Police Academy will be an eleven week course. Classes will meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from August 16, 2017, through October 25, 2017.

Applicants MUST:

1. Have no prior felony or serious misdemeanor convictions
2. Be willing to have a background check completed
3. Attend all scheduled sessions
4. Be at least 21 years old
5. Live or work in the City of Newark
6. Not be a prior Newark CPA graduate

Download the Newark Police Academy application at: <http://www.newark.org/departments/police/community-engagement/>.

Apply now; space is limited.

All applications must be received by July 28, 2017. For more information, please contact Beverly Ryans via e-mail at beverly.ryans@newark.org or via telephone at (510) 578-4352.

New Civic Center update

After a lengthy and comprehensive procurement process, the City Council, at their April 27th meeting, selected the firm of Heller Manus Architects as the design architects for the new Newark Civic Center. Heller Manus has extensive experience creating civic and public buildings and has assembled an impressive team of consultants that includes experts in their fields. McClaren, Wilson & Lawrie, Inc., the consultant for the police building, has completed 275 public safety facilities across the nation. Safdie Rabines Architects, the consultant for the library, has completed several library and

community room projects. Heller Manus designed the Hayward City Hall. Heller Manus Architects are committed to creating the right design for Newark that will showcase the community and provide greatly needed state-of-the-art police, library and City administrative buildings as well as outdoor gathering spaces. The design work is scheduled to begin this month.

The City recently contracted with Kier and Wright Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Inc. to complete the Boundary and Topographic Surveys and Underground Utility Locating Services of the current and future site of the Newark Civic Center. The work was completed in February 2017.

As was described in the Civic Center Feasibility Study completed last year, the new Civic Center will be located on the same site as the existing civic center. The current police, library and City administration offices will remain open throughout the construction process. The design of the overall Civic Center site will incorporate features that will allow City and library staff to continue to provide uninterrupted and quality service to the community during construction.

There will be a number of City Council and community workshops to review the design work as it progresses. The first workshop will occur during the summer of 2017. Please continue to check our website at <http://www.newark.org/> for periodic updates and future City Council and public design review workshop dates.

Brain health, aging and dementia

Cognitive aging is a natural aging process; however, the effects on the memory may vary significantly among older individuals. Research shows that one in eight individuals over 65 and nearly half over 85 are affected with some form of Alzheimer's disease. The good news is that evidence shows that a positive lifestyle can reduce the risk of cognitive decline as well as dementia. For more information, please refer to the websites at www.ahrq.gov and www.alz.org.

In an effort to increase community awareness and education, the Tri-city Senior Focus Team, a group of commissioners and senior advisory council, have been advocating the Dementia Friendly Community (DFC) (www.dfamerica.org) and the Aging Friendly Cities (AFC) (www.who.int/ageing/publications), a project that supports active healthy aging.

A brain fitness program was also created by the focus team in partnership with other community institutions that include the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California, the Alzheimer's Association of the East Bay, Masonic Homes, and Washington Hospital with the Fremont, Newark, and Union City senior centers.

The Brain Fitness program is a series of seven interactive presentations offered each month among the tri-city senior seniors. Please call the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center at 510-578-4840 for the schedule and topics covered.

Transportation improvements

Alameda County Transportation Commissioners recently approved the 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) earmarking \$405 million over the next five years for transportation projects and programs throughout Alameda County, including much needed safety and quality improvements along Thornton and Central Avenues, reflecting the city's commitment to providing safe and smooth roads for travel. CIP funding comes from a combination of local voter approved Measure B, Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee dollars as well as state and federal sources, and projects were selected from city submittals.

Construction on the Central Avenue Overpass Project, a four-lane bridge over railroad tracks in the Dumbarton area, is scheduled to begin in August 2018. The at-grade crossing will be replaced with a pedestrian and bike friendly bridge making this area safer for all modes of transportation.

The CIP investment leverages nearly \$2.8 billion of additional regional, state and federal funding, leading to a total investment of approximately \$3.2 billion worth of countywide transportation improvements – supporting access and local jobs.

“Alameda CTC is delivering on our promises – providing critical funding for a wide range of local transit, bike, pedestrian and highway and infrastructure improvement priorities to improve safety and state of good repair, and close gaps in our transportation system,” noted Alameda CTC Chair and Oakland Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan.

Article provided by ACTC.

30th Annual Music at the Grove

The City of Newark Recreation and Community Services Department is proud to announce the 30th season of free concerts at the Shirley Sisk Grove.

It all began way back in 1987 with a strong performance by Bay Area favorite the Big Bang Beat. They have been with us ever since, opening our annual concert series to the delight of their many dedicated fans.

We have some great concerts scheduled this summer culminating with a fan appreciation event on August 4.

June 23 - The Big Bang Beat

July 7 - Funky Godfather

July 21 - Pacific Soul

August 4 - Journey Unauthorized

Make sure you mark your calendars now and plan on being part of a great summer of family-fun concerts at the Grove.

All concerts will be held on Friday evening's beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending by 8:00 p.m. Concert goers can arrive early to picnic and relax with family and friends. Bring a blanket or low-back chair as all seating is festival style.

The concerts are made available through generous sponsorships including the Newark Betterment Corporation, Tri-City Voice, The Sign Zone and Homewood Suites.



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Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4, 2017
- Labor Day - Monday, September 4, 2017

Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through September 2017 are June 16 and 30; July 14 and 28; August 11 and 25; and September 8 and 22, 2017. Police and Fire services, along with the Silliman Activity Center and Aquatic Center, are not affected by this action.

4th Annual Mariachi Festival

Sunday, July 16, 2017, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, at Shirley Sisk Grove, Cedar Boulevard at Newpark Mall, Newark.

Free paper shredding

Newark residents will have the opportunity to bring up to four boxes each (approximately 10"H x 12"W x 15"D) of documents to a free shredding event hosted by the Newark Police Department and the Community Engagement Team on Saturday, July 29, 2017, from 10:00AM-2:00 PM in the City Hall parking lot. The event is only open to Newark, CA residents and businesses; identification and verification of residency is mandatory to participate (driver's license, utility bill etc.). Businesses will need to show a copy of their current City of Newark Business License. **Please note: Your boxes of paper must be free of large binder clips, trash, light bulbs, and metal containers or scrap metal and food waste. Paper clips and staples are okay.**

Please be advised that you are destroying documents at your own risk. It is your obligation to ensure that shredding/destruction of the documents complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to rules and laws regarding confidentiality, retention, disposition, and destruction of information contained in the documents you wish to destroy. The City makes no representations and warranties regarding the applicability of those laws and at no point does the City become the owner of the documents you wish to shred/destroy

If you have questions about the Shred Event in Newark, please call the Community Engagement Unit at (510) 578-4209 or email tim.jones@newark.org

National Night Out

Join the Newark Police Department staff, along with RAVEN volunteers, CERT, HAM Radio, Alameda County Fire, the Newark Library, neighborhood groups, and City leaders, in celebrating the 34th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The typical way to participate in National Night Out is to organize a block or neighborhood party. National Night Out provides the opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other a little better and sends a strong message to criminals that our community will look out for each other by reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhood. Individuals can also participate by turning on their porch lights to support taking a stand against criminal activity. Throughout the night, public safety personnel and City leaders will make visits to the parties and neighborhood get-togethers where they will share information, network, and answer questions that community members may have.

If you are planning to host a party, please register your event with the Newark Police Department by visiting: <http://www.newark.org/departments/police/community-engagement/national-night-out-1>.

If you have questions about National Night Out in Newark, please call the Community Engagement Unit at (510) 578-4209 or email at tim.jones@newark.org.

Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Registration

Newark Unified School District is still accepting students in both our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten programs. Our TK and K classes support students in developing foundational academic and behaviors skills to promote confidence and success in Kindergarten and throughout their comprehensive school experience.

TK is the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program. TK is designed to provide a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between September 2 and December 2, 2017. NUSD's TK program is designed to provide developmentally appropriate literacy, math, language and social and emotional programs for our young students. TK provides our students with skills that will prepare them for success in Kindergarten and beyond.

For information on how to register your child in TK or Kindergarten, please visit www.newarkunified.org and click on the "Enrollment" tab, or call (510) 818-4103.