
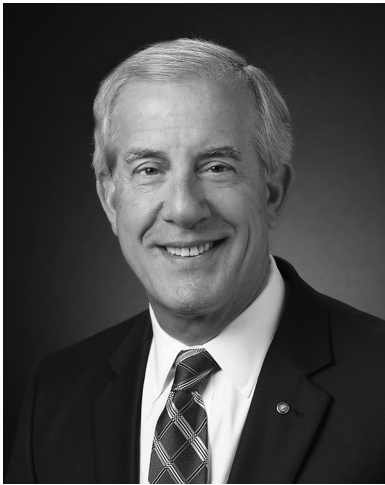


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## City Manager retires



*Retiring City Manager John Becker*

City Manager John Becker is retiring December 28, 2018, after 27 years of distinguished public service with the City of Newark.

Mr. Becker began his career with the City of Newark in 1991 as an administrative analyst with the Fire Department. Over the years, he held many positions in many different departments. He was appointed City Manager in 2006 and has served in that capacity since.

Mr. Becker lead the City through the “Great Recession” by utilizing a variety of strategies to maintain service levels, balance the budget, and maintain reserve levels. Newark residents will continue to benefit from his leadership and guidance for years to come.

During his tenure, significant residential developments have been approved that will bring in new revenue; new parks will be built in the next few years that will increase recreational opportunities; and a new Civic Center will result in new City Administration, Police Department, and Library buildings and a new plaza for the community to enjoy.

The Newark City Council appointed David J. Benoun as the new City Manager effective December 29, 2018, at its meeting of December 13. Mr. Benoun has been with the City for over six years and is currently serving as City Attorney.



*Newly appointed  
City Manager David J. Benoun*

### 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

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

George M. Silliman Community  
Activity Center  
6800 Mowry Avenue (510) 578-4620

Monday - Friday 6:00a - 9:00p  
Saturday 6:30a - 7:00p  
Sunday 6:30a - 5:30p  
Call for holiday hours/closures and for specific programs and/or open swim times or check our website at [www.newark.org](http://www.newark.org).

*\*City offices are closed on alternating Fridays.*

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## City seeks Viola Blythe award nominations

The City is seeking your nominations for the prestigious Viola Blythe awards. The City has hosted a program to recognize outstanding volunteerism since 1985. In 1991, the City's program recognizing dedicated local volunteers was named after Viola Blythe, the iconic Newark volunteer who dedicated her life to helping others. The program continues as a tribute to her memory. It is the City's way of honoring those whose unselfish deeds benefit those less fortunate. Their contributions make Newark a better place to live.

The Viola Blythe awards program honoring local volunteers will take place as part of the City of Newark Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in May. The program is held jointly with the volunteer

program recognizing those who volunteer their time specifically for City-sponsored programs or at City offices. Eligible City volunteers will be invited to attend the ceremony as guests of the City.

Recognition for the Viola Blythe Volunteer of the Year is by nomination from anyone or any organization in the community. Applications will be available January 7, 2019, and we want you to participate. Without your nomination that special person may not be recognized. Please call Kathy Slafter at 510-578-4278 to get an application.

We accept nominations in four categories: The Viola Blythe Volunteer of the Year, recognizing outstanding contributions in any area of volunteerism; the Group

Award, recognizing volunteerism by organizations based in the City of Newark and serving Newark citizens; the Senior Award, recognizing volunteerism by individuals 65 years of age and over; and the Youth Award, recognizing volunteerism by individuals 17 years of age and under.

Areas of volunteerism typically include cultural, community enrichment, educational, industrial, recreational, political, and social. The Selection Committee will consider contributions during the 12-month period ending December 31, 2018.

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## The Bay Area is still the right place for recycling

Recycling is having a bit of a wake-up call. Until this year, two thirds of the materials collected from curbside recycling carts were exported to foreign markets. Recent, sudden changes in China's acceptance of mixed plastics and mixed paper (junk mail, newsprint, office paper, etc.) mean fewer places to recycle these materials. It is a problem affecting communities across the United States, Europe and Australia.

For many of us in the Bay Area, being a good recycler is part of our identity. The cities and waste haulers of Alameda County and San Francisco were among the country's pioneers of collecting food scraps in curbside and commercial organics bins to produce compost, a vital

amendment that improves soil health while minimizing the amount of harmful methane gas created when organic material is landfilled. Although recycling companies are currently challenged to find a way to market mixed paper and some plastics, residents and businesses should continue to recycle as work is being done to find long-term solutions for recycling these items.

### Use Less Paper and Plastic

- Reduce and reuse come before recycling. The less waste we generate in the first place, the less of it we need to manage.

Visit [www.StopWaste.org/recycle](http://www.StopWaste.org/recycle) for tips on using less.

### Keep It Clean

- Only put what's allowed in your recycling and organics (green) bins.
- Recycling bin: Items going in the recycling bin should be empty, clean, dry, and free of food and liquids.
- Organics (green) bin: No plastic, glass, or metal should ever go in the green bin—quality compost starts with yard trimmings and food scraps.

## Illegal dumping

**I**llegal dumping occurs when a person deposits, dumps, or accumulates refuse on or in any public or private street, public right-of way, easement, gutter, or sidewalk within the City of Newark.

### Why is illegal dumping a problem?

When illegal dumping occurs the damage to neighborhoods and the environment can be severe and property values decline. Unreported illegal dumping often results in more illegal dumping. Illegally dumped material can become a breeding ground for vectors such as mice, rats, and mosquitoes, which can spread diseases. Illegal dumping is hazardous to the environment. Many items such as refrigerators, tires, auto parts, and televisions contain heavy metals and other toxins. Illegally dumped piles pose a traffic hazard when left in the public right-of-way. Illegal dumping is costly as property owners are responsible for the removal of any waste on their property and the right-of-way areas that surround their property. In addition, illegal dumping also costs the City of Newark and taxpayers thousands of dollars for the collection and removal of dumped waste and materials on City property every year.

### Code Enforcement's goal

Code Enforcement's goal is to prevent the physical and aesthetic deterioration of our community. By enforcing the City codes, together we can help clean up our neighborhoods and maintain a healthy and safe environment.

### How can you help?

First, please contact the Newark Police Department non-emergency phone number to report **in progress dumping** within the City of Newark by calling 510-578-4237 and the Newark Service Center to report **illegal dumping on City of Newark properties** at 510-578-4806. To report all other illegal dumping within the City of Newark please contact the following Code Enforcement Specialists: Patricia Montejano, Code Enforcement Specialist for residential areas, at 510-578-4213 and Shama Khan, Code Enforcement Specialist for commercial and industrial areas, at 510-578-4285.

Secondly, establish required weekly garbage service, properly dispose of your waste by taking items to the landfill and licensed dump locations, and schedule bulky waste pick-ups with Republic Services, our local garbage company, by calling 510-657-3500. Please do not place items out for collection sooner than 6:00 pm the day before collection.

Thirdly, hire a specially licensed junk and rubbish hauler if you are not able to remove the items.

As a property owner, you can preserve and enhance your property and community by adhering to the City codes and by actively maintaining your property and reporting those who do not. Together we can help reduce crime; protect the health, safety and well-being of our residents; and help maintain property values.

*This is our community! Let us work together to keep it clean and safe!*

## RENEWAL REMINDER — low-income and senior citizens Utility Users Tax renewal

**N**ext year, both low income and senior citizen Utility Users Tax exemptions are up for renewal. To assist with the renewal, the City of Newark will send registered exempt residents, renewal notifications beginning February 1, 2019. Residents will have until February 28, 2019, to respond. All exempt residents who do not respond by that date will be automatically removed from exempt status effective April 1, 2019. If you are a registered Utility Users Tax exempt resident and do not receive a renewal notification by February 20, 2019, we ask that you contact Laurie Gebhard at 510-578- 4392 or by email at [laurie.gebhard@newark.org](mailto:laurie.gebhard@newark.org). As a reminder, low income exemptions require the applicant's enrollment in the PG&E CARE Program. A copy of the most recent PG&E bill must be included with the renewal response.

If you are enrolled in the PG&E CARE program or are a senior citizen (70 years of age or older) and are not registered for exemption and would like to be, you will need to complete an exemption application. Applications are available in the Finance Department, located at 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, or may be accessed from the City's webpage at <http://www.newark.org>.



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# Bulletin Board

### City offices closed

- Christmas/New Year - City offices will be closed Friday, December 21, 2018, through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Police and Fire services, along with the George M. Silliman Community Activity Center, are not affected by this action.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 21, 2019.
- Presidents' Day - Monday, February 18, 2019.

### Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through March 2019 are: December 28, 2018; January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22; and March 8 and 22, 2019. Police and Fire services, along with the George M. Silliman Community Activity Center are not affected by this action.

### Holiday waste collection service schedule

**Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

**New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

No collection service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, administrative offices will be closed. Service will occur one day later (Friday services will occur on Saturday).

### Holiday tree collection

Republic Services offers FREE holiday tree collection and recycling to Newark residents! From January 14 to January 25, 2019, you may place your tree in the street at the curbside for pick-up on your regular collection day. Just remember to remove all ornaments, tinsel, tree stand, and other decorations before placing your tree at the curb. Trees may also be cut into small pieces and placed in your green organics cart (black trash cart if flocked). Trees taller than 5' must be cut down. Trees may also be dropped off between December 26, 2018, through January 11, 2019, at Republic Services located at 42600 Boyce Road in Fremont at no cost for green trees or \$5 fee for flocked trees. Check in with the receptionist; proof of Newark residency is required.

### Newark Library

Starting January 9, 2019, Family Storytime will meet on Wednesdays, 11:00a - 12:00p. Spanish Storytime continues on Wednesdays, 1:00p - 2:00p. Free homework help is available 3:30p - 5:30p, Monday-Thursday, whenever school is in session.

### Spring Semester 2019 at Ohlone College

Ohlone College offers over 1,000 courses this spring. With classes in Newark, Fremont, and online, Ohlone provides the convenience and flexibility to fit your schedule. Financial Aid and payment plans are available for students who qualify. Spring semester begins January 28, 2019. Apply today! You want it? We've got it. Get started at [www.ohlone.edu/spring](http://www.ohlone.edu/spring).

### Save the date! Compost giveaway

Republic Services is once again offering its customers two FREE bags of compost this spring. Newark customers are invited to visit the Fremont Transfer Station located at 41149 Boyce Road in Fremont to collect the two FREE bags of compost. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 14, 2019, from 7:30 am - Noon. Look for more details in Republic Services' spring newsletter or call Republic Services at 510-657-3500.