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## Citywide Parks Master Plan

The City of Newark is beginning the process to complete a Citywide Parks Master Plan. The Master Plan would form the framework for the future provision of parks in Newark. The Master Plan will identify the recreation needs of all segments of the Newark community, assess the “gaps” not being presently met by existing park facilities, and explore opportunities for creating destination recreation that would create revenue and community definition.

Newark has previously identified new recreational facilities and park expansions (including a skate park, dog park, and all-weather playfields) that far exceed the community’s short and medium term financial capacity. Thus, a careful assessment and prioritization of these visions is urgently needed. In consultation with the community the Planning Commission and City Council would prioritize the potential projects and develop an action plan for funding and constructing the priority projects

The City of Newark operates and maintains 131 acres of City parks and several recreational facilities. Of this total, 121 acres are owned by the City and 10 acres are leased from the Newark Unified School District. There are 13 parks in the city, including eight neighborhood parks, three community parks, the Shirley Sisk Grove, and MacGregor Play Fields. The City also owns and operates the Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center, the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center,

and the Newark Community Center. There are 3-acre and 6.5-acre parks proposed in the Dumbarton Transit Oriented Development, a 3-acre joint use park planned in the Sanctuary Development (Area 3) and a 2-acre park envisioned in Sanctuary West (Area 4). There are also 80 acres of Area 4 designated for a golf course or other recreational use. In addition to City owned parks, there are privately owned mini parks in some neighborhoods. There is a great deal of interest in supplementing these park offerings and the Master Plan is a key part of charting the course for more and higher quality parks in Newark.

Community involvement is critical to this process. Four community meetings will be held to shape the Master Plan. The first was held June 7. Information on future meetings can be found on the City’s website Newark.org, on the Community Development Facebook page “Planning Newark California”, and Twitter feed “ @ PlanningNewark”

## Community Development initiates social media outreach

The city of Newark’s Community Development Department has launched a Facebook page and a Twitter feed to enable participation in growth, improvement and development in the city.

This is an opportunity to provide input into projects as they grow from ideas, to completed shopping destinations, new employment areas, enjoyable parks, and contemporary residential developments.

These new Newark connections will keep you informed of upcoming meetings, events, and happenings associated with community events and other important news happening in Newark.

Follow Newark’s Community Development Department on Facebook at “Planning Newark California” and on Twitter: “ @Planningnewark”.

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## 2016 Fall Citizen Police Academy

The City of Newark is seeking residents, as well as individuals who work within the City of Newark, to participate in our Citizen Police Academy. The next Academy is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, and run through October 26, 2016, culminating with a graduation ceremony. Classes will meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. primarily at the City Administration Building, located at 37101 Newark Boulevard, although a few sessions will require meeting at other local venues.

This eleven-week academy is designed to provide participants with a “behind the scenes” look at local law enforcement and to promote a greater understanding and awareness of our role in the Community. Police personnel will provide an overview of the department’s structure, services, and personnel, as well as offer students the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any specific public safety concerns they might have. Participants will also be given an opportunity to ride along with a police officer to experience first-hand the duties they perform on a daily basis.

### Scheduled topics include:

- Police Ethics, Hiring, Background & Field Training
- Laws of Arrest
- Use of Force
- Patrol
- Investigations
- Narcotics
- Trauma Support
- Gangs
- K9 demonstration
- Range demonstration
- SWAT demonstration
- Hostage Negotiation
- Traffic Enforcement

Citizen Police Academy participants will be selected through an application process. Applicants must:

- Have no prior felony or serious misdemeanor convictions

- Be willing to have a background check completed
- Have the ability to attend all scheduled sessions
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Live or work in the City of Newark
- Not be a prior Citizen Police Academy graduate

Those interested should complete and submit the application form (available online at [www.newark.org](http://www.newark.org)) **no later than Friday, July 29, 2016.**

Don’t delay...space is limited!

For more information on the Newark Citizen Police Academy, please contact Beverly Ryans at (510) 578-4352 or [beverly.ryans@newark.org](mailto:beverly.ryans@newark.org).

## Paratransit services

The Fremont Paratransit Program provides low-cost, door-to-door, shared ride transportation services for eligible Newark residents through a partnership between the City of Newark and the City of Fremont’s Human Services Department.

Who is Eligible? Newark residents unable to use public transportation (AC Transit buses or BART trains) independently due to a disability or disabling health condition OR Newark residents 70 years of age or older.

Service Area & Hours: Rides are available to and from destinations in Fremont, Newark and Union City, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-6:00pm. Limited rides are available Saturday & Sunday, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Fares: A pre-paid voucher (\$2.50) is used per one-way trip. Vouchers are sold in books of 8 vouchers and cost \$20 per book. Voucher books can be purchased by mail or in person through the City of Fremont Human Services Department.

How to apply? For more information or to apply for services, call the Tri-City Transportation and Mobility Management Program at (510) 574-2053.

## 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 33rd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

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 participate by turning on their porch light to support taking a stand against criminal activity. Throughout the night, public safety personnel will make visits to the parties, neighborhoods and 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: <https://cityofnewark.wufoo.com/forms/p7x0k1/>. 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](mailto:tim.jones@newark.org).

Also, Newark residents will have the opportunity to bring up to four banker sized boxes to a free shredding event hosted by the Newark Police Department and the Community Engagement Team on July 30, 2016, from 10:00am-2:00pm., curbside at 37101 Newark Boulevard (City Administration Building). The event is only open to Newark residents; identification and verification of residency is mandatory to participate.

## Zoning Code overhaul

The Zoning Ordinance includes regulations that govern use and construction on all property in the City. It regulates use, setbacks, height, landscaping, signage, parking, and design. The ordinance also defines the procedures under which new buildings or changes in use are reviewed.

The City of Newark is embarking on a comprehensive “overhaul” of the Zoning Ordinance which would result in a modern, intuitive, effective document. Newark’s existing Zoning Ordinance was originally adopted in 1965 and has been amended numerous times over the years. Until now it has not received a comprehensive review and update.

The scope of the overhaul will include complete replacement of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Newark Municipal Code with a modern user-friendly code, as well as modifications to the Zoning Map to bring each property’s zoning designation into conformance with the General Plan. An electronic, printable, internet friendly and amendable Zoning Map will be created. Graphics will be used to clearly demonstrate concepts.

Public Planning Commission work sessions and a community meeting will be held to gather input from residents, property owners and businesses. Property owners whose zoning designation are proposed to be modified will be notified by mail. Prior to formal adoption there will be a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and a Public Hearing before the City Council.

Check the City’s website for updates on this effort: <http://www.newark.org/departments/planning-and-economic-development/zoning-ordinance-update>.

## Community asked to help protect citrus from serious threat

A dangerous pest was recently found in nearby San Jose. It’s called the Asian citrus psyllid, and it can be a carrier of Huanglongbing (HLB), also known as citrus greening disease. To date, HLB has not been detected in Alameda County, but if it takes hold, it will be deadly for citrus trees in the region.

Once trees are infected with HLB, they will eventually die, threatening not only the ability of homeowners to grow citrus in their backyards, but the California citrus economy. One of the best ways to prevent HLB from taking hold in Alameda County is to stop the Asian citrus psyllid, which can transmit the disease from tree to tree as it feeds.

Everyone in the city is being asked to do their part. The Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Program and the Alameda County Agricultural Commissioner offer the following tips:

- **Cooperate** — Cooperate with agriculture officials on detection and suppression efforts of the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB.
- **Don’t move citrus** — Do not bring any plant material into the city from other states or countries, or from Southern California or the Central Valley. Also, if you live in the areas surrounding recent detections, do not move citrus off your property, as you may

be violating restricted areas set up by agriculture authorities.

- **Inspect your trees** — Look for signs of the pest and disease each month or whenever watering, spraying, pruning or tending trees.
- **Learn what to look for** — Visit [www.CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org](http://www.CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org) or use the Save Our Citrus app, which can be downloaded from the website.
- **Plant responsibly** — Only buy citrus trees from reputable, licensed California nurseries.
- **Graft with care** — Use only registered budwood with source documentation.
- **Be mindful of clippings** — Dry or double bag plant clippings prior to disposal to avoid moving psyllids and HLB-infected plant materials.

If you think you’ve found the psyllid or the disease, contact the Alameda County Agricultural Commissioner or call the California Department of Food and Agriculture hotline at (800) 491-1899.

*Information provided by the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Program, California Department of Food and Agriculture.*

## Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

The City of Newark is progressing towards completion of a final draft of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. The City was awarded a grant in the amount of \$119,000 from the Alameda County Transportation Commission through the Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund Program. This Master Plan will identify potential

infrastructure projects as well as policies and programs that could be established to improve the biking and walking environment in the City. It is anticipated that the final draft will be available for review in August. Please watch for a release of the final draft master plan and community outreach events through the City’s website at [www.newark.org](http://www.newark.org).



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# Bulletin Board

### City Offices closed

- Independence Day - Monday, July 4, 2016
- Labor Day - Monday, September 5, 2016

### Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through September 2016 are June 17; July 1, 15, and 29; August 12 and 26; and September 9 and 23, 2016. Police and Fire services, along with the Silliman Activity Center and Aquatic Center, are not affected by this action.

### Music at the Grove

Free Friday night concerts on the green, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, at Shirley Sisk Grove, Cedar Boulevard, at NewPark Mall, Newark. Bring a blanket or low-back chair and enjoy the sounds of summer. Big Bang Beat begins the series on June 24, Refugees (Tom Petty tribute) on July 8, Houserockers July 22, and The Killer Queens August 5.

### 3rd Annual Mariachi Festival

Sunday, July 17, 2016, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, at Shirley Sisk Grove, Cedar Boulevard, at Newpark Mall, Newark.

### Permanent Vote by Mail Box

A permanent Vote By Mail Ballot Box has been installed outside of the entrance to City Hall, near the flag pole at 37101 Newark Boulevard. The Vote By Mail Drop Box is available 24 hours a day beginning 29 days before the election. You may return your voted ballot until **8 p.m. on Election Day**.

Vote by mail allows voters to cast a ballot without going to a polling place. If a registered voter has applied to vote by mail, the Registrar's office mails a ballot to the registered address of the voter beginning 29 days before an election. The voter marks the ballot and returns it to the election office by mail. The voter can also return it in person to the office or to any polling place on Election Day to be counted.

For more information about voting by mail, contact the Registrar of Voters Office at (510) 272-6973 or their visit their website [www.acgov.org/rov/votebymail.htm](http://www.acgov.org/rov/votebymail.htm).

## Full Time Licensed Child Care Center for Preschoolers

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