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Neighborhood Watch is back

Thanks to revenue collected from Measure U (Utility Users Tax), the City of Newark is reinstating the Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program made up of volunteers. The program is organized and operated by a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together, with the assistance and resources of the police department. The program provides opportunities to work toward increasing safety, improving the quality of life of local communities, and reducing crime rates.

The police department partners with residents to educate them regarding how and why crime happens, how to improve both home and personal safety, and to determine how and when to contact law enforcement. Residents who are interested can schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting where a police representative will come to discuss things such as crime in your city and specific area, how and why the program works, and what other neighborhoods are doing.

To participate in a Neighborhood Watch program, schedule an initial meeting of neighbors that a police representative will attend. At

that meeting, create a roster of members' contact information and a neighborhood map, then select a block captain and an alternate to be the liaisons between the group and the police department. Decide how many signs the group wants and where they should be installed. To keep a group active, it must meet at least once a year, distribute Crime Alert Bulletins when provided by the police department, and maintain a current map and member roster.

The Neighborhood Watch program empowers citizens and teaches them how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. The program draws upon the compassion of average citizens, asking them to lend their neighbors a hand. Not only does Neighborhood Watch allow citizens to help in the fight against crime, it is also an opportunity for communities to bond through service.

To get more information about starting up a Neighborhood Watch program in your area contact Tim Jones, Special Assistant, Community Engagement Division, Newark Police Department at (510) 578-4209 or tim.jones@newark.org.

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) 578-4434
Licensed Child Care and facilities rental only

Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Dr. (510) 578-4840
Monday - Thursday 9:00a - 3:00p

Silliman Activity Center
6800 Mowry Ave. (510) 578-4620
Monday - Thursday 6:00a - 9:00p
Friday 6:00a - 8:00p
Saturday 8:00a - 7:00p
Sunday 8:00a - 5:00p
Call for holiday hours/closures.

Silliman Family Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Ave. (510) 578-4620
Monday - Friday 6:00a - 9:00p
Saturday 8:00a - 7:00p
Sunday 8:00a - 5:00p
Call for holiday hours/closures.

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Nixle

The Newark Police Department has launched a new Community Notification Service called "Nixle" to improve communication with people who live, work, and visit our area.

The system provides a quick, efficient, and secure way to get neighborhood-level information out to community members who subscribe to the system. Through www.nixle.com, the department will be able to send text message and e-mail alerts to subscribers in a specific area, down to .25 miles. Notifications might be considered in the following instances:

- A young child or adult with Alzheimer's disease walks away from their home. The alert can include a picture of the child or vulnerable adult with a map identifying the area at which they were last seen.
- A public safety emergency that requires people to stay in or remain away from their homes. A Nixle alert can let residents with a registered address in the affected neighborhood know what's happening, allowing residents to take a proactive role in their own safety.
- A serious injury or fatal crash in which traffic investigators close down the intersection for several hours. This situation might warrant a notification to subscribers who live or work in the area, encouraging them to select a different route to work.
- Other uses: Large-scale public works projects, traffic safety implications around large fire scenes, community events, details about a case of H1N1 ("swine flu") in the area, city council meeting information, utility outage advisories/boil orders.

Through Nixle, the Newark Police Department will deliver

messages securely to citizens by e-mail and cell phone, supporting and expanding our community outreach efforts. Obviously, the system will be most effective when we have large numbers of subscribers. Subscribers will get "Up-to-the-minute" updates from the Newark Police Department by e-mail and/or cell phone! Please visit www.nixle.com to sign up. The system is available at no cost to our citizens (standard text message rates apply for subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers).

Where can I dump that?

The City's trash enclosures, roadsides, and other public places are not areas to leave your unwanted items and refuse. Illegal dumping of mattresses, piles of dirt, waste, and other items create hazards, and hinder our City's beautification efforts.

You have options! As a Newark resident, you are granted up to three FREE bulky pick-ups per year. Just call Waste Management at 510-613-8710 one week prior to schedule your FREE pick-up. This may include a 3' x 3' x 9' area of items like furniture, carpeting, mattresses, one household appliance, one electronics item, and other items weighing under 150 pounds each.

You may also haul your waste to the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station located at 41149 Boyce Road in Fremont. The transfer station is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00am – 5:00pm. You must show your ID, as only Newark, Fremont, and Union City residents may dispose at this facility. A minimum charge of \$36 applies. Specific prices are listed at www.fremont-recycling.com or may be obtained by calling 510-252-0500.

The Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station also offers a

Household Hazardous Waste Facility. You can dispose of up to 125 pounds or 15 gallons of hazardous waste for FREE. This includes items like paint, electronics, fuel, pesticides, home/garden products, fluorescent lamps, batteries, pool chemicals, outdated/unwanted medications, and more. This facility is open Wednesday through Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm and Saturday, 8:00am – 4:30pm. Small businesses can also make appointments on Tuesdays by calling 510-252-0500.

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility also contains a Reuse room, where residents can pick up items FREE of charge. Inventory changes regularly, but you can usually find a good selection of latex paint, and often household cleaners and garden products as well.

Questions?

- **Waste Management**
Residents call 510-613-8710
Businesses call 510-613-8700
- **Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station**
41149 Boyce Road, Fremont
510-252-0500

Monday – Saturday
8:00am – 5:00pm
- **Household Hazardous Waste Facility**
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Tuesday By appointment only

Wednesday – Friday
8:30am – 2:30pm

Saturday
8:00am – 4:30pm

Unusual streetlight outages

Newark, like many other cities, businesses, and homes, fell victim to copper wire theft this fall. One of the areas affected was a string of streetlights along Cherry Street. Eight lights were out for several days. This outage was an unusual occurrence, as Newark generally averages at least 90% of its streetlights operational at all times.

Streetlights are maintained by the City to enhance roadway safety. Our contractor, Cal-West Lighting & Signal Maintenance, repairs traffic signals and streetlights in Newark on a weekly basis. You may see their vehicle or a City of Newark vehicle parked in the vicinity of our streetlights, with staff working on the street light pole or bulb.

Other contractors or persons generally have no official City business contacting a streetlight pole or its equipment, including wiring. Unless an emergency repair is required, Cal-West and City staff will only work on streetlights between the hours of 6:00am – 6:00pm. If you notice any suspicious activity, please call our non-emergency police dispatch number at 578-4237.

To report a streetlight outage or other operational problem, please call our streetlight hotline at 578-4263 or email

public.works@newark.org. Each streetlight pole has a two to four digit pole number on the street side of the pole. Please provide this pole number and the nearest address when reporting a streetlight problem. About 75% of street light repairs are initiated by residents or businesses that report a problem.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping Newark roadways safe!

Get paid to transform your landscaping!

The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) *Lawn Be Gone!* program provides \$500 to \$3,000 rebates to Newark residents that convert water-thirsty lawns to water-efficient landscapes. To be eligible for this program, you must be a customer of Alameda County Water District (ACWD) or other participating agency.

It's easy to get started! First, you submit an application and proposed plant list. Then, BAWSCA will review your proposed Lawn Conversion Project with you and let you know if your project is approved. If so, you will have three months to complete your Lawn Conversion Project. After installation and confirmation of the new water-efficient landscaping, you will receive your rebate within eight weeks. Rebates cover costs of plants, irrigation equipment, and other associated expenses (excluding labor and equipment rental).

To participate, visit www.bawasca.org/water-conservation. Click "Residential Outdoor" then "Lawn Be Gone!" for the program participation steps and additional water efficiency resources. You may also call BAWSCA at 650-349-3000. This program is effective through June 30, 2012.

In addition to your water bill savings, you can feel good about contributing to Newark's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower our carbon footprint. To learn more about the City's climate protection goals and activities, please visit our website, www.newark.org, and select "Going Green" under the residents or businesses tab.

Energy Upgrade California

Energy Upgrade California is a one-stop-shop for home improvement projects that will save you money, lower your energy use, and make your home healthier and more comfortable. Homeowners can get up to \$4,000 in rebates when you make your home more energy efficient, and there are local contractors who are trained and ready to do the work today. By contributing grant funds, the City of Newark secured Newark residents' ability to participate.

Also, with a new program in Alameda County called *Energize for the Prize*, schools and school organizations (PTOs, booster clubs, environmental clubs, etc.) can earn more than \$5,000 when members of their community make energy efficiency upgrades with Energy Upgrade California. Learn more at www.energizefortheprize.org.

Interested in making upgrades to your home? Come to the upcoming FREE Homeowners Workshop for tri-city residents! You'll get a chance to speak with contractors about your home, hear from homeowners who have done energy upgrades, and ask program staff questions you may have about rebates, financing, or anything else.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

City of Fremont Development
Services Center
Niles Conference Room
39550 Liberty Street, 1st Floor
Fremont, CA 94538

Please RSVP at
tricityenergyupgrade.eventbrite.com



Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Christmas/ New Year - City offices will be closed from December 23, 2011, through January 2, 2012, for the holidays. Police and Fire services, along with the Silliman Activity Center and Aquatic Center, are not affected by this action.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - Monday, January 16, 2012
- Presidents' Day - Monday, February 20, 2012

Operating hours

Due to budget cuts City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through December 2011 are December 9 and 23.

Holiday Schedule for Garbage Service & Free Tree Recycling for Newark Residents

During the holidays, garbage, recycling, and organics collection service will be on regularly scheduled days as Christmas and New Year's fall on Sunday.

Tri-Cities Waste Management is providing free Holiday Tree Recycling on regular collection days in January. The trees will be composted. Green waste in Alameda County is banned in landfills.

Waste Management produces OMRI listed compost for organic farming from residential food scraps and green waste in Alameda and Marin counties. To learn more visit www.wmearthcare.com.

WHAT: Holiday Tree Recycling

WHEN: Monday, January 2, thru Friday, January 31, on regular collection day

HOW: Place tree curbside – only clean trees are acceptable (free of flocking, ornaments, tinsel and stands: plastic, metal or nailed wood). Cut tree to 5'-6' length.

Plastic or flocked trees **cannot** be recycled and must be cut to fit into the trash cart with the lid closed.

Anytime after the holidays, residents may cut their trees to fit into their Yard Waste cart with the lid closed and the trees will be recycled.

Residents seeking more information about Holiday Tree Recycling, Collection Schedule or other services provided by Tri-Cities Waste Management, may call – 510-624-5900

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