New Civic Center update

The first City Council work session has been scheduled for September 19, 2017 at 6:00pm. Heller Manus Architects and their team will present the first design concept and site plan. The architects and City staff have been working closely over the last months to develop a design for the new Civic Center that follows the vision set forth in the feasibility study.

Heller Manus Architects of San Francisco is the primary architect. Their team includes two other architectural firms which will provide their expertise in the design of the library building and the police department building.

The architect for the library, Safdie Rabines Architects, met with City and Alameda County Library staff to review the needs and culture of the Newark library. They are focused on creating a design that is bright and welcoming, with plenty of space for reading, technology use and group gatherings. The library will include a state of the art community room open to the public.

McClaren, Wilson & Lawrie, Inc., the architect for the Police Department, is developing a design program that addresses the processes and needs of the police department in order to create a safe, functional, and efficient facility.

The police department building will include a community engagement office easily accessible to the public where Newark citizens can learn more about volunteering in neighborhood watch programs, the RAVEN’s, and the graffiti abatement team.

The layout of the various buildings, pedestrian walkways, parking, and community gathering areas will provide for a welcoming gathering place for the public. There will be an inviting and safe promenade between the new Library and City Hall buildings and the existing Civic Center Park. The project team is also exploring options to incorporate the existing library building into the new civic center.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Newark City Council Chambers located at 37101 Newark Boulevard. The work session will give the City Council and the public an overview of the process and considerations that have led to the first design concept, for the new civic center.

You can now stay current with Civic Center updates on Facebook by logging onto https://www.facebook.com/CivicCenterNewark/.

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 open swim times or check our website at www.newark.org.

* City offices are closed on alternating Fridays.

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Storm preparation

Be prepared for the winter season ahead as normal and heavy rains may lead to localized flooding. City crews prepare for winter storms by circulating throughout the City, cleaning storm drain inlets and removing any debris that could cause flooding conditions. The goal is to keep the streets as safe as possible for the public during the inclement weather.

Any observed flooding conditions in the public right-of-way should be reported to the Newark Maintenance Yard at (510) 578-4806 during normal business hours (Monday – Thursday, and every other Friday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm). After hours – please call the non-emergency dispatch number at (510) 578-4237.

Help Keep Our Storm Drains Clean

Please take extra care during the winter months to rake or sweep, and appropriately dispose of, leaves and other debris (sticks, branches, paper and other garbage) to help prevent them from entering the storm drain system. This is especially important during our first few winter storms, because it allows us time to prevent any buildup of unwanted materials from entering and clogging the storm drain system.

Important reminders for property owners during the winter months

- When raking or blowing leaves, be sure to remove them immediately to eliminate piles of leaves left in or around the streets. The street sweeper cannot pick up large piles of leaves as the equipment is not made for this type of clean-up.
- Keep trees and large shrubs pruned properly to prevent breakage which may, if left unattended, end up entering the drainage system. Be on the lookout after windy/stormy weather for downed leaves, tree branches, pine cones and needles, so you can clean them up as soon as possible.
- Remind all contractors and workers on or near your property that it is their responsibility to eliminate the introduction of leaves, debris, papers, garbage, and construction related materials from entering the storm drain system.
- Insist that private contractors and workers properly collect leaves (by not blowing or raking into adjacent properties or the streets). Use the green waste containers provided by Republic Services to dispose of leaves and other materials appropriately. Contact Republic Services at (510) 657-3500 for any green waste or other disposal needs.

By using these simple but effective methods, we can all help keep our storm drain systems flowing freely and cleaner!

Report Fallen Branches and Downed Trees

If a City street tree has fallen or a branch has fallen, please call the Maintenance Division at (510) 578-4806. If you get voicemail, please leave a detailed message as messages are retrieved several times a day during working hours or email at maintenance@newark.org. After hours – please call the non-emergency dispatch number at (510) 578-4237.

Please be prepared to provide the following information:

- The location of the downed tree by street address or street and nearest cross street.
- Has the tree fallen on a vehicle or caused any damage to property?
- Is the downed tree blocking the traveled way for vehicles?
- Is it blocking a sidewalk?
- The approximate size of the tree.
- Are there any power lines that are associated with the down tree or branch? If so do not attempt to remove or clear the site. Contact the dispatch number at (510) 578-4237.

The City can only respond to City owned trees. In addition to park trees, most City-owned trees are located between the sidewalk and the street or in the street median.
Other Resources

For more storm preparation tips and information, visit the following web site: https://www.acgov.org/pwa/info/tips.htm

Sandbag Information

During regular business hours (Monday–Thursday, and every other Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm), the Newark Maintenance Yard (37440 Filbert Street) has sandbags and sand for Newark residents to use to protect their property. You must bring your own shovel. Each resident may be issued up to ten (10) bags. Proof of residency is required at the office.

After hours, all three fire stations have sandbags (proof of residency is required). Bring the sandbags back to the Newark Maintenance Yard where the sand pile is located to fill them (bring your own shovel). The Fire Station locations are:

- 7550 Thornton Avenue
- 39039 Cherry Street
- 35775 Ruschin Drive

Sandbag Tips

- Do not fill them more than 1/2 full - to be effective, the sandbags need to be able to bend to fill in empty spaces.

- Before placing the sandbags at doors, put down some heavy plastic so that it covers the bottom of the door. This will help prevent water that gets past the edges of the sandbags from entering the door opening.

For more information, go to: http://www.newark.org/departments/public-works/maintenance-division/storm-drain-channels/

New! Senior mobile clinic

To create more access to healthcare the Tri-City Health Center has a new Senior Mobile Clinic. The mobile clinic will specialize in care for those who would normally have little or no access to health care. People who would normally not be able to receive medical treatment can now be seen by a doctor. The Mobile Clinic will have full medical services, including treatment for: hypertension, diabetes, blood tests, and other necessary procedures to ensure a healthy life.

The mobile clinic will be at the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center, 7401 Enterprise Drive, Newark, every Wednesday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

18th Annual Health Faire for seniors

The 18th Annual Health Faire for seniors is quickly approaching. The event will be held at the Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Many healthcare and senior wellness information providers will be on hand to offer resources. Flu vaccinations will be FREE for those on MEDICARE. Please bring your Medicare health insurance card for the flu vaccination.

Save the date

Senior Health Faire
Tuesday, October 3, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Silliman Activity & Family Aquatic Center
Gym, 6800 Mowry Ave, Newark
City Offices closed
- Veterans’ Day observed - Friday, November 10, 2017
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, 2017

Operating hours
City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through December 2017, are September 22; October 6 and 20; November 3 and 17; and December 1, 15, and 29. Police and Fire services, along with the Silliman Activity Center and Aquatic Center, are not affected by this action.

Jeweltones and luncheon
Tuesday, November 14, 12:00pm
Clark Redeker Newark Senior Center, 7401 Enterprise Drive, Newark
The Jeweltones is a versatile group of 10 Bay Area women who perform songs from the turn of the century through the 1950s with an emphasis on the great old songs of the 40s - Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Java Jive, Shoo Shoo Baby, and Accentuate the Positive; to name a few. Come and see this outstanding ladies group who has been singing together since 2001. Pre-registration is required and can be made beginning on the last Friday of the prior month and no later than one business day prior before noon. Please call the Senior Center at (510) 578-4840 to register.

Tree lighting and Trees of Angels
Join the Newark City Council and representatives from the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation for this special holiday season kick-off event Monday, December 4, 2017, 6:15 p.m. at the Newark Civic Center, 37101 Newark Boulevard. This traditional holiday program combines the City’s tree lighting ceremony with the Trees of Angels and includes caroling, refreshments, and a special performance from the Newark Memorial High School Advanced Choir. Trees of Angels is Washington Hospital’s annual campaign to raise funds for and increase awareness of local hospice care.

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