City Council declares the City of Newark a Welcoming City

In the last few months, the City of Newark has received inquiries as to where the City stands on Federal actions related to immigration. Ten years ago, the City joined the National League of Cities Inclusive Communities Partnership Program. As an inclusive community, Newark promotes mutual respect and appreciation for all people represented within our community.

On February 23, 2017, the City of Newark City Council reaffirmed those values by declaring the City a Welcoming City.

RESOLUTION 10,598

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEWARK DECLARING THE CITY OF NEWARK A WELCOMING CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Newark is committed to building a neighborly community that is inclusive, hospitable, and welcoming;

WHEREAS, the City of Newark seeks to help people, families, and institutions thrive and to value the contributions of all members of the community including newcomers and immigrants;

WHEREAS, the City of Newark is a diverse, multi-ethnic community that celebrates and embraces its many cultures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark is committed to continue enhancing its cultural fabric, economic success, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for all those who choose to make their home in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark promotes the health, safety, and success of all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark promotes inclusiveness, mutual respect, and cooperation throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Police Department, in keeping with this philosophy, does not actively participate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Police Department, like many other police departments in California, focuses their time on responding to and investigating high-priority crimes and not the enforcement of federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Police Department has no desire to undermine community trust, and deter law-abiding individuals from reporting crimes or coming forward as witnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Police Department serves all members of the public equally; and

WHEREAS, for all of the foregoing reasons, the City Council of the Newark would like to declare the City of Newark a Welcoming City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Newark hereby declares the City of Newark a Welcoming City.
Measure B/Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee funding at work in Newark

Street maintenance

As part of the City of Newark’s ongoing effort to protect and extend the life of its streets, the Public Works Department annually inspects asphalt concrete pavement surfaces to identify areas of potential maintenance and determine the timing and type of appropriate repairs. The types of preventative maintenance performed on our streets include crack filling, patch paving, and slurry seal resurfacing. For those streets in a more deteriorated state, a pavement overlay or even costlier reconstruction may be necessary.

Annual pavement overlay, patch paving, and slurry resurfacing projects are an integral part of the City’s Pavement Management Program. These projects will be partially funded by Measure BB (approved by voters on November 4, 2014), which extended the Measure B sales tax until 2045. The projects will also be partially funded by the Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program, a $10 per vehicle annual registration fee approved by voters as Measure F in 2010. These transportation funding programs are administered through the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC).

Pavement overlays typically involve partial or full grinding of the existing surface and placement of a new 2” to 3” layer of asphalt concrete. A completed pavement overlay results in a significant structural upgrade and provides the appearance of a brand new roadway.

Patch paving consists of the removal and replacement of localized pavement failures. The project typically includes work on streets that will be resurfaced with a slurry seal. It also includes streets where a failure is too severe to correct with a surface patch, but the entire street does not require a structural upgrade with an asphalt overlay.

Slurry seal is a thin coating of a cold mixture consisting of asphalt, oil, water, and rock that seals and protects the pavement from the damaging effects of the sun’s ultraviolet light and rain water runoff. Applying a slurry seal is comparable to the repainting of a house to protect its exterior surface. This preventative maintenance process is a cost-effective measure to prolong the life of City streets and maximize the value of previous investments.

It is anticipated that the 2017 pavement maintenance projects will be completed during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Associate Civil Engineer, Ms. Trang Tran, at (510) 578-4298 or by e-mail at trang.tran@newark.org.

For further information on Measure B/Measure BB and VRF projects and programs, please visit the Alameda County Transportation Commission website at http://www.alamedactc.org.

Curb, gutter and sidewalk projects

This year, the City of Newark, in conjunction with the Alameda CTC, will also utilize Measure B/Measure BB funds for the 2017 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project. This project is coordinated with our annual concrete grinding program to address damaged concrete surfaces within the public right-of-way.

Most raised concrete issues can be corrected through periodic grinding rather than complete replacement. Only severely damaged sidewalks, curb and gutter, and driveway entrances are removed and replaced with the annual replacement project. The locations selected for replacement are prioritized based on the level of damage. Work associated with the replacement project can also include tree root pruning and root barrier installation to help prevent future damage. The concrete grinding and replacement projects together are successful in helping to maximize public safety and contributing to the City’s overall aesthetic appeal.

If you have any questions regarding the 2017 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project, please contact Engineering Technician, Laura Kelly, by telephone at (510) 578-4211, or by e-mail at laura.kelly@newark.org.
El Concejo Municipal declara la Ciudad de Newark una Ciudad Abierta

En los últimos meses, la Ciudad de Newark ha recibido solicitudes de información sobre la posición de la Ciudad con respecto a las acciones federales relacionadas con inmigración. Hace diez años, la Ciudad se afilió al programa Asociación de Comunidades Inclusivas de la Liga Nacional de Ciudades. Como comunidad inclusiva, Newark promueve el respeto mutuo y la cooperación en toda la comunidad; y

POR CUANTO, la Ciudad de Newark promueve la salud, seguridad y éxito de todos; y

POR CUANTO, la Ciudad de Newark promueve la inclusividad, respeto mutuo y cooperación en toda la comunidad; y

POR CUANTO, el Departamento de Policía de Newark, al adherirse a esta filosofía, no participa activamente en la ejecución de las leyes federales de inmigración, las cuales están bajo la jurisdicción de la Ejecución de Inmigración y Aduanas de los Estados Unidos; y

POR CUANTO, el Departamento de Policía de Newark no desea socavar la confianza de la comunidad ni prevenir que individuos que obedecen las leyes denuncien delitos o se presenten como testigos; y

POR CUANTO, el Departamento de Policía de Newark sirve a todos los miembros del público en forma equitativa; y

POR CUANTO, en vista de todas las razones que anteceden, el Concejo Municipal de Newark desea declarar la Ciudad de Newark una Ciudad Abierta; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, RESUÉLVASE que el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Newark declara la Ciudad de Newark una Ciudad Abierta.

RESOLUCIÓN Nº 10.598

RESOLUCIÓN DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE NEWARK QUE DECLARA QUE LA CIUDAD DE NEWARK ES UNA CIUDAD ABIERTA

POR CUANTO, la Ciudad de Newark está comprometida a construir una comunidad de vecinos inclusiva, hospitalaria y acogedora;

POR CUANTO, la Ciudad de Newark procura ayudar a que la gente, las familias y las instituciones prosperen y aprecien las contribuciones de todos los miembros de la comunidad, incluyendo los recién llegados y los inmigrantes;

POR CUANTO, la Ciudad de Newark es una comunidad diversa y multiétnica que celebra y acoge sus varias culturas; y

POR CUANTO, la Ciudad de Newark está comprometida a seguir mejorando su tejido cultural, éxito económico, competitividad mundial y prosperidad general para todos los que elijan residir en la Ciudad; y

New civic center

En November 2016, the voters of Newark approved Measure GG providing for a one-half cent sales tax for the purpose of building a new civic center. The new civic center buildings will replace the current antiquated and seismically deficient facilities with a modern police operations center, world class library, vibrant public spaces,and efficient accessible City offices. All three new buildings will be state of the art and LEED certified and will be arranged on the site to provide a welcoming multi-function event space. The City Council Chambers will be configured and located to provide for comfortable public meetings for not only Newark City Council but for other government agencies such as the Newark Unified School District.

The new Civic Center will be built on the current Civic Center site at the corner of Newark Boulevard and Thornton Avenue. During construction the Library, Police Department, and City Administrative offices will continue to be occupied and open to the public.

In December 2016, the City of Newark prepared and released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a design architect. The City received ten submittals and interviewed three firms. The Request for Proposals (RFP) went out to two qualified firms the first week of March. It is anticipated that the architectural firm will be selected by the middle of April 2017, and the design work will begin in May 2017. It is anticipated construction will commence summer of 2018 with occupancy occurring in the Summer/Fall of 2020. Please check our website for periodic updates and future City Council and public design review workshop dates.
B u l l e t i n   B o a r d

City Offices closed
  • Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2017.

Operating hours
City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through June 2017 are: March 24; April 7 and 21; May 5 and 19; and June 2, 16, and 30.

Free! AARP tax assistance
Do you need help preparing your income tax returns? Volunteers with the AARP Tax-Aide program in cooperation with the IRS will assist low and middle income taxpayers free of charge. There is no age requirement and you do not need to be a member of AARP to get assistance. You do, however, need to make an appointment (No drop-ins).
  Appointments are available between 9:15 am and 12:15 pm on Wednesdays from now through April 12, 2017, at the Newark Senior Center. Please call Kelly Hess at (510) 578-4845 to reserve your time.
  The following items should be brought to your appointment: a copy of last year’s federal and state tax returns and any tax documents you have received for 2016, such as pension, social security, interest and dividend statements. If you itemize deductions, please bring two years property tax bills. If you bought or sold stocks or bonds, please bring your broker’s statement. If you will be filing a joint return with your spouse, it is helpful if both of you attend the appointment.

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 Republic Services’ Fremont location at 42600 Boyce Road to collect the two FREE bags of compost. Mark your calendar for the week of March 27 - 31, 2017, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more details call Republic Services at 510-657-3500.

Family Day at the Park
Families are invited to celebrate a morning of fun on Saturday, April 8, 9:00-11:30 am, at the Newark Community Park, 35501 Cedar Boulevard. There will be arts and crafts, egg dyeing, a community resource faire, games, petting zoo, photo with the Easter Bunny, and egg hunts.

The Egg Hunt times are: 9:30 am - 3 years old and under; 10:00 am - 4-5 years old; 10:30 am - K-1st graders and 11:00 am - 2nd-5th graders. The location of each egg hunt will be determined depending on the weather.

For teen volunteering at the event call Stacey Kenison at 510-578-4409. For event details call Karen Moraida at 510-578-4432.

Save the date! Free document shredding event
All Newark citizens and business owners are invited to bring their confidential personal and business documents to be professionally shredded on-site and free of charge by PROSHRED® on Saturday, July 29, 2017, 10:00am to 2:00pm, in the Newark City Hall parking lot at 37101 Newark Boulevard. More information to follow in the summer newsletter.