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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 8, 2018, 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.

Nominations will be accepted 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, 2017.

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 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.

**Due to budget cuts City offices are closed on alternating Fridays.*

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Newark Zoning Code update

The City of Newark is embarking on a complete overhaul of its zoning code. The existing zoning code was the first zoning code for the City and was adopted on June 10, 1965. During this era, the City's population was growing rapidly, over 15,000 residents and the Nimitz Freeway had recently been built. During this time, housing tracts such as Lido Faire, Mowry West, Blossom Park, Newark Manor, Parkwood, Los Ranchito's, and the Lake were developed and larger industries such as Peterbilt truck manufacturing were moving in.

Since then, our population has more than doubled and we are again in a growth cycle and new housing projects such as Bay Shores, Glass Bay, Prima Homes, Classics at Cedar Park and Timber are providing a variety of housing products such as condos, townhomes and traditional single family homes. Although these are good projects, there have been lessons learned and the proposed zoning codes are designed to address deficiencies of the existing code which include a lack of clarity of processes, duplicative overlay districts, lack of specific development regulations and overall inconsistent language which routinely confuses developers and planners, as well as the general public.

The new code is designed to provide improved clarity, procedural streamlining and consistency with the City's plans and vision. The codes are also written to attract more quality development and investment to the City. In addition, the code is written to be more user-friendly and assist the general public to easily understand the regulations and the intent of zoning districts, including diagrams as visual aids. Overall the proposed zoning code was designed to ensure new development will contribute to a better quality of life for Newark residents. The City Council will consider adoption of the new zoning code in early 2018.

Green infrastructure plan

Green infrastructure is a natural and environmentally sustainable approach to managing stormwater. While older, "gray" infrastructure (such as storm drain pipes) allows stormwater to flow directly into the storm drain system and then out to our creeks and the Bay, "green" infrastructure (such as rain gardens and porous pavement) allows stormwater to infiltrate into the ground or evaporate into the atmosphere. These innovative designs help keep pollutants out of local creeks and the Bay, while also providing other benefits for local communities such as improved air quality, resiliency to climate change, and the creation of open space and wildlife habitat.

Newark is currently developing a Green Infrastructure Plan which will outline how green infrastructure facilities will be integrated into the City over the next 20 years. For more information on green infrastructure or the City's Green Infrastructure Plan, please visit the City's website at www.newark.org or the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program at <https://www.cleanwaterprogram.org/index.php/programs/green-infrastructure.html>.

New Civic Center update

The first conceptual design was presented to the City Council and the community on September 19th. The valuable feedback given by the City Council and community is being utilized in shaping the design of the new Civic Center.

In addition to the exterior of the buildings, the architects have been developing floor plans that meet the needs of each of the buildings' users. The floor plan for City Hall includes a

functional space for City employees, a customer friendly one-stop-shop for Development Services, and a large and inviting Council Chamber.

Safdie Rabines Architects has designed a floor plan for the library with a sunlit children's area on the first floor and a dedicated teen area and quiet adult area on the second floor. The library will have a large community room facing the Civic Center plaza that will be available for library activities and various community functions.

Newark Police Department command staff has spent numerous hours working with the architect, McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie, Inc., and City staff to design a police department building that will support the operational needs of the City.

The original Feasibility Study designated the police building as a two-story structure. However, while designing the floor plan for the police department, it became apparent that the building would function better as a one-story building. The Feasibility Study showed the existing library as remaining, but no use had been attributed to it. It has been decided to repurpose the existing library to house some police functions and create several large community rooms.

The next City Council Work Session to review the design is scheduled for December 7th at 6pm in the Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

Ohlone College

Ohlone College offers 197 degrees and certificates. Earn transfer credits. Complete general education requirements. Get career training. Take classes in Newark, Fremont and online.

Scholarships and Financial Aid available for those who qualify.

Spring Semester at Ohlone College begins **Monday, January 22, 2018**. Apply today at ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark



RENEWAL REMINDER Utility Users Tax Exemption— Low Income Renewal

Next year, low income 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, 2018. Residents will have until February 28, 2018, to respond. All exempt residents who do not respond by that date will be automatically removed from exempt status effective April 1, 2018. If you are a registered Utility Users Tax exempt resident and do not receive a renewal notification by February 20, 2018, we ask that you contact Laurie Gebhard at 510-578-4392 or by email at 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 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/>.

Pardon our dust

The Silliman Aquatic Center renovations are now under way. The Silliman Aquatic Center will be undergoing a \$1.2 million renovation during the extended closure from December 4 – March 2018. This project will be targeting

the following items in addition to our annual scheduled December maintenance. The anticipated opening is March 2018. For more information and project updates, please check our website at www.newark.org.

The project will include:

- Re-plastering and tile replacement of all pool surfaces (Lap, Activity, Lazy River)
- Replacement of blue water slide
- Replacement of handicap transfer lift
- Replacement of pool pumps, heaters, and chemical controllers
- Removal and replacement of Activity Pool Play structure with new features and theme

Dog parks

Newark's *Citywide Parks Master Plan*, adopted on June 22, 2017, identifies the construction of dog parks at Birch Grove Park and Newark Community Park as priority projects. Subsequently, the City Council, at its October 26, 2017, meeting, approved a Contractual Services Agreement with Robert Mowat Associates to provide design development for the two dog parks.

Development of preliminary designs for the parks is currently underway and the first public workshop will be held on December 9, 2017, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, in the Silliman Activity Center Meeting Room, 6800 Mowry Avenue. The Dog Park at Birch Grove Park will be discussed from 10:00 am - 11:30 am and the Dog Park at Newark Community Park will be discussed 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Design alternatives will continue to be presented to the community for review and input through future public workshops.

If you have any questions, additional information regarding the Dog Park Projects, including future public workshop dates and locations, can be found on the City's website (www.newark.org).

Organic diversion for all

Residents are very familiar with the three carts system of organics, recycling and trash. Starting January 1, 2018, businesses and multifamily homes will be required to add the green organics bin to their service. State Law and an Alameda County Waste Management Authority Ordinance require that organics be diverted from the landfill. Republic Services will be offering a new program to collect the organics for commercial and multifamily customers. The organic material will be recycled into compost. Please help by separating organic material, recyclable material and trash whenever you see the opportunity. Assistance and resources are available to help with compliance. Contact Republic Services at 510-657-3500 or the Alameda County Waste Management Authority at www.RecyclingRulesAC.org or call 510-891-6575.

Get emergency alerts!

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community information by signing up for the AC Alert System. This system will provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as earthquakes, fires, severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations for your home city, work location, and other sites of your choice on your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. AC Alert is a unified system for Alameda County residents, businesses, and visitors (in partnership with Alameda County agencies and the county's 14 cities.

Information provided by Alameda County.



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Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Christmas/New Year - City offices will be closed Thursday, December 21, 2017, through Monday, January 1, 2018. Police and Fire services, along with the Silliman Activity and Aquatic Center, are not affected by this action.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - Monday, January 15, 2018.
- Presidents' Day - Monday, February 19, 2018.

Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through March 2018 are: December 15 and 29, 2017; January 12 and 26; February 9 and 23; and March 9 and 23, 2018.

Holiday tree collection

Republic Services offers FREE holiday tree collection and recycling to Newark residents! From January 15 to January 26, 2018, you may place your tree in the street at the curbside for pick-up on your regular collection day. Just remember to remove tree stands and decorations. You may also cut the tree into small pieces and place it in your green organics cart (black trash cart if flocked) or you may schedule a bulky pick-up with Republic Services. You can also bring your tree to Republic Services' Fremont office for drop-off between December 26, 2017, to January 12, 2018, (free for green trees, \$5 fee charged for flocked trees) during normal business hours 8 am to 5 pm, M-F only. Again, please remove tree stands and decorations. Check in with the receptionist; proof of Newark residency is required. Republic Services is located at 42600 Boyce Road, Fremont.

FREE! Family Fun Night

Join us at the Silliman Family Aquatic Center (baskedball courts) for a FREE! Family Fun Night, Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. This event will be an over-sized family fun night featuring giant Jenga and Connect 4, inflatables, prizes, and much more! FREE pizza will be served! The first fifty families to register will receive a special gift! For more information see our Winter Activities or contact us at 510-578-4668.

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 Rd. to collect the two FREE bags of compost. Mark your calendar for April 18, 2018, from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm. Look for more details in Republic Services' winter newsletter or call Republic Services at 510-657-3500.

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Newark Recreation and Community Services Department



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 (search: *child
 care center*)
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