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City appoints new police chief



The City of Newark is pleased to announce the selection of Newark Police Captain Jonathan Arguello as Newark's next police chief. Captain Arguello will succeed Chief Gina Anderson, who announced her retirement last November.

Captain Arguello has dedicated his entire professional law enforcement career to serving the Newark community. He joined the Newark Police Department in 1996 as a Police Officer and later promoted in 2007 to Police Sergeant, serving in that capacity until 2014.

From 2014 through 2017, he served as Police Lieutenant and in June 2017, he was appointed to Police Captain, where he has played a vital role in developing and implementing the Community Engagement Program, served as an integral planning team member facilitating the formation of the department's action plans, and helped secure funding for the advancement of various technology initiatives, including the City's community safety camera and Crime Analyst programs. He also leads a Strategic Policing Program, which involves integrating new technology programs with data and intelligence to address developing crime trends.

Captain Arguello holds two associate degrees from Ohlone College, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Management from Union University and is working towards a Master of Business Administration from California State University East Bay and a Master of Public Safety from the University of Virginia. He is also a 2019 graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police Executives and a 2023 graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Captain Arguello is committed to the community and the professionals within the Newark Police Department. Together, he is confident that a shared vision for a safe, inclusive, and vibrant Newark can be achieved.

Captain Arguello's appointment will take effect on April 11, 2024. Until then, he is coordinating a transition plan with Chief Anderson.

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Measure B / Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee funding for pavement maintenance projects

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 are partially funded by Measure BB (approved by voters in 2014), which augments and extends the existing Measure B tax, to provide funding until 2045 by increasing the tax to a total of 1%, and 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-inch to 3-inch 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 2023-2024 pavement maintenance projects will be completed during the summer and fall months. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alex Tat, Senior Civil Engineer, at (510) 578-4041 or by e-mail at alex.tat@newark.org.

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

Curb, gutter, and sidewalk projects

In November 2000, the voters of Alameda County approved the reauthorization of Measure B, a one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

On November 4, 2014, Alameda County voters passed Measure BB with 70% approval. Measure BB augments and extends the existing Measure B tax to provide funding until 2045 and increases the tax to a total of 1%. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) administers the proceeds from this continued sales tax.

This year, the City of Newark, in conjunction with the Alameda

CTC, will utilize Measure B/Measure BB funds for the 2024 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 2024 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project, please contact Mr. Alex Tat, Senior Civil Engineer, at (510) 578-4041 or by e-mail at alex.tat@newark.org. For further information regarding Measure B and Measure BB projects in Alameda County, please visit the Alameda CTC website at <http://www.alamedactc.org/>.

SAVE THE DATE – 2024 State of the City Address & Old Town Newark Streetscape Exhibition

Please plan on joining us on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 11am-3pm for a special event. Mayor Michael K. Hannon will give the 2024 State of the City Address, and you can participate in shaping the future of Old Town Newark's streetscape! This special event will take place outside on Thornton Avenue between Magnolia and Sycamore Streets.

Join Mayor Hannon to celebrate the City's achievements, plans for the future and discover the potential of Thornton Avenue and Old Town Newark with City staff. We want your ideas on how to make Old Town Newark a destination neighborhood. This event will be an opportunity to discover and spotlight local neighborhood businesses, experience public art and celebrate the future of Old Town. Stay tuned for more updates through the City's social media

channels for additional details.

The *Old Town Newark Streetscape Improvement Project* is a key component of the *Old Town Newark Specific Plan* and will serve as a catalyst for investment within the Old Town neighborhood by improving access, safety and connections for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users along Thornton Avenue between Olive Street and Ash Street. A portion of Thornton Avenue will be modeled to demonstrate the

proposed streetscape improvements and allow the community to experience, ask questions and provide feedback on the project.

If you have streetscape project specific questions, please email Alex Tat, Senior Civil Engineer at alex.tat@newark.org.

If you have State of the City Address related questions, please email Laurie Gebhard, Assistant to the City Manager, at laurie.gebhard@newark.org.



Employee of the Year

Sheena Raj, recognized as the City of Newark's Employee of the Year for 2023, has consistently demonstrated unparalleled dedication and exemplary performance since joining the Information Technology Department in November 2022.

Serving as an IT Analyst, Sheena has been instrumental in providing essential support to City and Police personnel while spearheading critical software and technical solutions citywide. With a distinguished academic background, including a master's in information technology management from CSU Fullerton and a bachelor's in business information systems from SFSU, Sheena's qualifications underscore her

professional competence.

Moreover, beyond her professional commitments, Sheena finds joy in spending quality time with her daughter, husband, family, and friends. Additionally, her commendable dedication extends to community service, notably through active involvement in toy drives for the Newark Police Department and Alameda County Fire Department, and consistent support for the Adopt-a-Family program with the city.

Sheena's many outstanding contributions, coupled with her completion of the City of Newark Leadership Academy and Analyst Bootcamp, highlight her commitment to personal and professional growth. Her steadfast adherence to Newark



PRIDE values makes her a truly deserving recipient of this esteemed recognition.

Congratulations to Sheena Raj on this well-earned honor!



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- Fridays - March 15, April 12 and 26, May 10 and 24, and June 7 and 21, 2024
- Monday, May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day

Operating hours

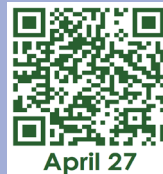
City offices are currently open to the public Monday through Thursday and every other Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Appointments are available 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Most services are offered online, by email, and by telephone. Please visit www.newark.org for updated information for your specific needs. Please be advised that this schedule is subject to change.

Tree planting events

Once again, the City of Newark is partnering with Urban Forest Friends to host 3 upcoming tree planting events this Spring. Tell your family and friends. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. This is your opportunity to learn about how to properly plant trees, earn volunteer hours and help your community. We will be planting 12-15 trees per location. Hope you can make it out! All the tools, supplies, and snacks will be provided — just bring yourself, some water, and wear sturdy closed-toe shoes. No prior experience needed. Any volunteers must be 14 and older. Please scan the QR codes in association with the dates to fill out the volunteer forms. Hope you can make it out!

- April 6, 2024, will be at Silliman Center/Sportsfield Park located at 6800 Mowry Ave.
- April 27, 2024, will be at Jerry Raber Ash Street Park located at 37365 Ash St. to celebrate Arbor Day 2024
- June 8, 2024, will be at Newark Community Park located at 35425 Cedar Blvd.

Please sign up to volunteer by going to Urban Forest Friends website: <https://www.urbanforestfriends.org/events>



Upcoming Newark Library special events

The Newark Library is hosting these special events in April.

- Saturday, April 20, 2-3 pm Egyptian Music concert to celebrate Arab American Heritage Month
- Sunday, April 21, 3-4 pm SJSU Music Dept piano recital (featuring the Library's 7-foot grand piano)
- Saturday, April 27 - El Día De Los Niños / Children's Day (See website for details).
- Sunday, April 28, 3-4 pm Ohlone College Music Dept piano recital

Check aclibrary.org for more events and so many eResources: eBooks, live online tutoring, practice tests, LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com) and more!