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New City noise ordinance

arkingdogs, noisy construction equipment, amplified musical instruments, and loud parties are all sounds commonly found in urban areas. At reasonable levels, this is generally acceptable to the public as a by-product of the society in which we live. However, excessive, unnecessary, and/or annoying noise is not acceptable and is subject to a new noise ordinance recently adopted by the Newark City Council

Approved on January 25, 2018, and effective on February 25, 2018, the City of Newark's new noise ordinance establishes maximum decibel levels residential, commercial, and mixeduse areas, as well as on public property.

Any code enforcement officer or police officer may issue an administrative citation to the person(s) who violate this ordinance.

The City encourages everyone to be courteous to their neighbors.

Allowable decibel levels

The following sound-level limits will be measured from the property line of the complainant: *70 dR A between 7:00 em Dagidantial

Residential	*/0 dBA between /:00 am – 9:00 pm
	*60 dBA between 9:00 pm - 7:00 am
Commercial	70 dBA 24 hours a day
Public	60 dBA 24 hours a day
Property	
Construction Activity	83 dBA between 8:00 am – 7:00 pm Sundays & Holidays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

*dBA is the relative loudness of sounds as perceived by the human ear. As a comparison, 60 dBA is equivalent to the volume of conversation and 70 dBA is equivalent to a running vacuum cleaner.

Fines

First violation - \$100 Second violation - \$200

Third and subsequent violation - \$500

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

Clark W. Redeker **Newark Senior Center** 7401 Enterprise Drive (510) 578-4840 Monday - Friday 9:00a - 3:00p

George M. Silliman Community Acitivity 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.

*City offices are closed on alternating

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Curbside "dumping" may cost you

re you thinking about leaving household items curbside for **L**anyone to pick up? The City encourages you to think again. Many residents leave items curbside because they believe someone may need the items and will eventually pick them up because they are free. What is not widely known is that this is considered dumping by the City and is considered a violation of the City's Municipal Code. Typically, the City will provide residents with a courtesy notice and will allow a few days to correct the violation. Shortly thereafter, if the violation is not corrrected, a citation will be issued which could cost from \$100 to \$500 depending on the extent of the violation. Please do not leave items in your front yards, sidewalks, driveways, park strips, roadways or on public property because it detracts from the aesthetics of our neighborhoods and could be a safety issue.

The City's Code Enforcement Division receives many complaints year round regarding dumping. It is Code Enforcement's responsibility to enforce these rules and to contact property owners in order to have these violations brought into compliance in a timely manner.

The City of Newark also prohibits improper storage of any kind in public view and on City property, on a residential or commercial property, or the placement of any item at the curbside for collection earlier than 6:00 pm on the day prior to collection. Putting items out at improper times creates blight and may bring down property values in your neighborhood. If you live in a rental property or multi-residential

property you should contact your property owner or property manager and arrange to have any discarded items removed properly from your property.

To aid our efforts to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean we recommend:

- Following all the collection guidelines provided to you by your garbage collection agency.
- Contacting your local garbage collection agency and scheduling a bulky pick up prior to placing items at curbside for collection.
- Placing any large items out for collection in a safe manner to avoid tipping over and injury to the public. As a safety precaution please remove and/or secure all doors on appliances.
- Not placing any items out for collection earlier than 6:00 pm the day prior to collection.
- Removing any items not removed by the garbage collection agency no later than 6:00 pm the day of collection.
- Not maintaining storage of items in any place visible to the public. The use of a tarp to cover items being stored in public view is still considered a storage violation.

To report a violation on a residential property you may contact Code Enforcement Inspector Patricia Montejano at 510-578-4213.

To report a violation on commercial or industrial properties you may contact Code Enforcement Inspector Shama Khan at 510-578-4285.

To report violations on City property or right-of-way you may contact the City of Newark Corporate Yard at 510-578-4206.

Green house calls

Rising Sun Energy Center is proud to partner with the City of Newark to offer no-cost energy water conservation services (called Green House Calls) to help you save money on your utility bills! When you sign up for a Green House Call, Rising Sun Energy Center will send two trained youth Energy Specialists (aged 15-22 years old) to your home to check for resource conservation opportunities.

During your appointment you will receive at no-cost:

- A home energy and water efficiency assessment and customized report
- Installation of efficient LED light bulbs, showerheads, and faucet aerators
- Installation of an Advanced Power Strip*
- A toilet leak detection test

Appointments are available from July 3 to August 9, 2018. Space is limited, so schedule today by calling 510-665-1501 ext 300 or going to https://risingsunenergy.org/programs/green-house-call-residents/.

*While supplies last. Approximately \$50 value.

Newark Library

he Newark Library offers many programs for children, teens, and adults. To find out more, check out the Events link at www.aclibrary.org. You can also follow the library on Facebook.

Get the free Alameda County Library app. You can request books, check the events schedule, and discover eBooks, free streaming music, practice tests, and more!

Measure B/Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee funding at work in Newark

Street maintenance

s 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" 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 costeffective measure to prolong the life of City streets and maximize the value of previous investments.

It is anticipated that the 2018 pavement maintenance projects will be completed during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Trang Tran, Senior Civil Engineer, 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 CTC website at http://www.alamedactc.org/.

Curb, gutter and sidewalk projects

his year, the City of Newark, in conjunction with the Alameda CTC, will utilize Measure B/Measure BB funds for the 2018 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 replacement selected for 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 2018 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project, please contact Ms. Laura Kelly, Engineering Technician, by telephone at 510-578-4211, or by e-mail at laura.kelly@newark.org. For further information regarding Measure B/Measure BB projects in Alameda County, please visit the Alameda CTC website at http://www.alamedactc.org/.

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City Offices closed

Memorial Day - Monday May 28, 2018

Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through June 2018 are: March 23, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, and June 1, 15, and 29. Police and Fire services, along with the George M. Silliman Community Activity Center and the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center, are not affected by this action.

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 41149 Boyce Rd. to collect the two FREE bags of compost. Mark your calendar for April 8, 2018, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Look for more details in Republic Services' winter newsletter or call Republic Services at 510-657-3500.

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, August 4, 2018, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Newark City Hall parking lot at 37101 Newark Boulevard. More information to follow in the summer newsletter.

Save the date! National Night Out

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7, 2018. For more information go to http://www.newark.org/departments/police/community-engagement/national-night-out-1 or contact Tim Jones at tim.jones@newark.org.

NUSD registration information for the 2018-2019 school year

Children turning 5 years old between **September 2, 2018** and **January 31, 2019**, are eligible for **Transitional Kindergarten** for the 2018-2019 school year. **Transitional Kindergarten registration is now open**. Registration packets for Transitional Kindergarten are available in your neighborhood school office.

If you have a child turning 5 years old **on or before September 1, 2018**, he/she is eligible for **Kindergarten** for the 2018-2019 school year. **Kindergarten registration opened March 13, 2018**. Registration packets can be picked up in your neighborhood school office now.

For more information about registering at Newark Unified School District, visit our website at <u>www.newarkunified.org</u> and follow the Enrollment tab or contact your neighborhood school.

Ohlone College application and registration dates for Summer and Fall

Applications for the Summer term and the Fall semester are now available. New students can register for both Summer and Fall beginning Monday, May 14. Complete GE Requirements. Earn Transfer Credits. Obtain Career Training. You Want It? We've Got It. Get Started! For more information visit: ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark.

Ohlone offers two years of tuition free college

The Ohlone Promise full-ride scholarships, including tuition, books and related fees, are being offered to Newark Unified School District high school seniors who meet specific criteria. Application deadline is March 31. For more information visit *ohlone.edu/go/scholarships*.