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## Viola Blythe Volunteer of the Year awards



Background – Mayor Alan L. Nagy. Foreground from left to right – Council Member Michael K. Hannon; Teresa Gonzales accepting for her daughter Teresa Ponce, Youth Award; Vice Mayor Sucs Collazo; Rick Bensco accepting for Boy Scout Troop #186, Group Award; Jerold Juhl, Volunteer of the Year; and Council Member Luis Freitas. Not pictured is Sanra Arellano, recipient of the Senior Award.

**V**olunteers dedicate their time and energy to making Newark a better place by providing much-appreciated service to the community. Whether the individual is volunteering directly for the City or for a community organization, the Newark City Council recognizes the important service volunteers provide. Recently, the City of Newark celebrated volunteers by hosting the annual

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. City Volunteers were acknowledged. The City also acknowledged nominees who were recognized by their peers in the community for the Viola Blythe Awards, an award named after Viola Blythe who was a nurturing, caring woman, devoted to helping others in need. Volunteers and their guests enjoyed a Paris-themed evening of delicious food, French music and entertainment.

**Congratulations to the  
Viola Blythe Award winners!**

### 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  
Activity 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](http://www.newark.org).

\*City offices are closed on alternating Fridays.

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## Mel Nunes Sportsfield Park

The Newark City Council, distinguished guests, and members from the community gathered on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sportsfield Park next to the popular George M. Silliman Community Activity Center to celebrate the renaming of the park after Newark's first Recreation and Parks Director Mel Nunes.

Mel was hired in 1956 shortly after the City had incorporated in 1955. At that time Mel had recently completed a successful career as a professional baseball player.

Mel was instrumental in developing the neighborhood and community parks system as well as the Newark Community Center, all of which continues to be highly utilized by the community today.

Mel's career spanned five decades and featured significant contributions to the recreational opportunities enjoyed by generations of Newark residents. Mel was a true visionary who 32 years ago started one of the first free summer concert series in the Bay Area known as

Music at the Grove which is just as popular today. He also founded the first City-run State Licensed Child Care Center in California which has been serving Newark families for over 30 years. He was also part of a City team back in 1985 that developed a Master Plan to build the 26-acre Newark Sportsfield Park.

The soon-to-be completed renovation of the sportsfield will include new, all-weather turf fields and a skate park. The Newark City Council saw it only fitting, in Mel's honor, to rename the sportsfield park as the "Mel Nunes Sportsfield Park". A temporary sign has been installed until the permanent sign and sportsfield are complete.

Mel's contribution and devotion to the Newark community is a true testament of his dedication to creating recreational facilities and programs towards the betterment of our community.

Congratulations, Mel!



Mel Nunes in front of a temporary sign naming the sportsfield park, "Mel Nunes Sportsfield Park".

## Green House Calls

This summer, Rising Sun, in cooperation with the City of Newark, will be providing Green House Calls to residents throughout Alameda County. Through the Green House Call program, residents can receive a home audit and installation of energy and water saving devices, all at no cost. Green House Calls are only available from July 2nd until August 8th, 2019. To reserve your appointment, visit [www.risingsunopp.org/programs/ghc](http://www.risingsunopp.org/programs/ghc) or call 510-665-1501 ext 300.

Residents who are interested in taking their home energy efficiency to the next level can also sign up for Home Energy Analytics to receive personalized coaching and suggestions to reduce energy waste in their home - all at the tips of their fingers and at no cost. To sign up for Home Energy Analytics, visit [www.risingsun.hea.com](http://www.risingsun.hea.com) and complete a short 5 question survey to get your home energy profile and start saving.

Rising Sun is a local nonprofit organization that operates job training and employment programs for underserved youth and adults to address climate change and economic inequity. Green House Calls are supported by California utility customers like you and administered under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission, so take this opportunity to make your ratepayer dollars work for you with energy efficiency services that help you save on your utility bill! Don't wait, space is limited! Call 510-665-1501 ext 300, or visit [www.risingsunopp.org/programs/ghc](http://www.risingsunopp.org/programs/ghc).

## Citizen Police Academy

The Newark Police Department is now accepting applications for the 2019 Fall Citizen Police Academy. Classes will meet for 11 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from August 21, 2019 through October 30, 2019.

### Applicants MUST:

- Have no prior felony or serious misdemeanor convictions
- Be willing to have a background check completed
- Attend all scheduled sessions
- Be at least 21 years old
- Live or work in the City of Newark
- Not be a prior Newark CPA graduate

Apply now, as space is limited. You can download the Newark Police Academy application at <http://www.newark.org/departments/citizen-police-academy>.

**All applications must be received by Friday, July 12, 2019.** For more

information please contact Beverly Ryans via e-mail at [beverlyryans@newark.org](mailto:beverlyryans@newark.org) or via telephone at 510-578-4352.

Our philosophy of Community Oriented Policing in the City of Newark is producing many positive results. One of the most important outcomes is an increased awareness of the importance of an effective police – community partnership that includes open and honest communication. One of the goals of the Citizen Police Academy is to facilitate this partnership and to improve communication by developing a better understanding of each other's role in the community.

Your participation in the Citizen Police Academy will not only be a positive learning experience for you, but it will also give us the opportunity to listen to your concerns and ideas. During the Academy, you will be exposed to many aspects of your police department, and you will learn about the laws, procedures and policies that govern law enforcement. Our hope is that this

course curriculum, coupled with the experiences of the students, will lead to lively and informative discussions about issues facing the City of Newark.

The Newark Police Department is your police department. By working together, we can solve many of the problems facing us today. Your participation in the Citizen Police Academy is one of the many ways that you can get involved in your community and contribute towards making a safer living environment.



## Construction ahead

### Exciting new park facilities coming soon!

Soccer and skateboards and dogs...oh my! Newark residents will soon be able to enjoy three exciting new park facilities at our local parks. Work began this spring at Sportsfield Park on the construction of new all-weather synthetic turf sports fields and a 12,000 square foot skate park. The new synthetic turf sports fields will be located near Cherry Street and have the capacity to provide two full-sized regulation soccer

fields or four youth soccer fields. The skate park will be located on Mowry Avenue between the Silliman Center and Fire Station No. 27 and feature street, bowl, and elevated ramp skate elements. Construction of both facilities is anticipated to be completed by September 2019.

Also, later this summer, the City plans to begin the construction of Newark's first dog park, located at Newark Community Park on Cedar Boulevard across from the

Community Center.

The dog park will include separate turf areas for both small and large dogs, dog agility equipment and shaded seating areas. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the fall.

For continued updates on the construction of all of Newark's new park facilities, please visit the City's website at <http://www.newark.org/departments/parks/new-parks-projects>.

## Overgrown vegetation is not only a hazard, it is illegal

**D**id you know that in the City of Newark tall weeds and grass are not only a fire hazard but ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes? Deferred maintenance such as this brings negative attention to properties and encourages trespassers. If not corrected and maintained, the property may become an attractive nuisance.

As we approach summer and the upcoming fire season, please be mindful that home and business owners are responsible for keeping their landscaped areas maintained year round. Weeds and vegetation in all areas are to be cut down and cleared off the property, which also includes areas such as walkways, driveways, and surrounding park strips. If properties are in violation, the owners could face up to \$500 in fines for vegetation more than twelve inches tall.

For more information, please contact Community Development/ Code Enforcement at 510-578-4330.

### Rules to follow:

The Newark Municipal Code requires that property owners:

- Trim or remove vegetation that overhangs or obstructs streets, alleys, or sidewalks. Allow an 8-foot clearance over sidewalks and a 14-foot clearance over traveled roads.

- Trim or remove vegetation that is a fire hazard.
- At intersections, trim so that the view of the intersection is not obstructed by vegetation. Trim any vegetation that interferes with the view of an intersection.
- Clear vegetation from obscuring traffic signs.
- Leave a 2-foot clear zone around fire hydrants.
- Contact the City's Maintenance Division at 510-578-4806 to request pruning or removing trees in the public right-of-way.

### Read the Code

You can learn more about the laws regulating weeds and vegetation in the City of Newark Municipal Code Section 7.04.030 A at [https://library.municode.com/ca/newark/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CD-ORD-TIT7COPRNUAB](https://library.municode.com/ca/newark/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD-ORD-TIT7COPRNUAB).

### Fines

The first-time penalty for violating this municipal code is \$100, the second offense is \$200, and the third offense is \$500. Any additional violations will result in a \$500 fine and possibly other enforcement action.

## Music at the Grove 2019 Summer Concert Series

**M**ake sure you mark your calendars now and plan on being part of a great summer of family-fun concerts at the Grove.

All concerts will be held on Friday evenings at Shirly Sisk Grove (next to NewPark Mall) beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending by 8:00 p.m. Concert goers can arrive early (gates open at 5:00 p.m.) to picnic and relax with family and friends. Bring a blanket or low-back chair as all seating is festival style.

- BIG BANG BEAT - June 21
- DECADES – July 5
- PATRON LATIN RHYTHMS – July 19
- LYIN I's (Tribute to Eagles) – August 2

## 6th Annual Newark Mariachi Festival

**J**oin us for the 6th Annual Newark Mariachi Festival on Sunday, July 21, 2019, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Shirley Sisk Grove (next to NewPark Mall).

## Child care services

**T**he Newark Unified School District Child Care Program is offering before and after school child care services. The NUSD serves enrolled elementary students from Transitional Kindergarten

(4.5 years old) to sixth grade. Fees vary based on number of hours per week attending child care. The sites are located at six of the eight NUSD elementary schools (Birch Grove Primary, Birch Grove Intermediate,

Kennedy, Lincoln, Musick and Snow).

Please contact NUSD at 510-818-4138 or 510-818-4159 or email at [nsanchez@newarkunified.org](mailto:nsanchez@newarkunified.org).

# New Civic Center project update

In April, the City Council awarded construction of the New Civic Center Project to the design-build team of Webcor Builders and Perkins+Will Architects. The City conducted an extensive selection process and determined Webcor Builders offered the Best Value to the City based upon price, design and construction expertise, project enhancements, and ability to be a collaborative team member. The achievement of this milestone allows the project to move forward with final design documents, permitting, and construction, which is anticipated to begin in September 2019.

The New Civic Center Project will provide the residents of Newark a state-of-the-art Civic Center complex that includes the Newark Library, Police Building, and City Hall. The original design has been further enhanced by Webcor Builders and Perkins+Will Architects to include a variety of design elements such as: a combined Police Building (previously

police functions were separated into 2 buildings), revised parking layouts with additional parking spaces, design cohesion that unifies the site, increased usable floor space in City Hall, and an expanded roof area for future solar energy options.

The City will continue to operate from existing buildings throughout construction. The new buildings will be constructed at the existing parking lots and open spaces. Visitor parking will be available along Civic Terrace Avenue with 2-hour stalls available to patrons of the City Administration Building, Library, and Park. Staff parking will be available at the Newark Pavilion parking lot.

One of the first signs of construction will be the installation of perimeter fencing to secure the site and keep visitors and staff safe from construction activities. The site will then be prepared for construction, notably the removal of trees, clearing of asphalt and site concrete. This will be followed by placement of site

utilities, grading activity, foundations, structural steel, exterior finishes, interior finishes, final site work, and landscaping, which will be Bay-Friendly Rated. The project will be LEED silver rated and is anticipated to be completed in 2021.

The New Civic Center Project Team thanks you for your support as we work to bring the residents of Newark a new Civic Center. Should you have any questions or concerns about the project, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Team at [roya.gonzales@newark.org](mailto:roya.gonzales@newark.org) or visit the city website at <http://www.newark.org/departments/city-of-newark/new-civic-center>.





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# Bulletin Board

### City Offices closed

- Independence Day - Thursday, July 4, 2019
- Labor Day - Monday, September 2, 2019

### Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through September 2019 are: June 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23, and September 6 and 20. 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.

### Newark Library summer programs

Saturday, June 15, 11 am-4 pm is the Newark Library summer reading kick-off event, with live music and other performers. Monday-Thursday, June 17-August 8, 12 pm-1 pm, Newark Unified Schools is serving free lunch for children and teens up to age 18 in front of the library. From 1-3 pm, there will be an activity each day, including Maker Lab, Coding Club, Game Day, and Craft Day. For more information: 510-284-0677.

### Summer & Fall 2019 at Ohlone College

Get ahead and stay ahead this summer and fall at Ohlone College. With classes in Newark, Fremont, and online, Ohlone provides the convenience and flexibility to fit your schedule. Financial Aid and payment plans are available for students who qualify. Summer term begins June 17. Fall semester begins August 26. Apply today at [www.ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark](http://www.ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark).

### Ohlone for Kids & Teens – Summer Enrichment Program

You see learning. Your kids see FUN! Ohlone for Kids & Teens Summer Enrichment Program offers academic and special interest classes to students entering grades 4-11. Students gain new skills, develop confidence, and engage in hand-on learning activities. Classes take place at Newark Memorial High School and Mission San Jose High School. Choose from 3 sessions of classes that run June 24 through August 1. Register today at [www.ohloneforkids.com](http://www.ohloneforkids.com) or call 510-979-7597 for more information.