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Groundbreaking for new Civic Center



Pictured left to right are Police Chief Michael Carroll; City Manager David J. Benoun; Mayor Emeritus David W. Smith; Council Member Michael K. Hannon; Council Member Luis L. Freitas; Mayor Alan L. Nagy; Vice Mayor Sucy Collazo; Council Member Mike Bucci and daughter Kendra; Alameda County Librarian Cindy Chadwick; Sarah Rege, Principal/Senior Project Manager with Perkins & Will; and Matt Rossi, Senior Vice President with Webcor (Photo by Kevin Meynell Photography).

Construction is underway! On August 8, 2019, the members of the City Council, along with City staff, State leaders, and the Newark Community, celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Newark Civic Center. The Center will be home to a new City Hall, Library, and Police Station. During the event, announcements were made naming the new City Hall the David W. Smith City Hall in honor of Mayor Emeritus David W. Smith who served on the Newark City Council for thirty-five years. The new Library is to be named the Alan L. Nagy Library

dedicated to current Mayor Alan L. Nagy. In addition to being a member of the Newark City Council for thirty-nine years and counting, Mayor Nagy is an active member of the Newark Library League.

Webcor Builders has installed a fence to secure the site and keep visitors and staff safe from building activities. The site will be prepared for construction by removing trees and clearing asphalt and site concrete. Throughout construction the City will continue to operate from existing buildings and all normal City and Library services will be provided.

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City of Newark Hours of Operation and Contact Information (City offices are open during construction)

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.

**City offices are closed on alternating Fridays.*

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Community clean-up event

Newark's spring community clean-up events were a success—thank you for properly disposing your bulky items! We collected over 44 tons of bulky items, and served 198 residents. Items collected included mattresses, appliances, tires, e-waste, and reusable household goods.

The City of Newark and Republic Services will continue to host free citywide community clean-up events during the year. The next event is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th, at the City's corporate yard located at 37440 Filbert Street.

Debris boxes will be provided to help residents properly

dispose or recycle bulky items that do not fit in the weekly trash collection or curbside recycling containers. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. and will last until 11:00 a.m. or until the bins are full.

The events are open to all Newark residents on a first-come, first-served basis. A recent Newark residential collection bill is required along with matching identification.

For a list of acceptable items see link at <http://www.newark.org/departments/newark-clean-up-days> or call Public Works at 510-578-4452.

Trash, junk and rights-of-way

The City of Newark Community Preservation Division is seeing an increase in violations relating to garbage cans, recycle containers, personal caution cones not related to in-progress road work, trash, and other such items being improperly stored on our sidewalks, park strips, fire lanes, commercial property parking stalls, and road ways.

The encroachment of the right-of-way encourages illegal rummaging and dumping, limits our street parking, and is considered a violation of Newark Municipal Code Section 12.08.040, which can be subject to administrative fines and other enforcement action.

Caution cones that are being used by residents to reserve street parking are not permitted. To report street parking violations you may contact the Newark Police Traffic Unit and Vehicle Abatement by calling 510-578-4237.

In addition, the storage or maintaining of trash cans, recycle containers, and/or other such containers in the front yard or any other areas visible from the public right-of-way at times other than the day of collection or before six (6) p.m. the day prior to collection is prohibited per NMC Section 7.04.030V. If you have scheduled a bulk waste pick up with Republic Services, please be advised NMC Code section 7.04.030V is applicable as well.

If you observe such activity in your neighborhood or local shopping center, please contact Code Enforcement by calling 510-578-4330 or by emailing community.preservation@newark.org.

Thank you!

The Alameda County Firefighters Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast, co-sponsored by Newark IHOP, was a huge success this year. The event featured music from local favorite DJ Custom Sound, the Classic Cruisers Car Club, a magician and a fire truck demonstration. Over 850 guests were served a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausages, coffee and orange juice. The proceeds from

the breakfast will benefit local non-profit organizations Viola Blythe (\$1,500) and League of Volunteers (LOV) Newark (\$1,500). A \$1,000 donation will also be going to the Alameda County Fire Fighters Association (ACFFA)-Local 55's Charity Fund for the Holiday Giving Program in Newark.

Thank you to all who came to support the event!

Thank you Friends of the Grove!

Thank you to all sponsors of the 2019 Friends of the Grove Summer Concert Series:

- Safety-Kleen*
- Washington Hospital Healthcare System*
- Homewood Suites by Hilton*
- Tri-City Voice*
- Sign Zone*

2020 Census

Next year, between March's presidential primary and November's general election, our nation will undergo our decennial Census. Participation is critical, as the Census helps bring funding back into our community. 2020 will be a monumental year because it could lead to additional Federal funding for Newark.

What is the Census?

Every ten years, since 1790, the Census Bureau counts everyone living in the country. Starting in March of 2020, everyone will be asked to complete the 2020 census online, by phone, or by mail. The Census gives us data about our community, informs the allocation of billions of dollars in Federal funding, and determines the number of decision-makers representing us.

The City of Newark and Alameda County are taking steps to ensure an accurate count. Our City's role is to inform our residents and ensure that the questionnaire is accessible at Census Assistance Sites. Census 2020 is very important for the City of Newark because we could have a population of more than 50,000 residents. If that occurs, the City will be eligible for additional grants from the Federal government. On April 11, 2019 City Council adopted a resolution recognizing the importance of a fair and accurate complete count of all Californians.

What can you do to get involved with the Census?

Become a Census Ambassador -

We invite you to join us in promoting the Census in your community - such as your house of worship, neighborhood, or organization. You will be equipped with training,

materials, and messaging to support Census participation. Visit <http://acgov.acgov.org/census2020/> for more information.

Apply for a Census Bureau Job

- The Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for temporary jobs. Jobs start at \$25 per hour, providing an opportunity to earn extra income while helping your community. Apply online by December 2019 at 2020census.gov/jobs.

For more information, please contact Deputy Community Development Director Art Interiano at art.interiano@newark.org or 510-578-4330.

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Parking will be available along Civic Terrace Avenue with newly installed 2-hour limited parking spaces available to visitors to City Hall, the Library and the park.

The Civic Center Project Team thanks you for your support. We look forward to bringing the residents of Newark a new civic center. Should you have any questions or concerns about the project, please do not hesitate to contact Project Assistant Roya Gonzalez at roya.gonzalez@newark.org or visit the City website for more information at <http://www.newark.org/departments/city-of-newark/new-civic-center>.

Grand openings

The Mel Nunes Sportsfield Park Turf Fields and Skate Park are now open!



Photos by Steve Shambaugh.



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Bulletin Board

City offices closed

- Veterans' Day observed - Monday, November 11, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, 2019

Operating hours

City Offices are open during construction of the new Civic Center. City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through December 2019 are: October 4 and 18; November 1, 15, and 29; and December 13 and 27. Police and Fire services, along with the George M. Silliman Community Activity Center are not affected by this action.

Ohlone College

It's not too late! Ohlone College offers 6 and 8 week Late Start Classes with hundreds of classes to choose from. Learn on campus or online. Financial Aid and payment plans are available for students who qualify. Find out more at www.ohlone.edu/latestart.

eBooks

Since construction of the new Civic Center will limit available parking, we would like to remind everyone about the library's eBooks. Over 100,000 eBook titles are available in the SimplyE app. Or you can borrow eAudio books in the OverDrive app.

Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center 30th Year Anniversary

Come and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center on Wednesday, October 16, 12:00 pm. This event is free seniors 55+ and includes lunch, entertainment and a commemorative gift (while supplies last).

Learn and lunch

Free LEARN & LUNCH for Seniors 55+ at the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center.

Arrive at 10:00am to attend the "learn" event and receive a free "lunch" ticket.

Space is limited, please pre-register in-person at the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center.

Register for one or all of the following events:

HEALTH & WELL-BEING... Tuesday, 10/1, 10:00am-12:30pm

HOUSING... Tuesday, 10/15, 10:00am-12:30pm

TRANSPORTATION...Tuesday, 10/29, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Annual Tree Lighting and Trees of Angels

The Annual Trees of Angels Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Monday, December 2. The tree lighting will be held at the George M. Silliman Community Activity Center instead of the Civic Center because of the ongoing construction. This event will be held in association with the Washington Hospital Foundation. The Advanced Cougar Chords from Newark Memorial High School and the City's State Licensed Preschool Child Care students will perform. Mayor Alan Nagy will be the Master of Ceremonies. Refreshments will be served, and there might even be a special visitor from the North Pole. Festivities will get underway at 6:30pm; family activities including crafts, photo booth, and cocoa bar begin at 5:30pm. For further information, please contact the Newark Recreation and Community Services Department at 510-578-4620.