


# Newark News

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## New Civic Center update

The last few months have been filled with plenty of construction activity! Since early September, Webcor and their trade partners have been busy clearing the site, rough grading, and completing the building pads. Site underground utility installation and building foundation work is currently underway. During the next few months, work on the building foundations and building slabs will continue.

The Civic Center Project Team thanks you for your support as the Team works 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.gonzalez@newark.org](mailto:roya.gonzalez@newark.org) or visit [www.newark.org/departments/city-of-newark/new-civic-center](http://www.newark.org/departments/city-of-newark/new-civic-center) as we will be posting a monthly newsletter from Webcor.



Foundation preparation at City Hall

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

\*City offices are closed on alternating  
Fridays.

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## City seeks Viola Blythe award nominations

The City is seeking 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. 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 6, 2020, 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 or visit our website at [www.newark.org](http://www.newark.org).

We accept nominations 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, 2019.

### Newark Library

Due to limited parking during construction, Newark Library now has several programs meeting at off-site locations.

- Story Time, Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30 am (except for holidays) at Newark Community Center, 35501 Cedar Blvd.
- Adult Book Clubs, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 pm at Newark Community Center
- All after school programs, Monday-Thursday, are now being held at the Solid Rock Church, 5970 Thornton Ave (corner of Thornton & Birch St) including:
  1. Free Lunch for ages 1-18 (3:00-4:00 pm), starting November 12, 2019
  2. Reading Buddies (3:30-5:00 pm), starting January 6, 2020
  3. Homework Help (3:30-5:00 pm), starting January 6, 2020

The after school program schedule is the same as the Newark Unified School District calendar.

### Holiday tree collection

Republic Services offers FREE holiday tree collection and recycling to Newark residents! From January 13 to January 24, 2020, you may place your tree in the street at the curbside for pick-up on your regular collection day. Just remember to remove all ornaments, tinsel, tree stand, and other decorations before placing your tree at the curb. Tall trees must be trimmed down to 5 feet or less. Trees may also be cut into small pieces and placed in your green organics cart (black trash cart if flocked). Trees may also be dropped off between December 26, 2019, through January 31, 2020, at Republic Services located at 42600 Boyce Road in Fremont at no cost for green trees or \$5 fee for flocked trees. Check in with the receptionist; proof of Newark residency is required.

## Census 2020

In the previous City newsletter, we introduced you to Census 2020, the decennial effort to count everyone living in the country. In January, the City of Newark will begin a campaign to raise Census awareness, encourage everyone to participate, and provide resources to ensure a complete count of our city. Participation is critical, as the Census helps bring funding back into our community.

### *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.

### *Why is it important?*

The City of Newark and Alameda County are taking steps to ensure an accurate count. Our City's role is to inform and activate our residents, and ensure that the questionnaire is accessible at Census Assistance Sites. Census 2020 is extra important for the City of Newark because we may have a population of more than 50,000 residents. If that occurs, the City would then 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](http://2020census.gov/jobs).

More information will be provided in January on the City's website and social media resources. Questions about the Census? Contact Newark's Census Team at [census@newark.org](mailto:census@newark.org) or (510) 578-4330.

## RENEWAL REMINDER

### — low-income Utility Users Tax 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 3, 2020. Residents will have until February 28, 2020, to respond. All exempt residents who do not respond by that date will be automatically removed from exempt status effective April 1, 2020. If you are a registered Utility Users Tax exempt resident and do not receive a renewal notification by February 20, 2020, we ask that you contact Laurie Gebhard at 510-578- 4392 or by email at [laurie.gebhard@newark.org](mailto: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>.





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# Bulletin Board

### City offices closed

- Christmas/New Year - City offices will be closed Monday, December 23, 2019, through Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Police and Fire services, along with the George M. Silliman Community Activity Center, are not affected by this action.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 20, 2020.
- Presidents' Day - Monday, February 17, 2020.

### Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through March 2020 are: December 27, 2019; January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21; and March 6 and 20, 2020. Police and Fire services, along with the George M. Silliman Community Activity Center, are not affected by this action.

### Park restroom closures

In observance of the upcoming holidays, Newark park restrooms will be closed on:

- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>)
- New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 20<sup>th</sup>)

### Holiday waste collection service schedule

**Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

**New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

No collection service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, administrative offices will be closed. Service will occur one day later (Friday services will occur on Saturday).

### NEW! Skateboarding lessons and clinics beginning January 2020

Skateboarding lessons and clinics will be offered at the Mel Nunes Sportsfield Park Skate Park. For more information, visit our website at [www.newark.org](http://www.newark.org).

### Spring 2020 at Ohlone College

Define your success at Ohlone College. Ohlone offers 195 degrees & certificates, and many free noncredit courses. 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. Spring semester begins January 27, 2020. Apply today at [www.ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark](http://www.ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark).

### Family Fun Night

George M. Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark, February 29, 2020, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.  
\$10.00 per family (includes pizza and light refreshments). Pre-registration required at [Newarkca.activityreg.com](http://Newarkca.activityreg.com).

### Coming in Spring 2020! Compost giveaway

Republic Services is once again offering its customers two FREE bags of compost this spring. Newark customers are invited to visit the Fremont Transfer Station located at 41149 Boyce Road in Fremont to collect the two FREE bags of compost. Look for more details in Republic Services' spring newsletter or call Republic Services at 510-657-3500.