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Census 2020

020 will be an important year. Census 2020 will determine ✓ federal funding for schools, healthcare, transportation, representation, and housing until the next census in 2030. The City of Newark, in partnership with Alameda County, is working to ensure that our community is fully counted. Nearly 26% of Alameda County residents are considered "hard-tocount" and face barriers to census completion. Sadly, families with young children, low-income families, immigrants, and non-native Englishspeaking households have often been undercounted.

What is the Census?

Every ten years, since 1790, the Census Bureau counts every adult, child, and baby living in the country to collect basic information, including: age, sex, and race. Census 2020 will NOT ask about citizenship status or for information like a social security number. Starting in March of 2020, everyone will be asked to complete the 2020 census online, by phone, or by mail. Responses are confidential and are protected by law.

Why is the Census important?

The Census gives us data about our community, informs the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funding, and determines the number of decision-makers representing us. Alameda County gets billions dollars from the federal of government for essential services healthcare, school programs, housing, transportation, social services and more — based solely on the census count. An undercount means fewer resources for everyone. For every person not counted, our community loses \$10,000 over the next 10 years.

The City of Newark and Alameda County are taking steps to ensure an accurate count, working with partners to provide outreach in communities that have previously been undercounted. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) will be located throughout the community, including at City of Newark locations, to provide access to computers and support in completing the census. We will continue to provide you with Census 2020 information and updates in the coming months. We are counting on you to be counted!



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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 6:30a - 5:30p Sunday 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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Measure B / Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee funding for pavement maintenance projects

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-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 2020 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

n 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 2020 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 2020 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 and Measure BB projects in Alameda County, please visit the Alameda CTC website at *http://www.alamedactc.org/*.

Document shred event

rewark residents will have the opportunity to bring up to four banker-sized boxes of documents each approximately 10"-12"H x 12"-14"W x 15"-18"D on Saturday, May 9, 2020, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the Newark Community Center parking lot.

The event is only open to Newark residents and businesses; identification and verification of residency is mandatory to participate (driver's license, utility bill, etc). Businesses will need to show a copy of their current City of Newark Business License.

ACCESS's mobile shredding truck will be onsite to securely shred your confidential documents. If you wish, you will be able to witness your materials being destroyed. ACCESS is both NAID AAA and PRISM Privacy + certified.

Please note: Your boxes of paper must be free of large binder clips, trash, light bulbs, batteries, and metal containers or scrap metal and food waste. Paper clips and staples are okay.

Please be advised that you are destroying documents at your own risk. It is your obligation to ensure that shredding/destruction of the documents complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to rules and laws regarding confidentiality, retention, disposition and destruction of information contained in the documents you wish to destroy.

The City of Newark makes no representations and warranties regarding the applicability of those laws and at no point does the City of Newark become the owner of the documents you wish to shred/destroy.

If you have any questions about the Shredding Event in Newark, please call Community Engagement Manager Jada Chiu at (510) 578-4929 or email <u>jada.chiu@newark.org.</u>

Keep recycling clean

Recently, recyclables that we used to ship to China are now being rejected due to contamination. Recycling standards are stricter and, as a result, recycling is changing. The recycling market is requiring clean, high-quality materials and recycling works best when items are clean, empty, and dry. For example, plastic mayo jars need to be emptied and rinsed out before recycling. If items are not clean, they may wind up contaminating other clean items.

We need your help with proper sorting — the cleanest and most efficient sorting starts with

you! Here are some things you can do:

- Reduce and reuse before recycling. The less waste generated to begin with, the less that needs to be recycled.
- Keep recycling, however, avoid "wishcycling." When in doubt, find out!
- No plastic, glass (such as wine bottles), or metal should ever go into the organics bin

 quality compost starts with yard trimmings and food scraps.

Community clean-up event

re you doing a little spring cleaning? Tidying up? Got too much stuff?

The City of Newark and Republic Services are hosting a *free* citywide community clean-up event. 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.

When: Saturday, May 16th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (or until bins are filled)

Where: Newark Service Center 37440 Filbert Street, Newark, CA 94560

The events are open to all Newark residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Recent Newark <u>residential</u> collection bill required, with matching identification.

Join your neighbors and improve the cleanliness, beauty and safety of the community, through the community clean-up event!

See link for a list of acceptable items or call Public Works at (510) 578-4452: http://www.newark.org/departments/newark-clean-up-days.

Contest

lameda County Water District invites 6th to 12th grade students to create a 30 second video about the value of clean drinking water, saying goodbye to single-use water bottles and drinking tap water, or a day without water. Win up to \$500 scholarships. Visit: www.acwd.org/waterclips for contest information and details to enter! Filing deadline: 11:59 pm, Friday, April 3, 2020.

NewBark Dog Park

ewBark Dog Park Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Saturday, March 21 10:00 a.m. – 12:000 noon

Comments by Mayor Nagy

Newark Police K-9 Demonstration Community Booths Featuring:

- Pet Adoption Services
- Pet Training
- Vet Services
- Boarding Services

TAILS

For further information, please call (510) 578-4620 or email *recreation@newark.org*.





Music at the Grove 2020 Summer Concert Series

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 26 CISCO KID (Tribute to War – July 10) UNAUTHORIZED ROLLING STONES – July 24 THE HIT MEN – August 7



The Big Bang Beat

Family Day at the Park

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amilies are invited to celebrate a morning of fun on Saturday, April 4, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Newark Community Park, 35501 Cedar Boulevard. There will be arts and crafts, egg dyeing, a community resource faire, games, petting zoo, photo with the Easter Bunny, and egg hunts.

The Egg Hunt times are: 9:30 a.m. - 3 years old and under; 10:00 a.m. - 4-5 years old; 10:30 a.m. - K-1st graders and 11:00 a.m - 2nd-5th graders. The location of each egg hunt will be determined depending on the weather.

7th Annual Newark Mariachi Festival

Join us for the 7th Annual Newark Mariachi Festival on Sunday, July 19, 2020, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Shirley Sisk Grove (next to NewPark Mall).

New Civic Center project update

ebcor and their trade partners have been progressing on schedule in the construction of the new Civic Center. On February 13, 2020 the project marked a key milestone as the last steel beam was placed atop the last building. To celebrate this milestone a small topping out ceremony, a time honored construction tradition to signify the health and well-being of construction workers and the future occupants, was held. The next few months Webcor will continue framing both exterior and interior walls as well

as installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing in the buildings. Every day the City is one step closer to realizing its vision.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the project, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Team at roya.gonzalez@newark.org or visit the city website at http://www.newark.org/departments/city-of-newark/new-civic/center as we will be posting a monthly newsletter from Webcor.



Topping Out ceremony as the last beam was placed on the last building of the Newark Civic Center.

Newark's 7th annual compost giveaway

Residents are invited to pick up two bags of FREE compost this spring, while supplies last. Recent Newark residential collection bill required with matching identification. Don't miss out – this event is ONE DAY ONLY!

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – ONE DAY
ONLY!
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (While
supplies last)

Fremont Transfer Station 41149 Boyce Rd., Fremont, CA 94538

The compost giveaway is for Newark residents only, with single family services who participate in the organics program. Commercial and multi-family property owners are not eligible. More information: www.republicservicesAC.com.

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Want to get involved with Census 2020?

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. Apply today at: http://bit.ly/CensusAmbassador. For more information about Census 2020, please visit http://www.acgov.org/census2020.

Help reduce car break-ins

Bay Area law enforcement agencies are working together to reduce car break-ins, but the problem is too big to tackle without your help.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Remove It or Lose It! Remove all valuables and electronics from your vehicle - including cords/ chargers, empty shopping bags or loose change in the cup holder.
- Lock all windows and doors, even if you're only gone for a short time
- Do not leave any keys or garage door openers in your car.
 Park your car in well lit and visible locations.
- We recommend removing electronics but if you must leave them in your car, place them on airplane mode or turn them off and put them away before you get to the parking lot. Burglars are able to detect the Bluetooth signal on electronic devices.
- Report all suspicious activity to NPD non-emergency (510) 578-4237.

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Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

• Memorial Day - Monday May 25, 2020

Operating hours

City offices are closed on alternating Fridays. The Fridays affected through June 2020 are: March 20; April 3 and 17; May 1, 15, and 29; and June 12 and 26. 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 Youth Fishing in the City

Get "hooked" on fishing for life! Children learn basic instruction on knot tying, casting, how to bait the hook and fish handling techniques. Bring your own pole or use one of ours. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The lake will be stocked with fish for the event. California fish and game laws will be enforced and fishing is limited to youth 8-16 years old during the fishing in the City program.

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Boat House, Chelsea Dr. at Lakeshore Park in Newark