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Vote by mail

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued an executive order to send all active registered voters a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election. The Alameda County Registrar of Voters (ROV) will begin mailing the ballots on October 5, 2020. Ballots may be returned in a variety of ways:

1. Mail - prepaid envelopes will be provided. Envelopes must be postmarked no later than Election Day, November 3, 2020.
2. Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop Boxes - ballots may be returned to any 24-hour drop box within Alameda County. The drop box in Newark is located near the Library at 6300

Civic Terrace Avenue. The drop box closes at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

3. Polling locations - in person polling locations will be available, see your Voter Information Pamphlet for the location closest to you or the ROV website beginning September 24, 2020. Larger polling locations will be used for this election to ensure social distancing.
4. ROV Office – ballots may be returned to the ROV at 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA.

For more details on voting please see the Registrar of Voters website at acvote.org.

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Police Officer of the Year

Police Officer Matt Warren has been selected by his peers as “Officer of the Year” for 2019.

Officer Warren was hired by the City of Newark as a Police Officer on August 26, 2008 after serving as a Police Services Aide from 2002-2003. He has been assigned to a number of ancillary duties over his tenure, including Special Enforcement Team (SET) Detective, General Crimes Detective, School Liaison Officer (SLO), Criminal Evidence Response Team (CERT) Member, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team Member, Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) Member, Field Training Officer (FTO), and Honor Guard Member.

Officer Warren is a highly effective investigator whose self-

initiated activity has resulted in numerous arrests and convictions. He has the uncanny ability for uncovering criminal activity and is a team player and problem solver with an unmatched can-do attitude. He is a veteran Field Training Officer who enjoys mentoring and developing our new officers.

Officer Warren has earned numerous department accolades over his career, including a Life Saving Award, Blue Award, two Silver Awards, and a Green Award; Chief’s Challenge Coin; three 10851 (stolen vehicle recovery) Awards; and the Employee of the Quarter Award in Fall 2012. He graduated from the Inner Perspectives Leadership Development Program in June 2019.

Dispatcher of the Year

Ammy Hewitt has been selected as “Dispatcher of the Year” for 2019. She has been a Public Safety Dispatcher in Newark since 1997 and has received this honor three times previously in 1999, 2005, and 2012.

Ms. Hewitt provides vital services, which is a critical element to the safety and well-being of the community, as well as to the public safety personnel who count on her every day and entrust their lives to her. She is a seasoned dispatcher who holds herself to a higher standard and is always willing to step in to work extra shifts to help alleviate staffing issues.

Ms. Hewitt exhibits a cheerful and professional demeanor and is a kind-hearted person who always goes out of her way to make her co-workers feel special which is essential for good morale.

Ms. Hewitt received a Department Silver Award in May 2017 for the professional manner in which she handled a very complex and potentially dangerous situation. She also received a City of Newark PRIDE Award in 2014 as part of a group of police employees who volunteered to contribute financially to help a family who were victims of a Christmas morning burglary.

MADD Award

Congratulations to Newark Police Officer Blair Slavazza for earning a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) DUI award for the 24 arrests she made over the last enforcement period. She also received this honor in 2019 for making 40 DUI arrests. The impact of impaired driving can be deadly, so Officer Slavazza’s enforcement efforts

prevented potential loss of life and grief for families of impaired drivers, as well as innocent bystanders. She and many other officers from around the Bay Area were honored at the 2020 MADD Law Enforcement Recognition event which was held virtually on July 28, 2020.

New Newark Unified School District Superintendent

The Newark Unified School District Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Mark Triplett as the district’s new superintendent, effective July 2, 2020, with a unanimous vote at its Board meeting on June 18, 2020. His appointment was the result of a nationwide search.



Dr. Mark Triplett, Newark Unified School District Superintendent

Dr. Triplett has 20 years of service in public education. He has served as a high school teacher, program manager, and school principal. For the past four years he has worked as Network Superintendent of Oakland’s middle schools. He led the day to day operation of a network of schools to maximize the teaching and learning of over 6,000 students across 12 middle schools.

Dr. Triplett has a strong background in the implementation of comprehensive professional development and leadership programs. He has also focused on professional growth and development of both administrators and teaching staff through weekly coaching and facilitation of professional learning spaces.

City Hall closure continues

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as part of the shelter-in-place orders, the City declared a Local State of Emergency on March 16, 2020, resulting in a closure of City Hall at 37101 Newark Boulevard. Although City Hall has remained closed for the duration of the shelter-in-place period and there is no direct person-to-person contact, services continue to be available to the public. Building and Encroachment Permits, Business Licenses, and other service needs are generally available electronically through a combination of the City's website (www.newark.org), email, telephone, and fax.

For Building Inspection Division services, including permit applications, plan review submittals and scheduling of inspections, please see the Division's web page at: www.newark.org/departments/public-works/building-inspection-division.

Inspection requests for issued permits can be emailed to birequests@newark.org and called in by phone at (510) 578-4261.

For all Engineering Division services, including but not limited to Encroachment Permits, plan review submittals, street light, and traffic signal maintenance, and to report any other public infrastructure problems, please email public.works@newark.org or call (510) 578-4589. Additional

information is available on the Engineering Division webpage at: www.newark.org/departments/public-works/engineering-division.

The Community Development Department can be contacted for all planning, economic development, and code enforcement services by calling (510) 578-4330 or by viewing the Department's website at: www.newark.org/departments/community-development.

The Finance Department and Cashier's window at City Hall remain closed to the public. However, credit card and check transactions related to building inspection fees, permit issuance, licensing, and other payments can be completed via email, telephone, and/or fax. Please contact the Finance Department by email at finance@newark.org, by phone at (510) 578-4310 or by fax at (510) 578-4358. The Department's webpage can be found at: www.newark.org/departments/administrative-services/finance.

Please remain safe during this time period!

New Ohlone Community College District Superintendent/President

Ohlone Community College welcomes Dr. Eric Bishop as he begins his term as the seventh Superintendent/President of the Ohlone Community College District.

Dr. Bishop comes to Ohlone College from Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, California, where he served as the Associate Superintendent of Student Services and Legislative Engagement. In his role at Chaffey College, Dr. Bishop oversaw all of student services for the college and worked with local, state, and federal officials engaging in government relations on behalf of the college.



Dr. Eric Bishop, Superintendent/President of the Ohlone Community College District

"I look forward to further strengthening the academic foundation here at the College and am eager to work with a dedicated team of faculty, staff, and administrators to best support our students in their goals," says Dr. Bishop, Superintendent/President of the Ohlone Community College District.

Weekly senior newsletter

Subscribe to receive the *Weekly Newark Senior Center Update & Activity Ideas*. Email senior.center@newark.org to receive via email or call 510-578-4852 to be added to our mailing list.

NEWARK Recreation and Community Services Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center
Update & Activity Ideas
 September 14, 2020

In a time when others can't hug you... Remember to hug yourself!

In this issue:
 Informative Articles
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Wondering What's Open in Alameda County? For Up-to-Date Opening Information Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/what-is-open/>

TREATING YOURSELF WITH KINDNESS
 Self-compassion is a practice where you seek to be kinder and more supportive towards yourself. Having self-compassion helps you approach the self-criticism, insecurities and feelings.

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 hug sent!

We can't wait to see you at our Fall Activities & Events beginning this week!
 Nick, Cheryl & Jessica

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New Civic Center project update

The Civic Center project is now more than halfway through construction and remains on schedule.

The stucco on the exterior of the City Hall, which includes painting, is almost complete. In the interior, drywall has been installed on all the walls. Some of the restrooms have been fully tiled and the glass wall in the main lobby will be installed within a few weeks. The elevator has arrived and will soon be installed.

The Police building is fully framed and stucco has been applied on some of the exterior walls. Almost all the interior drywall has been installed and about half the windows have been installed. The microwave tower has been installed.

The Library building's interior and exterior framing is complete and stucco has been applied and painted

on the south exterior wall. The elevator has arrived and will soon be installed.

It is anticipated that phase one of the project will be complete early next year and City and Alameda County Library staff will begin to move into the new buildings starting in February 2021. The demolition of the existing City Hall building will commence immediately after being vacated.

The new Civic Center, including the new parking lot and all site work, should be complete in August 2021.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the project, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Team at roya.gonzalez@newark.org.



View of City Hall from Newark Boulevard side



Raised ceiling above the City Council dais



View of the Police Station lobby

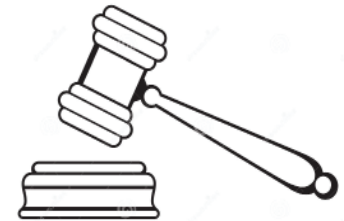


View of the library from the parking lot

New time for City Council meetings

On September 10, 2020, the start time for Newark City Council regular meetings changed to 7 pm. A new agenda format was introduced at that meeting. The meetings continue to be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. While we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council will continue to conduct the meetings electronically via Zoom, Comcast Channel 26, and livestreamed on the City website.

Please visit www.newark.org to see how you can participate at meetings.



Newark Library offering no contact pickup

The Newark Library is offering **No Contact Pickup** at these times:

- Sunday 1 - 5 pm
- Monday 1 -7 pm
- Tuesday 1 - 5 pm
- Wednesday 10 am - 2 pm

For more information, please visit the library's website at <https://guides.aclibrary.org/NoContactPickup>.

Library items can be returned Sunday through Wednesday from 10 am to 5 pm or any time of day or night from 10 am Thursday to 9 am Sunday.

Wear a mask, slow the spread

Face coverings are an essential tool in the fight against the coronavirus, according to public health experts. Following a Statewide order intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Californians must wear masks outside the home except under limited circumstances.

Cloth face coverings are a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. Face coverings also include store-bought disposable masks, which need not be medical grade.

The Alameda County Health Order requires wearing face coverings when people are outside their homes. Widespread use of face coverings, along with social distancing and frequent handwashing, is a critical part of reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone should wear a face covering when:

- At an outdoor dining establishment except when eating or drinking at a dining table
- Outside their home and when unable to practice social distancing outside of their Social Bubble
- In the workplace except when in a private space or area not regularly used by others
- Preparing food or other items

for sale or distribution to people outside their household

The order exempts children age two and under, people with a physical or mental health condition that prevents wearing a face covering, and those communicating with someone who is hearing impaired. Additionally, if you have documentation showing a medical professional has told you not to wear a face covering, you do not have to wear one.

For more information, please visit the Alameda County Public Health Department's website at www.acphd.org.

Just a reminder

During these unprecedented times, please remember to be considerate of your neighbors and keep in mind some simple rules that will help maintain a healthy and safe quality of life in the City of Newark.

- Properly dispose of personal protective equipment such as face coverings and disposable gloves. Do not discard on streets or parking lots.
- Do not dump household items on City streets or other public rights of way. Republic Services offers three bulky waste pickups per year. You can schedule an appointment by calling (510) 657-3500.
- Please help to maintain clean City streets, sidewalks, and parks by picking up after your dog.

Socially distant trash drop-off day

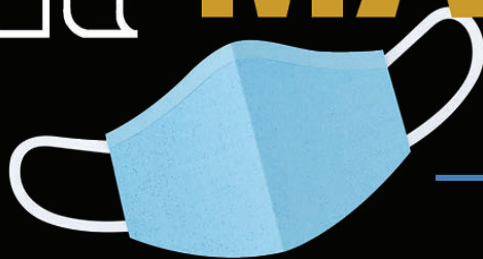
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

E-mail mainreq@newark.org for an appointment. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away.

The event takes place **Saturday, October 10th, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (or until bins are full) at the Service Center, 37440 Filbert Street.**

We will take general household debris, tires, reusable/repurposable items (we have a furniture vendor who will attend this event). We **do not accept** construction material or yard waste.

Residents will be asked to bring a utility bill (with current address) and a California Driver's License or California ID Card. Residents will need to wear a mask and stay in their vehicle. We will have staff members offload all material!



MASK ON NEWARK!

#NewarkStrong



POSTAL CUSTOMER



Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Veterans' Day observed - Wednesday, November 11, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2020

Operating hours

City offices are currently closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, services are offered online, by email, and by telephone. Please visit www.newark.org for updated information for your specific needs.

Free drive-through food distribution

On the first and third Thursday of the month, the City of Newark, in partnership with the Tri-City Volunteers, holds a free drive-through food distribution event at the Newark Service Center, 37440 Filbert Street, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Each car will receive a box of fresh produce and dairy as well as non-perishable food supplies. Food supplies are limited to the first 100 cars. For more information about the City's food distribution program, please call (510) 578-4620.

Fall 2020 Late Start Classes Through Ohlone College

It's not too late. Define your success at Ohlone College. Ohlone College offers 189 degrees and certificates, and many free career-oriented noncredit courses. Fall 2020 Late Start Classes begin in September, October and November, and are held online. Classes are \$46 per unit. Financial Aid and payment plans are available for students who qualify. Apply today at www.ohlone.edu/lst20. Success STARTS HERE.

Republic Services Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day - November 11, 2020

Residential, Business Small Container and Large Container (Industrial)

Services will run as regularly scheduled. There will be no interruption of service due to the holiday.

Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 2020

Residential - *There will be no collection on Thanksgiving Day. Service will run one day late. Thursday customers will be collected on Friday, Friday customers will be collected on Saturday.*

Business Small Container - Service scheduled on Thanksgiving will be collected one day later. Scheduled customers for the rest of the week anticipate regular service day or one day later.

Large Container (Industrial) - Service scheduled on the holiday will be collected one day later. Scheduled customers for the remainder of the week will receive service as normally scheduled.