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New Civic Center update

The new buildings are really starting to take shape as we get closer to completion. City Hall interior finishes are well underway with the majority of the flooring installed, doors hung and cabinetry installed. The police building is not far behind as Webcor continues to add finishing touches throughout the building. The library's exterior glazing is nearly complete and they are installing the interior drywall. The City and County are scheduled to move into the new buildings in spring

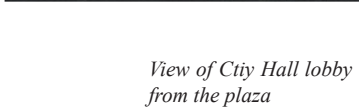
2021, followed by the demolition of the existing City Administration Building and construction of the new parking lot.

The reclaimed stained glass from the original building is scheduled to be installed within the coming weeks. The stained glass will be visible at the entrance to all three buildings.

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 the plaza and the lobby to all three buildings from the parking lot



View of City Hall lobby from the plaza



View of the police building from the parking lot



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Newark eGift Cards

Looking for easy, safe holiday shopping? Newark's businesses have you covered! Make shopping local and personal!

Use www.GiftNewark.com for holiday shopping. Give gifts to Newark restaurants, shops and hotels.... think take out, outdoor dining, staycations... all safely-distanced.

Shop www.GiftNewark.com for family, friends, neighbors, and yourself.

"Bonus Gifts" are a great deal: buy a \$20 eGift Card and get a \$5 bonus at that business, or buy a \$40 eGift Card and get a \$15 bonus at that business. Limit: one bonus per business per customer, while funds last. These bonuses are courtesy of the City and sponsors.

"Newark chose [GiftNewark.com](http://www.GiftNewark.com) because everyone in our community can safely buy gifts to support our merchants who have been losing income for nine months now," Newark's Community Development Director Steven Turner said.

Shop from any device. Send the eGift cards by e-mail or text, or print at home for physical gifts. [Redeem at Newark businesses only.](#) These cards do not expire.

Use 'Bulk Purchases' to treat the whole team, office, or club.

"This is a unique opportunity for our community to keep their businesses alive," said Richard Lipsit, Newark Chamber member. "This lets our community show support person by person, shop by shop."

If you or your company would like to sponsor this program, please contact Economic Development Manager Anne Stedler at anne.stedler@newark.org.



Yugo Ramen owner, Michelle Liu (pictured on right), is thrilled that customers are buying eGift Cards to use. "GiftNewark gives me another way to serve my great customers," commented Michelle Liu.

StopWaste

The *RE:Source* guide is the latest generation of online search tools from StopWaste intended to provide answers for what to do with the things you no longer need as well as comprehensive city-specific curbside service information on what goes where. It replaces the previous online guide, *RecycleWhere.org*, and is faster and easier to use.

By providing regularly updated reuse and repair alternatives to disposal, *RE:Source* is also designed to serve as an educational tool to help extend the life of materials as much as possible by promoting the best and highest use.

Users can also browse Material Fact Sheets, which include more in-depth educational information about safe disposal and recycling of special items like batteries or clothing, and help consumers understand the environmental impacts and lifecycle of different materials.

You can find the new *RE:Source* guide prominently featured on the StopWaste.org homepage. For on-the-go searches, the *RE:Source* app is also freely available for download on the iOS and Android platforms.

*This information was taken from the October 2020 issue of StopWaste's *Topic Brief*.



Easy, safe eGift Cards

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

www.GiftNewark.com

Bonus Gifts from City of Newark and sponsors, while funds last.

City of Newark and Newark Chamber

QUICK SCAN TO SITE



Measure PP adopted

The election results have been certified and Newark residents have overwhelmingly voted in favor of Measure PP. This will extend voter-approved, locally-controlled funding with no increase in tax rate to maintain vital services identified by the community. Priorities include public safety, fire protection, streets and pothole repair, and crime and gang-prevention among other City services.

“Residents provide us our direction. It was an important decision for the community to make in a unique election year. Measure PP protects a reliable source of local revenue to help maintain and prevent cuts to city services. We look forward to continuing to work with the community to maintain fiscal stability and services the community prioritizes,” said City Manager David J. Benoun.

Measure PP continues Newark’s locally controlled Utility Users’ Tax (UUT) funding at the current rate of 3.25%. Measure PP continues to require fiscal accountability, including independent financial audits and yearly reports to the community. Measure PP stays local in Newark to the benefit of residents, and no funds generated by Measure PP can be taken by the State.

Any service user that is currently exempt from the Utility Users Tax will not be required to file a new exemption request. Existing Utility Users’ Tax exemptions will automatically carry over with no further action necessary. Exempt customers, however, will still need to file for renewal; every year for Low-Income exemptions and every other year for Senior Citizen exemptions. The City will continue to send reminder notices to exempt customers in the month of February.

For more information about Measure PP, visit www.newark.org/residents/measure-pp.

Volunteer recognition

Each May the City of Newark holds a Volunteer Recognition Dinner honoring City volunteers and nominees for the prestigious Viola Blythe Awards who give so generously of their time and effort to enrich the lives of those in need.

This year’s ceremony was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the City held a drive-through event on October 30, 2020. Volunteers lined up at the Newark Pavilion where there they received a gift and a personal thank you from the City Council.

2020 Viola Blythe Award Winners

Brian Greenlee
Volunteer of the Year

Newark Graffiti Abatement Group Award

Nicola Crispino
Senior Award

Cesar Castillo
Youth Award





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Bulletin Board

Operating hours

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

City offices closed

- Christmas/New Year - City offices will be closed Thursday, December 24, 2020, through Friday, January 1, 2021. Police and Fire services are not affected by this action.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 18, 2021.
- Presidents' Day - Monday, February 15, 2021.

Holiday waste collection service schedule

CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday, December 25, 2020

There will be no collection on Christmas Day.

Friday customers will be collected on Saturday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Friday, January 1, 2021

There will be no collection on New Year's Day.

Friday customers will be collected on Saturday.

Please place your cans out by 6:00 a.m. for pick up.

Holiday tree collection

Republic Services offers FREE holiday tree collection and recycling to Newark residents! From January 11 to January 25, 2021, 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. Trees may also be cut into small pieces and placed in your green organics cart (black trash cart if flocked). Trees taller than 5' must be cut down. Trees may also be dropped off between December 26, 2020, through January 11, 2021, at Republic Services located at 42600 Boyce Road in Fremont at no cost for green trees or a \$5 fee for flocked trees. Check in with the receptionist; proof of Newark residency is required.

Newark Recreation and Community Services Winter Activities Guide

The Winter Activities Guide is now available at www.newark.org.

Virtual and In-Person Activities for all ages are included in the guide.

Newark Resident Registration begins December 14.