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## East Bay Community Energy

**W**e are excited to announce that East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) will be providing greener electricity to your home and/or business starting in April—and at slightly lower rates! EBCE is a local, not-for-profit public agency that the City Council voted to join on October 24, 2019. EBCE has been supplying electricity throughout most of Alameda County since 2018, and this April all electric accounts in Newark will be enrolled in EBCE service unless customers opt out. (Customers can also opt UP to 100% renewable energy with EBCE for an additional \$0.01/kWh—approximately \$5/month more for the average home in EBCE’s service area).

Community choice energy agencies, like EBCE, procure electric power on behalf of cities and counties to expand customer energy options; increase access to renewable energy; reduce electricity rates; and create local jobs through innovative programs and renewable energy projects.

Per California State law (AB 117), electricity accounts in Newark will be automatically enrolled with EBCE and placed on EBCE’s Bright Choice service, which offers a 1% discount compared to PG&E’s standard service and a minimum of 5% more renewable energy. For customers, everything else stays the same – PG&E will continue to administer energy transmission, distribution, repair work, and billing services. You will see EBCE’s slightly lower charges on your monthly bill along with a credit from PG&E, since you will be purchasing from EBCE’s energy supply rather than PG&E’s (unless you opt out).

You will receive four enrollment notices from EBCE with additional information, one each month starting in February 2021. By now you should have received at least one enrollment notice in the mail from EBCE. Subsequent notices will arrive by either U.S. mail or email.

To recap:

- Starting this April, EBCE will become Newark’s default supplier of electricity generation services;
- EBCE is a local public agency that provides greener electricity throughout Alameda County at slightly lower rates than PG&E’s standard service;
- PG&E will continue to deliver the electricity through its transmission and distribution systems, and will continue to handle repairs and customer billing services;
- EBCE’s electric generation charges will appear as a line-item on PG&E bills. These are not additional charges; they are replacement charges for what PG&E would have otherwise charged to generate your electricity;
- EBCE’s enrollment process is automatic, so you probably won’t even notice the change. Similarly, customers on PG&E discount programs (e.g., CARE, FERA, and/or Medical Baseline) do not need to re-enroll in these programs. They transfer automatically with EBCE service.

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# Ohlone College

The Ohlone Community College District’s Board of Trustees has affirmed the College’s strong commitment to being an equity-based, anti-racist institution through the passing of Resolution No. 20/20-21 Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) at its February 10, 2021 meeting.

“This resolution solidifies our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion by putting our continued and new actions into words and setting clear expectations and direction for the College,” said Board Chair Richard Watters.

The College has made an even stronger commitment to equity and, inspired by the California Community College Chancellor’s Call to Action is implementing strategic steps to meet Vision to Success goals to improving student success. These goals include but are not limited to increasing degree and certificate completers by 20%; increasing CSU/UC transfers by 35%; decreasing average number of units by 10%; increasing Career Technical Education students’ employment by 15%; decreasing achievement gaps for underrepresented groups by 40%; and reducing regional achievement gaps for all measures through faculty and staff diversity as a driver for the educational achievement and the social mobility of students.

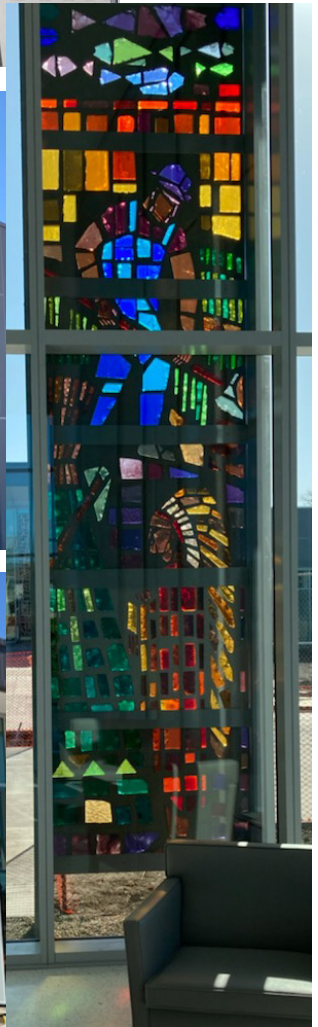
# New Civic Center update

The New Civic Center Project hit a major milestone this month as City Hall and Police Department moved into new buildings. The new Library is scheduled to be finished in April 2021, making the completion of all three buildings on schedule! Webcor and their trade partners are busy finishing up the site work and preparing for the demolition of the old building.

The historic stained glass

that stretched the length of the tower was removed and secured during the majority of construction. It was later installed at the lobby of all three buildings. The placement allows light to shine through during the day as shown in the picture below.

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).



**\*Pickup location ACROSS from Senior Center\***



**FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM**  
**DRIVE-THRU GRAB & GO GROCERY BAG**  
**NEWARK SERVICE YARD (across from Senior Center)**  
 37440 FILBERT STREET | NEWARK  
 Park along Filbert Street, Don't block driveways, Staff will guide you

**Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month**

**Pickup Time:** 10:30 AM or until supplies run out

FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED  
 RECEIVE (1) BAG PER FAMILY PER CAR  
 DRIVE THROUGH ONLY  
 PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE & WEAR A FACE MASK

**PROGRAM INFO:**  
 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month  
 first come, first serve, open to everyone  
 MUST BE IN A CAR



## East Bay Energy promotes induction cooking

To promote climate smart cooking, East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) has partnered with local chef Reem Assil in a video showcasing her amazing Shakshuka recipe, utilizing induction burners. Watch the video, learn more about the

benefits of induction cooking, and find cost saving rebates at [@poweredbyebce](https://ebce.org/induction/@poweredbyebce) [@reem](https://ebce.org/induction/@reem) [@reemscalifornia](https://ebce.org/induction/@reemscalifornia) [#cleancooking](https://ebce.org/induction/#cleancooking) [#saveenergy](https://ebce.org/induction/#saveenergy).



## Give eGift Cards for Mother's Day

GiftNewark.com

**GIVE A GIFT...GET A GIFT**  
HONOR MOMS - SUPPORT BUSINESSES

Spend at least **\$20** on a gift at any of our merchants - receive a **\$5** bonus gift at that merchant

Spend at least **\$40** on a gift at any of our merchants - receive a **\$15** bonus gift at that merchant

Spend at least **\$100** on a gift at any of our merchants - receive a **\$40** bonus gift at that merchant

A joint project of the City of Newark and the Newark Chamber of Commerce.

Make gifts to mothers using Newark e-Gift Cards – gifts of thanks and gratitude with a hometown Newark touch.

Generous Bonus Gifts boost your gifts. Effective Saturday, April 10: buy at any merchant on the Gift Newark web site, and get a special Bonus Gift at that merchant at the levels shown above. New limits apply starting April 10: two gift cards per buyer per business. See Bonus Gift details at [www.GiftNewark.com](http://www.GiftNewark.com).

Give a gift at any store listed at [www.GiftNewark.com](http://www.GiftNewark.com): beauty spas, fitness studios, restaurants, ice cream, binsoo, boba, bakeries and more. Purchase one eGift Card for Mother's

Day – or a dozen for her to enjoy each month of the year (no expiration). Choose favorite stores or restaurants, or those she would like to explore.

When you buy a Newark eGift Card, the business receives your gift purchase and the sponsor-funded Bonus Gift the same week you buy. There is no “middle man”. This is a true Newark-centric eGift Card – directly supporting business; redeemable at Newark locations only.

Contact Newark Economic Development at 510-468-7368 or [anne.stedler@newark.org](mailto:anne.stedler@newark.org) for more information, group purchases, company discounts, or to sponsor Bonus Gifts.

## Resolution condemning racism

At their meeting on March 25, 2021 the Newark City Council passed a resolution condemning and combating racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

“I find it appalling that in the 21st century we have to have resolutions like this, but there are some in our society that still don't get it. Racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders will not be tolerated.

Throughout history AAPI persons have made substantial contributions to society, and currently over two million members of the AAPI community serve in health care, law enforcement, and other first responder roles.

Our City has long been committed to promoting a safe and secure environment and championing a culture of diversity and inclusion. We are a better community through our diversity and AAPI persons have always played an important part in that diversity and inclusiveness.

This resolution affirms the City's commitment to the safety and well-being of all people with ancestry from the Asia Pacific region and our commitment to combating racist acts targeting members of the AAPI community.” – Mayor Alan L. Nagy

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For more information, EBCE hosted a webinar to introduce Newark residents to their service, on March 10, 2021. There was also a webinar specifically for solar Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers on March 18, 2021. Recordings of these webinars and Related information are available at [ebce.org/newark](http://ebce.org/newark).

You are also welcome to call EBCE at 1-800-699-EBCE (3223) between 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday through Friday or by email at [customer-support@ebce.org](mailto:customer-support@ebce.org).



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER



# Bulletin Board

### City Offices closed

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 31, 2021.

### Operating hours

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

### Summer and Fall 2021 at Ohlone College

Get ahead and stay ahead this summer and fall at Ohlone College. Financial Aid and payment plans are available for students who qualify. Summer term begins June 14. Fall semester begins August 30. Applications accepted now. Find out more and apply today at [www.ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark](http://www.ohlone.edu/go/cityofnewark).

### Ohlone for Kids & Teens – Summer Enrichment Program

You see learning. Your kids see FUN! Ohlone for Kids & Teens is the first comprehensive, fully online, summer camp in the Bay Area. Our program features LIVE INSTRUCTION for kids and teens in grades 4-12. Students can take classes in coding, science, creative expression, engineering and more. With 4 sessions, June 5-August 5, there are multiple options to explore. Find out more and register today at [www.ohloneforkids.com](http://www.ohloneforkids.com) or call 510-979-7597 for details.

### East Bay Regional Park District

FREE Virtual Programs Available for Schools and Community Groups with East Bay Regional Park District. Visit [www.ebparks.org/programs](http://www.ebparks.org/programs) and select the box that best fits your interest. You can apply directly for a program (don't forget to register for an account!) and someone will contact you to schedule.

### Newark Library update

In the near future, all operations at the Newark Library will stop for the move into the new library building. This includes moving the 90,000-volume book collection. The exact date has not yet been determined, so please check the library website at [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org) for the most current information.

There are plans to establish a Mobile Library stop in Newark, location and times to be determined. Please visit the library website at [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org) and click on Virtual Events then Mobile Library for updates. At this time all library programs, except for Mobile Library stops, are being held on Zoom.

### Newark trash day

The City of Newark and Republic Services will be holding the next contactless Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Newark Service Center located at 37440 Filbert Street by appointment only. Acceptable items for disposal include appliances, reusable household goods, furniture, mattresses, metals, wood, carpeting, tires and e-waste. Please schedule your free drop-off by e-mailing [mainreq@newark.org](mailto:mainreq@newark.org). A recent Newark residential utility bill (water/trash/electricity) with matching identification will be required.

### Employment opportunities

The global demand for specialized medical equipment to treat COVID-19 is so strong there are now new employment opportunities in Newark. Cepheid, an employer at 7000 Gateway, is hiring 500 manufacturing associates between now and June 2021, at a rate of \$18.75 - \$32.00/hour with full employment status: benefits, medical, vacation and training. Interested job-seekers can reach the hiring office at 510-679-4422 or [www.jobs.Danaher.com](http://www.jobs.Danaher.com).