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## New Civic Center update

It has been a busy few months at the Civic Center site! As staff are getting settled into their new workspaces, the contractor has been busy working on the site. The demolition of the old City Administration building took about two weeks to complete. The contractor is currently grading the site to prepare for the new parking lot. The Civic Center plaza is now

filled with landscape and is really beginning to come to life. As scheduled, the parking lot and site should be complete in late summer/early fall.

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).

*The tower minutes before demolition began.*



*The tower about 30 minutes after demolition began.*

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## COVID-19 fraud

COVID-19 fraud is rapidly evolving. Scammers are using telemarketing calls, text messages, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits to perpetrate COVID-19-related scams.

Fraudsters are offering COVID-19 tests, Health and Human Services grants, and Medicare prescription cards in exchange for personal details, including Medicare information. Please be aware that these services are unapproved and illegitimate.

These scammers use the coronavirus pandemic to benefit themselves, and Medicare beneficiaries face potential harm. The personal information collected can be used to fraudulently bill federal health care programs and commit medical identity theft.

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- You will not be asked for money to enhance your ranking for vaccine eligibility. Government and State officials will NOT call you to obtain personal information in order to receive the vaccine and you will NOT be solicited door to door to receive the vaccine.
- Medicare beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited requests for their personal, medical, and financial information. Medicare will not call beneficiaries to offer COVID-19 related products,

services, or benefit review.

- Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately.
- Do not respond to, or open hyperlinks in text messages about COVID-19 from unknown individuals.
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites. If you make an appointment for a COVID-19 test online, make sure the location is an official testing site.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone claiming to offer HHS grants related to COVID-19. Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare number, financial information, or attempt to set up a COVID-19 test for you and collect payment information for the test.

If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, report it immediately online or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477). For more information on COVID-19 Fraud and how you can protect yourself, visit:

<https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/fraud-alert-covid19.asp>

## Rental Assistance Program

Are you struggling with rent or utility payments during the COVID-19 pandemic? Are you a property owner with tenants who have not been able to pay rent? The Alameda County Housing Secure Emergency Rental Assistance Program is a resource to help income-eligible households pay rent and utilities (water, gas, electricity and Internet) for overdue payments.

Funding is provided by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which allocated millions of dollars in rent relief for renters

and their property owners. Because this is a new source of funds, tenants who are behind on their rent and their property owners are eligible to apply, regardless of whether they received or were previously declined by other rent relief programs. Alameda County tenants are eligible to apply if one or more individuals in their households meet eligibility criteria.

Tenants or property owners with eligible tenants may apply directly at [ac-housingsecure.org](http://ac-housingsecure.org). Visit the website above for more information and to apply for assistance.

## Safe and Sane Fourth of July

July 4th is fast approaching. Here are some reminders to help keep your Independence Day activities safe:

- The City of Newark has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for illegal fireworks. Possession, use or sale of any illegal fireworks will be strictly enforced.
- Only Safe and Sane Fireworks purchased at permitted booths are legal for use in the City of Newark.
- The use of Safe and Sane Fireworks should be restricted to residential areas only and requires permission of the property owner.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged in City parks. All parks will be completely closed by 7:30 p.m. on July 4th.
- The Police Department will be actively patrolling for illegal activities related to fireworks and will be citing for any violations. Multiple responses by the Police Department to a given location can result in additional administrative fines and abatement costs.
- Safe and Sane Fireworks will be available for purchase from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 28, and from 8:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m., June 29 through July 4.
- You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase Safe and Sane Fireworks.
- Comply with all COVID-19 Health Orders while celebrating.

The City's Fireworks Hotline, 1-866-520-SAFE (7233) has been activated. Anyone wishing to report any illegal or unsafe activity, including possession, use or sale of illegal fireworks is encouraged to call the hotline.

*Have a very safe and happy Fourth of July holiday!*





## Social media

**D**o you want to hear about the latest updates from the City of Newark before the next edition of the Newark News is distributed? Get connected and stay informed by following one or more of the City's social media accounts.

Follow the City of Newark and various departments to stay up-to-date on the latest news, emergency notifications alerts, important announcements, community events and more!

The City invites you to follow and/or like the City sponsored social media platforms listed below:

- City of Newark, CA Government on Facebook
- Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center on Facebook
- Newark Police Department, California on Facebook
- Community Development, Newark CA on Facebook
- City of Newark YouTube Channel

Links to these social media accounts are listed on the city website at [newark.org/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-information](http://newark.org/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-information).

## Recreation swim is back!

**W**e have missed you and are so excited to welcome you back to the Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center! We will have two reservation slots running for an hour and a half each with a health pre-screening before entering the facility. Reservations must be made in advance as we will not have any day of drop-in options. Our indoor pool will be open to a limited capacity, some features may not be open, social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained, masks must be worn upon entering the building until getting in the pool and then again after exiting the pool and leaving the facility.

Reservations can be made online at [newarkca.activityreg.com](http://newarkca.activityreg.com) under "Activity Registrations." Reservations must be made for all participants attending recreation swim.

If you had a pass during COVID please contact us to reactivate prior to making a reservation.

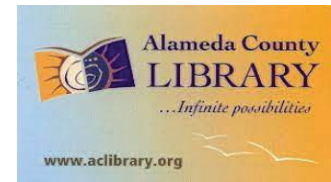
Do you have questions or need help reserving a space? Email us at [recreation@newark.org](mailto:recreation@newark.org).

## Newark Library update

**A**ll operations at the Newark Library have stopped in anticipation of the move into the new building. The new library is expected to open sometime this year. Other Alameda County Library locations have reopened, with limited hours, after the COVID closure. Check the library website at [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org) for the most current information.

The Mobile Library is stopping at Schilling Elementary School every second Wednesday, 10:30am-12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to borrow or return books there. On the library website, click on Virtual Events, then click the box for Mobile Library to see updates.

On June 15, the library's Summer Adventure: A World of Stories begins. Please visit <https://aclibrary.org/summer-reading/> for further information.



## The Citizen Police Academy is back!

**T**he Newark Police Department's philosophy of community oriented policing involves increasing awareness of the importance of an effective police-community partnership that includes open and honest communication. One of the goals of the Citizen Police Academy is to facilitate this partnership and to improve communication by developing a better understanding of each other's role in the community.

During the Academy, you will be exposed to many aspects of your police department and you will learn about the laws, procedures and policies that govern law enforcement. Our hope is that this course curriculum, coupled with the experiences of the students, will lead to lively and informative discussions

about issues facing the City of Newark.

NPD has tentatively scheduled the next Citizen's Police Academy series for Wednesdays starting September 15, 2021 through the week of November 17, 2021 from 5:30 – 9:00pm.

To learn more and/or apply visit: <http://www.newark.org/departments/citizen-police-academy>





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# Bulletin Board

### City Offices closed

- Independence Day - Monday, July 5, 2021.
- Labor Day - Monday, September 6, 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

At Ohlone College we are the heartbeat of the community. We care about your academic success, retraining the local workforce, getting you back to work, providing you the tools you need to succeed, and resources so you don't break the bank. Ohlone cares. Start your pathway to success this summer and/or fall. Summer term begins June 14. Fall semester begins August 30. 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! Python for Kids, Robotics & Raspberry Pi, Creative Writing, Edible Chemistry, Pop Culture Physics, Power Speech Through Storytelling, and more. Enroll your child today in the Bay's Area's premier, comprehensive, virtual, live instruction, summer camp for grades 4-12 (plus classes for K-3 this year). Choose from 4 sessions of classes that run June 14 through August 5. Register today at [www.ohloneforkids.com](http://www.ohloneforkids.com) or call 510-979-7597 for more information.

### Ash Street Park Summer Recreation Program

The Newark Recreation Department is excited to continue the 40+ year tradition of the Jerry Raber Ash Street Park Summer Recreation Program, 6/21-7/30, Monday – Friday from 11am-3pm. This program is offered to NEWARK RESIDENTS based on income qualification. For just \$10, your child can participate in this high-energy fun-filled program! Lunch provided by NUSD Child Nutrition Services. Don't miss out, space is limited! Email [childcare@newark.org](mailto:childcare@newark.org) with questions and how to register.

### Camp Newark

Looking for full day care for your children ages 6-11? Camp Newark, conveniently located at the Silliman Center, runs 6/7-8/6, Monday – Friday from 8am-5pm. Children will participate in arts and crafts, games, indoor and outdoor play, special events and daily snacks. Lunch provided by NUSD Child Nutrition Services. Don't wait to register as space is limited! Visit [www.newark.org/recreg](http://www.newark.org/recreg) for more information and how to register. Email completed registration forms & questions to [childcare@newark.org](mailto:childcare@newark.org).

### The Clark W. Redeler Newark Senior Center

The Clark W. Redeler Newark Senior Center will reopen Wednesday, June 16.  
Regular Operating Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

### City of Newark Monthly Street Sweeping Schedule

The City provides street sweeping services on all local streets on a monthly basis to help remove litter, leaves, and pollutants from the roadway. Vehicles, trailers, garbage containers and other items left on the street on the day of service prevent the street sweeper from cleaning all areas. Residents can help ensure more effective service by keeping their street frontage clear on the regular day of servicing. The monthly street sweeping schedule is provided on the City's website at: <https://www.newark.org/departments/public-works/maintenance-division/street-sweeping-schedule>.