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New Civic Center Grand Opening

The City of Newark celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Newark Civic Center on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The new Center is home to a new City Hall, Library, and Police station.

The program kicked-off with a performance of lion dancers as they made their way from building to building, promoting good luck and fortune to each of the new facilities.

City Manager David Benoun served as the host and emcee of the program, introducing each speaker. Speakers highlighted that it has been almost 57 years ago that the groundbreaking of the original, City administration building took place. Those who were involved in making the vision of a new civic center a reality were acknowledged and thanked, including special recognition to the Newark voters for their support and

approval of Measure GG. Measure GG provides a one-half cent sales tax that has been used to fund a majority of the project.

Mayor Emeritus David W. Smith closed the speeches. Dave served as Newark's Mayor from 1976 to 2011. At the time of his retirement, he held the title of the longest running Mayor in the State of California and held the title of the second longest running Mayor in the Nation.

Dave emphasized the importance of teamwork, trust, and thanks; the three "T's" that make-up what is known as the "Newark Way!" Dave personally thanked all the council members, City staff, commissioners, volunteers, residents, and those who worked on projects in Newark, for working together as a team, trusting one another, and gave his thanks for a job well done. He continued by giving

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Ohlone College Newark Campus

The health care profession is in high demand, and Ohlone Community College is stepping up to meet that challenge by providing new highly skilled workers. While taking all necessary safety precautions, our Newark campus continued operating in-person classes for allied health programs throughout the pandemic. This allowed students to continue their programs and complete them on time. The Newark Campus offers a variety of credit and noncredit courses offered during both daytime and evening hours. The center offers courses in biotechnology, environmental studies, physical therapist assistant, registered nursing, respiratory therapist and computer science / technology programs. In addition, Ohlone offers a range of general education courses including mathematics, English, biology, chemistry, economics, and fitness and wellness courses.

The campus has a range of services, including a career center

that is designed to help students and residents from all over Alameda County. A butterfly garden that is dedicated to growing varieties of plants that attract beneficial insects, and helps create a place of beauty and refuge for migrating butterflies.

Ohlone College in Newark is offering over 100 classes this fall beginning on August 29th. The college is committed to providing a safe and healthy campus environment for its students, employees, and faculty. As a reminder, all individuals who are on-site at Ohlone College are required to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination.

For more information visit www.ohlone.edu/newark to explore course offerings!



Fireworks

Summer is fast approaching, and as we prepare for the 4th of July holiday, here are a few friendly reminders:

- “Safe & Sane” fireworks are permitted from midnight June 30 to midnight July 4. Outside of those days, there is no limit to the amount of time you can celebrate 4th of July – just please without fireworks.
- Anyone found to be in possession of or using illegal fireworks will be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment
- Fireworks of any kind are prohibited in City parks per Newark Municipal Code 12.16.115. All City parks will close at 7:00 pm on July 4th.
- When using Safe & Sane fireworks, keep in mind these safety tips:
 1. Always have adult supervision when using fireworks
 2. After a firework has been used, soak in water before discarding
 3. Always keep a garden hose and a bucket of water on hand when using fireworks
 4. If one of your fireworks malfunctions, do not attempt to re-light it. Properly dispose of it
 5. Never light fireworks indoors nor in or around dry grass
 6. Avoid lighting fireworks around children
 7. Make sure to only light one firework at a time
 8. Keep all pets inside when fireworks are going off. Turn on the tv or play music to distract pets from loud noises

Newark Unified School District

A promotional banner for Newark Unified School District enrollment. The background is dark blue with a faint pattern of school buildings. At the top, the text "WE ARE NEWARK" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, "NEWARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT" is written in smaller, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. In the center, five diverse children of various ethnicities are smiling and standing together. At the bottom left is the Newark Unified School District logo, which is a circular seal with a book and a torch. At the bottom center, the text "ENROLL NOW!" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, with the website "newarkunified.org/enroll" below it in a smaller white font. At the bottom right is a QR code.

Fireworks Social Host Ordinance

In 2022, the Newark City Council adopted an ordinance adding Chapter 7.24, Fireworks Social Host Ordinance to the Newark Municipal Code.

The Fireworks Social Host Ordinance establishes strict liability for social hosts that allow the deployment of illegal fireworks on their property or at their hosted gatherings.

The City of Newark is authorized to issue administrative citations of up to \$1,000 per violation

FAQ:

"What Does This Mean?"

- If you host a party OR people gather on your property and light

illegal fireworks, you may be fined up to \$1,000

"What If I Wasn't The Person Who Lit The Illegal Firework?"

- You, as the social gathering host or the property owner, are responsible for your guests or those on your property.

"Can I Be Cited More Than Once?"

- Yes. You can be fined up to \$1,000 PER violation.

"What Is Allowed?"

- California fireworks law divides fireworks into two categories:

1. "Safe & Sane" Fireworks.
Only State Fire Marshal-Approved "Safe and Sane" fireworks, bearing the seal

below are allowed in Newark.

2. "Dangerous Fireworks" "Dangerous" fireworks are illegal per Newark Municipal Code 15.17.050 and CA Health & Safety Code 12677

To report individuals using, possessing, or selling illegal fireworks please call the Fireworks Hotline at:(866) 520-7233 (safe).



Citizen Police Academy

The 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.

The NPD has scheduled a 10-week Citizen Police Academy series for Wednesday evenings starting September 7, 2022 through the week of November 16, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

To learn more and/or apply

visit:<http://www.newark.org/departments/citizen-police-academy>

Apply now, space is limited. All applications must be received by Wednesday, August 26, 2022, 5:00 pm. For more information please contact Beverly Ryans via e-mail at beverly.ryans@newark.org or via telephone at (510) 578-4352.



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everyone involved his traditional coveted "YOWZA!", but this time, it was a double "YOWZA!".

The ceremony concluded with the cutting of the ribbon to the new Civic Center.

Those in attendance enjoyed tours of the new buildings, live musical entertainment, free food, department displays, games, and activities.





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Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Friday, June 24
- Monday, July 4 - Independence Day
- Fridays, July 8 and 22
- Fridays, August 5 and 19
- Monday, September 5 - Labor day
- Fridays, September 2, 16, and 30

Operating hours

City offices are currently open to the public Monday through every other Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Most services are still being offered online, by email, and by telephone. Please visit www.newark.org for updated information for your specific needs.

Please be advised that this schedule is subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

Newark Library summer programs

Summer Adventure (formerly Summer Reading Program) for all ages, will run June 15-August 15. This year's theme is "Wonder in Nature!"

Complete learning activities, reading, and more to receive a book and drawing entries for a prize!
Newark Library is bringing back in-person storytime on Wednesdays at 11 am, starting June 22.

Special events for all ages, include:

- June 15, 11 AM - Coyote Hills EBRP - Reptile Show and Tell
- June 25, 12 PM - Happy Birds parrot show
- July 21, 11 AM - Our Wild Animal Neighbors show

Check the library website for event updates: aclibrary.org/summer.

Recreation jobs

The City of Newark Recreation Department is now hiring for lifeguard and swim instructor. Enjoy flexible hours, free facility membership and use of the pool, fun work environment, and on-the-job training. For more information visit our website at www.newark.org/recjobs or call 510-578-4668.

RE: Source

Got Unwanted Stuff? Looking for options to reuse, repair, recycle or safely dispose of unwanted stuff? How about what goes in your recycling, organics, and garbage bins? Search StopWaste's RE:Source guide for the answers! Please click on link at <https://www.stopwaste.org/resource/the-resource-guide-may-2022>.

You can also find city-specific information about special collection programs, including bulky pickups and household hazardous waste. Learn how to safely dispose, recycle, or repair hundreds of things, from unwanted clothes and furniture to electronics and medications.

RE:Source was created by StopWaste, a public agency with a mission to prevent waste in Alameda County. The RE:Source guide is also available for download as an app on iOS and Android platforms.

Visit the RE:Source guide at StopWaste.org to help prevent waste in Newark.