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Public Art Master Plan

HELP US REIMAGINE NEWARK THROUGH PUBLIC ART!

How can we best incorporate arts and culture into the landscape and identity of Newark?

The City is in the planning process of updating the Public Art Master Plan. This update will guide the future of public art in Newark.

We would like to hear feedback from community members that live, work, play, and visit Newark. The community engagement process will include a traditional community meeting, a survey and pop-up art-making events taking place throughout Newark from March to June 2023. Are you ready for your voice to be heard?

Fill out our quick survey:



English survey



Spanish survey

Attend a pop-up event:

- March 24, 2023 – Family Fun Run at Newark Community Park
- April 1, 2023 – Family Day at the Park at Newark Community Park
- TBD – Newark Library
- June 16, 2023 – Groovin’ at the Grove at Shirley Sisk Grove
- More to come!

For more information on these pop-up events or to take the survey, please contact:

info@artbuildscommunity.com or roya.gonzalez@newark.org or visit www.artbuildscommunity.com/Projects/Newark.



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Measure B / Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee funding at work in Newark Street Maintenance

As part of the City of Newark's ongoing effort to protect and extend the life of its streets, the Public Works Department annually inspects asphalt concrete pavement surfaces to identify areas of potential maintenance and determine the timing and type of appropriate repairs. The types of preventative maintenance performed on our streets include crack filling, patch paving, and slurry seal resurfacing. For those streets in a more deteriorated state, a pavement overlay or even costlier reconstruction may be necessary.

Annual pavement overlay, patch paving, and slurry resurfacing projects are an integral part of the City's Pavement Management Program. These projects are partially funded by Measure BB (approved by voters in 2014), which augments and extends the existing Measure B tax, to provide funding until 2045 by increasing the tax to a total of 1%, and by the Alameda County Vehicle

Registration Fee (VRF) program, a \$10 per vehicle annual registration fee approved by voters as Measure F in 2010. These transportation funding programs are administered through the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC).

Pavement overlays typically involve partial or full grinding of the existing surface and placement of a new 2-inch to 3-inch layer of asphalt concrete. A completed pavement overlay results in a significant structural upgrade and provides the appearance of a brand new roadway.

Patch paving consists of the removal and replacement of localized pavement failures. The project typically includes work on streets that will be resurfaced with a slurry seal. It also includes streets where a failure is too severe to correct with a surface patch, but the entire street does not require a structural upgrade with an asphalt overlay.

Slurry seal is a thin coating of a cold mixture consisting of asphalt, oil, water, and rock that seals and protects the pavement from the damaging effects of the sun's ultraviolet light and rain water runoff. Applying a slurry seal is comparable to the repainting of a house to protect its exterior surface. This preventative maintenance process is a cost-effective measure to prolong the life of City streets and maximize the value of previous investments.

It is anticipated that the 2022-2023 pavement maintenance projects will be completed during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alex Tat, Senior Civil Engineer, at (510) 578-4298 or by e-mail at alex.tat@newark.org.

For further information on Measure B/Measure BB and VRF projects and programs, please visit the Alameda CTC website at <http://www.alamedactc.org>.

Curb, gutter and sidewalk projects

In November 2000, the voters of Alameda County approved the reauthorization of Measure B, a one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements. On November 4, 2014, Alameda County voters passed Measure BB with 70% approval. Measure BB augments and extends the existing Measure B tax to provide funding until 2045 and increases the tax to a total of 1%. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) administers the proceeds from this continued sales tax.

This year, the City of Newark, in conjunction with the Alameda CTC, will utilize Measure B/Measure

BB funds for the 2023 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project. This project is coordinated with our annual concrete grinding program to address damaged concrete surfaces within the public right-of-way.

Most raised concrete issues can be corrected through periodic grinding rather than complete replacement. Only severely damaged sidewalks, curb and gutter, and driveway entrances are removed and replaced with the annual replacement project. The locations selected for replacement are prioritized based on the level of damage. Work associated with the replacement project can also include tree root pruning and root

barrier installation to help prevent future damage. The concrete grinding and replacement projects together are successful in helping to maximize public safety and contributing to the City's overall aesthetic appeal.

If you have any questions regarding the 2023 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project, please contact Mr. Alex Tat, Senior Civic Engineer, by telephone at (510) 578-4298, or by e-mail at alex.tat@newark.org. For further information regarding Measure B/Measure BB projects in Alameda County, please visit the Alameda CTC website at <http://www.alamedactc.org/>.

Catalytic converter safety tips

Catalytic converter thefts are taking place because the converters contain several types of recyclable materials that can be “scrapped” for a quick profit.

Catalytic converter thieves generally target high profile vehicles like trucks or SUVs because the higher ground clearance allows for easier access underneath the vehicle. Currently we are seeing Toyota’s being targeted, especially Prius.

So what can you do to protect your vehicle? Here are some prevention tips:

- If you have a garage, consider parking your car inside
- Park in well lit areas and if possible near security cameras

Our understanding is the cost to replace a catalytic converter may be around \$2,000 - \$2,500. It may be worth it to invest in preventative measures:

- If your catalytic converter is a “bolt on” model, you can have the bolts welded shut and have extra metal welded to the exhausted system
- Install a catalytic converter protection device that will clamp around the converter
- Etch your converter with your vehicles license plate or VIN in several locations. This will help police track your property if it is stolen.
- Calibrate your car alarm to alert when it detects vibrations.
- Some Newark neighbors have shared that some muffler shops have welded two pieces of steel in the front and back of the catalytic converter to stop the chain cutter commonly used by thieves to steal the catalytic converters. The Newark neighbors have also indicated the cost for this is approximately under \$20.

Join the Community Emergency Response Team!

The Community Emergency Response Team, also known as CERT, is a group of Newark neighbors who have been trained in various skills to assist first responders when disaster strikes. Since the program started in Newark in 1997 there have been over 1,000 residents trained in CERT. CERT members use their training to help their families and neighbors survive through emergencies such as earthquakes, floods and fires.

Two of the longest serving CERT members (Since 2001) are David Libby and Garry Zatarain. David serves as the volunteer coordinator and Garry heads the Communications team. These two CERT leaders have experience working the H1N1 and COVID community vaccination distributions and as part of the communications team to assist Cal-Fire during the region-wide wildfires of August 2020. They are eager to share their extensive experience with new CERT members, and encourage you to consider joining the team now, before the next disaster impacts your neighborhood.

CERT participates in training along with community outreach at events like the July 4th Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 27 and Newark Days. They also participate in health fairs and deliver presentations to community and faith-based organizations on family preparedness.

If you would like more information about Newark CERT including upcoming preparedness trainings, how to become a CERT member or how to put together a Family Preparedness Plan for you and your family, please visit our City website: <https://www.newark.org/residents/disaster-preparedness-cert>.

Update on the Citywide Facilities Master Plan Project!

The Facilities Master Plan project is well underway, and the consultant is getting ready to seek input from the community on what facilities you want in Newark! The community engagement phase launches on April 1, 2023 at Family Day at the Park. A survey will be available at the event as well as posted online by April 1st. Let us know what you want as we plan for the future!

For more information, please contact roya.gonzalez@newark.org.

Future housing

Newark has a once-in-a-decade opportunity to shape the future of housing in our community! All cities and counties in California are required to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community by adopting a Housing Element as part of their General Plan. The City’s General Plan guides all the ways the city is planned and managed – from our roads and sidewalks to our parks and neighborhoods.

The Housing Element is somewhat unique, in that State law requires that it be updated every eight years. This year’s effort will update the city’s housing policies and actions, as well as identify locations, housing types, and the number of homes to be accommodated (but not necessarily built) by 2031. Over the past year, the city has collected the community’s input and in late February, released the Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element for public review.

To review the documents, learn more about this important effort, and submit comments and questions, please visit www.newarkhousingupdate.org.



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Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Fridays, March 31, April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26, June 9 and 23. Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023

Operating hours

City offices are currently open to the public Monday through Thursday and 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.

Family Day at the Park

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm RAIN OR SHINE at the Newark Community Center Park, 35501 Cedar Boulevard. Enjoy the photo booth, arts and crafts, games, egg dyeing, chalk art, and Community Resource Fair. Egg hunt times: 10:00 am - Special Needs; 10:30 am - 3 years and under; 11:00 am - 4 to 6 years old; 11:30 am - 7 to 8 years; and 12:00 pm - 9 to 11 years. For questions, please contact Recreation@newark.org.

*Teen
volunteers
needed.*



NEWARK COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

THE CITY OF NEWARK AND REPUBLIC SERVICES ARE HOSTING A COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT!

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 20TH 2022 7:00a-11:00a

WHERE: 37440 FILBERT ST

WHO: OPEN TO ALL NEWARK RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO BRING A UTILITY BILL (WITH NEWARK ADDRESS) AND A MATCHING CALIFORNIA DL OR ID (WITH NEWARK ADDRESS)

Accepted:

- Appliances
- Bulky trash
- E-waste
- Furniture
- Mattress
- Metals and untreated wood
- Reusable household goods
- Tires

Not Accepted:

- Hazardous waste - batteries, paint, motor oil, chemicals, light bulbs, etc.
- Construction debris (rock, concrete, painted wood)
- Household trash
- Propane tanks, gas cylinders/lawn mowers

Appointments only. Please email mainreq@newark.org with your full name and preferred time for an appointment.

