

# Newark News



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## We need your feedback!

The City has embarked on several Master Planning initiatives to better serve the needs of the Newark Community. It is essential to obtain your feedback in order to ensure these Master Plans are reflective of the Newark Community.



Please see the following descriptions and survey links.

### Citywide Facilities Master Plan

The City is working with Group 4 Architecture & Planning to develop the City's first Facilities Master Plan. The Plan will serve as a planning document to guide the planning decisions regarding City-owned facilities. The Plan will identify the needs of all segments of the Newark Community, assess the condition of the City's existing facilities, and develop a plan to address the service gaps not being presently met.

For more information, please contact [roya.gonzalez@newark.org](mailto:roya.gonzalez@newark.org).

Fill out a quick survey:



### Public Arts Master Plan Update

The City of Newark Public Art Master Plan was adopted by City Council in 2001 and is in need of an update. The City is working with Gail M. Goldman & Associates and Art Builds Community to create the update. The updating of the Plan will provide direction to City staff, local arts organizations, as well as guide City Council in the planning and processes necessary to develop, administer and maintain a vibrant Public Art Program in the City of Newark.

For more information, please contact [roya.gonzalez@newark.org](mailto:roya.gonzalez@newark.org).

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### Broadband Master Plan

The Broadband Master Plan project will work with Government Technology Group to create a plan to develop strategies and a roadmap that lays out how Newark plans to make high-speed internet more available and affordable for everyone, with a focus on unserved and underserved areas.

For more information, please contact [ed.miranda@newark.org](mailto:ed.miranda@newark.org).

Fill out a quick survey:



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## Summertime Walk-n-Roll – Your Tax Dollars at Work to Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Safe Routes to Schools Improvements

This summer, while Newark students are enjoying their well-deserved break, the City's *Safe Routes to Schools Improvements Project* will be making much-needed pedestrian safety improvements in the area of Schilling Elementary and Newark Junior High School. The Project will install new ADA-compliant curb ramps, curb extensions to decrease crossing distances and increase pedestrian visibility, enhanced traffic striping and markings, and additional signage. The Project is partially funded by Alameda County Transportation

Commission's (Alameda CTC) Safe Routes to Schools Mini Grant Program, which aims to support the construction of capital improvements to enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access to schools in Alameda County. Established in 2006, Alameda CTC's Safe Route to Schools (SR2S) Program now serves over 260 public elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the county, reaching over 172,000 students and their families with programs that promote pedestrian and bicycle safety. The Program is funded in part by Measure B, the County half-cent sales tax renewed by voters in 2000.

Pedestrian safety improvements included with City's *Safe Routes to Schools Improvements Project* were identified through a School Safety Assessment sponsored by the Alameda CTC SR2S Program. Similar School Safety Assessments

have been performed at other schools in Newark including John F. Kennedy Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. In future years, and as funding allows, the City hopes to address the pedestrian safety needs identified through these and other School Safety Assessments as well.

If you have any questions regarding the City's *Safe Routes to Schools Improvements Project*, please contact Ms. Alysia Reyes, Junior Engineer, at (510) 578-7684 or by e-mail at [alysia.reyes@newark.org](mailto:alysia.reyes@newark.org). For further information on Measure B projects and programs, please visit the Alameda CTC website at [www.alamedactc.org](http://www.alamedactc.org). If you are interested in having a School Safety Assessment performed at your child's school or would like additional information on the Alameda CTC SR2S Program, please visit [alamedacountysr2s.org](http://alamedacountysr2s.org)

## Cherry Street Class IV Separated Bikeways

Work will also begin this summer on the Cherry Street Class IV Separated Bikeways Project, ranked in Newark's Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan as one of the five highest priority bicycle safety improvement projects for the City. During community outreach for the Master Plan, Cherry Street was identified as a key north-south corridor with elevated traffic stress levels due to high vehicle speeds and truck volumes, and a lack of protected space for bicyclists. The Cherry Street Class IV Separated Bikeways Project will upgrade existing bike lanes on Cherry Street between Central Avenue and Stevenson Boulevard to new Class IV separated bikeways. Class IV separated bikeways differ from the existing Class II bike lanes in that they provide a horizontal buffer between the bike lane and adjacent traffic lane while also introducing a physical

vertical element, flexible bollard posts in this case, to further minimize interactions between bicyclists and vehicles. Safety improvements will also be installed at each intersection on Cherry Street by incorporating automatic bicycle detection and the high visibility "green" pavement markings that have become familiar throughout the Bay Area.

The Cherry Street Class IV Separated Bikeways Project is partially funded by Measure B, the County half-cent sales tax renewed by voters in 2000, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA), a \$4 surcharge on registered vehicles that provides funding to eligible projects which reduce motor vehicle emissions. Both transportation funding programs are administered by the Alameda County Transportation Commission

(Alameda CTC).

With anticipated completion this fall, the Cherry Street Class IV Separated Bikeways Project will add key bicycle safety improvements to Newark's primary north-south corridor in the southern half of the City and upgrade a vital link in Newark's bicycle network.

Questions about the project may be sent to Mr. Jayson Imai, Assistant City Engineer, at (510) 578-4671 or by e-mail at [jayson.imai@newark.org](mailto:jayson.imai@newark.org).

For further information on Measure B and TFCA projects and programs, please visit the Alameda CTC website at [www.alamedactc.org](http://www.alamedactc.org) or the BAAQMD at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov).

## Fire Season is here!

**D**id you know that Fire Season begins in June and lasts through October? Fires can occur randomly, but do not wait to see the smoke — start cutting your tall weeds. Due to the high-volume wet season, several properties within the city have extremely tall weeds which can present a fire hazard. In addition, tall weeds and grass can be a breeding ground for mosquitos or other insects or vermin. In early May, the Fire Department began sending notices to properties alerting them of the danger and potential penalties of not trimming tall weeds. Those weed abatement letters only apply to commercial properties, including all vacant lots. For single-family homes, as the property owner, it is your responsibility to do your part and keep your community safe by

maintaining your yard. In addition to avoiding potential fires, deferred maintenance on your yard brings negative attention to your property and encourages trespassers. If not corrected and maintained, the property may become an attractive nuisance. For your convenience, here are a few rules the Community Preservation Division would like to make you aware of:

The Newark Municipal Code requires that property owners:

- Trim or remove vegetation that overhangs or obstructs streets, alleys, or sidewalks. Allow an 8-foot clearance over sidewalks and a 14-foot clearance over traveled roads
- Trim or remove vegetation that is

a fire hazard

- At intersections, trim so that the view of the intersection is not obstructed by vegetation. Trim any vegetation that interferes with the view of an intersection
- Clear vegetation from obscuring traffic signs
- Leave a 2-foot clear zone around fire hydrants
- Contact the City's Maintenance Division at 510-578-4806 to request pruning or removing trees in the public right-of-way

Have a safe summer and 4th of July. For more information, please contact Community Preservation at [COMPRES@newark.org](mailto:COMPRES@newark.org).

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#### **Parks Master Plan Update**

The Citywide Park Master Plan was adopted by City Council in 2017. The majority of the community engagement took place seven years ago. To keep up with evolving park trends, demographic changes, and development in Newark, a plan update is needed. On May 25, 2023, City Council approved a contract with RHAA Landscape Architecture & Planning for the development of this update. A community survey will be developed and published this summer.

For more information, please contact [roya.gonzalez@newark.org](mailto:roya.gonzalez@newark.org).

For more information or to directly access the links to these surveys please visit <https://www.newark.org/residents/community-master-plans>.

## 2-1-1 Get connected, get help

**W**hat is 2-1-1? Every hour of every day, someone in Alameda County searches for services, from substance abuse treatment to care for a child or aging parent. Over 1,000 community agencies provide a myriad of health and human service programs in Alameda County. Finding your way through his maze can seem insurmountable. Where do you start?

2-1-1 is a free, accessible, 3-digit telephone number that enables all Alameda County residents easy access to customized multilingual health, housing, and human services information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can also text 898211 Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm for assistance. Although available to everyone, 2-1-1 is especially critical for vulnerable populations such as single-parent and very low-income families, frail elders,

people with disabilities, caregivers, and non-English speakers who are in need of such vital resources as emergency housing, food, financial aid, healthcare, and legal assistance. 2-1-1 has also proven to be a critical public communications tool during recovery efforts after a disaster.

2-1-1 was introduced in 1997. The service is available in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. It is available to 96% of Californians.

2-1-1's powerful search engine is available online for people who want to search its service database themselves. For those who dial 2-1-1 by phone, calls are answered by call specialists who are bilingual in Spanish and have access to other languages through a professional interpreters' service.

For more information about Alameda County's 2-1-1, go to <http://211alamedacounty.org>.



## POSTAL CUSTOMER



# Bulletin Board

### City Offices closed

- Fridays, June 16 and 23, July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18, and September 1, 15, 29, 2023
- Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day
- Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

### Operating hours

City offices are currently open to the public Monday through Thursday and every other Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Appointments are available 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Most services are offered online, by email, and by telephone. Please visit [www.newark.org](http://www.newark.org) for updated information for your specific needs. Please be advised that this schedule is subject to change.

### REMINDER - Newark street sweeping

Efforts to sweep the streets can be halted or ineffective when obstacles are encountered along the street gutters. Items such as basketball hoops, garbage cans, vehicles, and trailers parked on the streets along the curb can prevent the street sweeper from doing an effective job. The City of Newark wants to remind residents and businesses to move any items and vehicles off the street on their scheduled street sweeping day. Please [visit www.newark.org/street-sweeping](http://www.newark.org/street-sweeping) for the city's street sweeping schedule.

### Newark Unified School District

- Welcome Superintendent Dr. Penelope DeLeon. Dr. DeLeon started with the district on May 15 and is excited to get to work to ensure the success of all students.
- Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is now open. Go online to get started at <https://www.newarkunified.org> and follow the link to enroll now.

### Newark Days

The 2023 Newark Days Celebration will take place from Thursday, September 14, through Sunday, September 17. The festivities are primarily located around the MacGregor Fields and Newark Community Center located at 35501 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA 94560. For more information please see their website at <https://newarkdays.org>.

### Police Department recruitment

Are you ready to make a difference in your community? Joining the Newark Police Department is more than just a job, it's a calling to serve and protect!

Join our team of brave men and women who are committed to upholding the law and protecting our community. Become a police officer and take the first step towards a fulfilling career that makes a real impact.

The City of Newark is currently seeking highly qualified applicants for police trainees, academy graduates and lateral officers!

- Officer Salary: Up to \$14,945 Monthly or \$179,340 Annually
- Three 12.5-hour patrol shifts
- Generous family medical benefits
- Paid on-duty workouts with fully equipped PD gym
- Variety of Specialty Assignments: K9, traffic, investigations, major crimes task force, SRO, SWAT, CSI and more

Apply now and let's work together to create a safer community for all. To learn more and talk to a recruiter visit [www.JoinNPDca.com](http://www.JoinNPDca.com).