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Enhancing the historic heart of Newark

Ever wondered about Old Town, or Old Newark? Public Works staff addressed these questions at the City's tree lighting ceremony.

Old Town, nestled along Thornton Avenue between Ash and Olive Streets, boasts a rich history spanning over 145 years. It has been a bustling commercial hub, engaging in various industries.

In September 2021, the City Council adopted the Old Town Specific Plan, aiming to enhance accessibility, safety, and connections for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users along Thornton Avenue. Public Works staff members have embarked on the design phase of the Old Town Streetscape Project, which involves widening sidewalks, adding bike lanes, establishing new landscaping and integrating art into the new streetscape.

The City has slated a series of outreach events, providing ample opportunities for your participation. Seize the chance to be part of this exciting transformation!

Public Works has scheduled a

series of outreach events starting in early 2024. For more information, contact Mr. Alex Tat, Senior Civil Engineer, at (510) 578-4140 or via email at alex.tat@newark.org. Explore the project website at www.newark.org/departments/public-works/capital-improvement-program/old-town-streetscape-improvements.

The Economic Development team is actively conducting surveys with Old Town businesses to gather their invaluable insights. Businesses should be on the lookout for our Economic Development team as they hit the streets conducting surveys. If you are a passionate business owner or an enthusiastic employee eager to be part of this exciting project, do not hesitate to reach out to Naz Jalalidin at nazj@newark.org or Morgan Pedersen at morganp@newark.org.

Your input is pivotal in shaping this project that envisions Old Town as a dynamic and lively destination for our community, and we appreciate your active participation.

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City seeks Viola Blythe Award nominations

The City is seeking nominations for the prestigious Viola Blythe awards. The City has hosted a program to recognize outstanding volunteerism since 1985. In 1991, the City's program recognizing dedicated local volunteers was named after Viola Blythe, the iconic Newark volunteer who dedicated her life to helping others. The program continues as a tribute to her. It is the City's way of honoring those whose unselfish deeds benefit those less fortunate. Their contributions make Newark a better place to live.

The Viola Blythe awards program honoring local volunteers will take place as part of the City of Newark Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

tentatively planned in March. The program is held jointly with the volunteer program recognizing those who volunteer their time specifically for City-sponsored programs or at City offices. Eligible City volunteers will be invited to attend the ceremony as guests of the City.

Recognition for the Viola Blythe Volunteer of the Year is by nomination from anyone or any organization in the community. Applications will be available January 4, 2024, and we want you to participate. Without your nomination that special person may not be recognized. Please call Kathy Slafter at 510-578-4278 beginning January 4, 2024, to get an application or by visiting our website at www.newark.org/volunteer-recognition.

We accept nominations in four categories: The Viola Blythe Volunteer of the Year, recognizing outstanding contributions in any area of volunteerism; the Group Award, recognizing volunteerism by organizations that serve the Newark community; the Senior Award, recognizing volunteerism by individuals 65 years of age and over; and the Youth Award, recognizing volunteerism by individuals 17 years of age and under. Areas of volunteerism typically include cultural, community enrichment, educational, industrial, recreational, political, and social. The Selection Committee will consider contributions during the 12-month period ending December 31, 2023.

Emergency preparedness

You are invited to kick off the year 2024 with an Open House hosted by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) on Saturday, January 6th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center.

During this event, our CERT volunteers will provide valuable insights into the CERT program and elaborate on the diverse and beneficial preparedness trainings scheduled for 2024. For more information about the Open House or other upcoming CERT activities, please visit our website at Newark CERT or contact Richard Martinez directly at Richard.martinez@newark.org.

The City of Newark, in collaboration with Alameda County Fire Department (ALCO Fire) and the Newark Chamber of Commerce, is offering a Plan,

Prepare, Respond and Recovery (PPRR) program for all Newark businesses. This comprehensive initiative offers training in fire extinguisher use, CPR, the Heimlich Maneuver, and personal emergency planning. These workshops equip business owners and employees with life-saving skills and practical strategies for effective emergency preparedness.

As part of the PPRR program, we will offer the HayWired Scenario Workshop in February in partnership with Earthquake Country Alliance. Open to businesses of all sizes, this workshop aims to prepare participants for business continuity after a major earthquake, particularly along the Hayward Fault. For more details, please feel free to contact Naz Jalalidin at nazj@newark.org or Richard Martinez at Richard.martinez@newark.org.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our preparedness events.

Save the date

Our Recreation Department is hiring.

JOB FAIR

Friday, February 9, 2024

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Follow our instagram for more info!

POSITIONS:

- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructors
- Customer Service
- Recreation Leader

APPLY NOW

www.calopps.org/city-of-newark

 **NEWARK**
Recreation
and Community Services



Stay connected!

Looking for answers? Need to report an issue?

Citizens now have another option to staying connected with the City of Newark! You can now text the City to find information or report issues! TextMyGov is another way to use your mobile phone's text messaging service to quickly report issues and find information on the go. To get started, text Hi or any featured keywords to 510.903.4NWK (4695).

To see a list of possible keywords, visit the city's website at www.newark.org/residents/textmygov. Once on the page, click on Key Words and a new page will appear with a list of words.

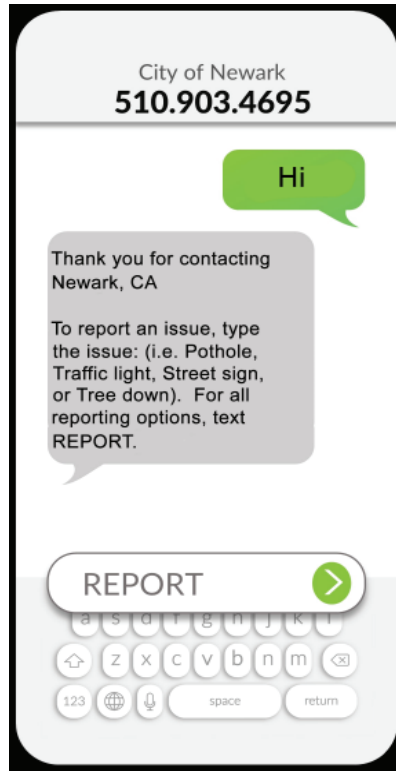
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You may also receive City Alerts by simply signing up to receive city notifications via text message. Opt-in to either of the following programs:

- General Alerts (English): NEWARKALERTS
- General Alerts (Spanish): NEWARKALERTAS
- City Council Meetings: NEWARKCOUNCIL
- Events: NEWARKEVENTS
- Housing Element: NEWARK HOUSING
- Silliman Center Updates: NEWARKSILLIMAN
- To receive all notifications listed above: NEWARK

To get started, just text one of the above keywords to 91896. After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in. You may receive up to four text message a month with a notification for each alert category opted-in to. Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for details.

Don't forget, you can also stay connected by visiting the city's website at www.newark.org or follow us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofnewarkca



Illegal dumping

The City of Newark would like to remind the community that it is illegal to dump or leave trash, garbage, household items, or other rubbish on any lot, land, street, or waterway. Illegal dumping is an eyesore for the community, encourages further illegal dumping, and attracts vermin.

The Newark Municipal Code states the following:

It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any waste, refuse, garbage, rubbish, industrial waste, or commercial garbage or to cause the same to be thrown or deposited upon any street, alley, gutter, park, or other public place within the city, or to throw or deposit the same in or upon any vacant lot or back yard or to store or keep the same otherwise than in cans, or receptacles, as required by this section. (NMC 8.08.030)

Newark residents can receive up to three annual, by-appointment, curbside bulk collections free of charge.

Residents can also receive two free passes to the Newby Island Landfill per year per residence. These free passes allow residents to dispose of up to four cubic yards of waste twice yearly. Please contact Republic Services for more information at (510) 657-3500.

Residents can also report illegally dumped items on the public right-of-way by contacting Public Works at Maintenance@Newark.org or by calling them at (510) 578-4806. Thank you for doing your part in maintaining a safe, clean, and attractive community.

New residential street tree planting project

Do you have a space in front of your home between the curb and sidewalk where you would like to have a new tree planted? The City of Newark has a goal to plant 50 new street trees in residential areas in Spring 2024.

If you are tired of that dirt patch in front of your home, please email your name, address, and phone number to Dan Cianciarulo at dan.cianciarulo@newark.org. Dan, our City arborist, will then come out and check for utilities or other items that may be in the way of planting a new tree. The first 50 residents who qualify for a new street tree will have their addresses added to the "Spring 2024 Street Tree Planting Project".

Do not worry if your address does not make it into the Spring 2024 Street Planting Project. It can be added to the "Fall 2024 Street Tree Planting Project". You may choose the type of tree you would like planted from a list of approved trees. The only thing we ask in return is that you water the new trees when it is hot out to help get them established.

Feel free to reach out to Dan with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the trees the City plants or maintains.



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Bulletin Board

City Offices closed

- Winter Holidays - Friday, December 22, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024
- Fridays - January 5 and 19; February 2 and 16; and March 1, 15, and 29, 2024
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 15, 2024
- Presidents' Day - Monday February 19, 2024

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 for updated information for your specific needs. Please be advised that this schedule is subject to change.

Republic Services Holiday Schedule

Republic Services observes the following holidays: Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If your pickup day falls on one of these holidays, it will be delayed by one day.

East Bay Regional Park District

The East Bay Regional Park District will be hosting two Youth Job Fairs in 2024. Additional information can be found at www.ebparks.org/jobs/youth.

In-Person Youth Job Fair

Saturday, February 24, 2024

10:00am – 1:00pm

Temescal Beach House in Oakland

Virtual Youth Job Fair

Saturday, March 2, 2024

10:00am – 1:00pm

via Zoom (link will be posted)

Whether you like spending time outdoors, working with the community, or lifeguarding, we have a wide variety of opportunities for youth, young adults, and students. The Job Fair is designed for applicants who are ages 15-24, although the minimum age requirement for most jobs is 16 years old.

Bright futures start at Ohlone College

Spring Semester begins Jan 22, 2024.

Make 2024 the year you begin your bright future. Ohlone College has served the Tri-Cities for over 50 years and is here to help students of all ages achieve their academic goals.

Ohlone College offers a vast selection of educational programs to ensure your success. (Check out the programs here: ohlone.edu/academics). The faculty, financial aid professionals, career advisors, and counselors are dedicated to meeting the student's educational needs. Spring 2024 classes will start on January 22, and you can take the first step towards a brighter future with career and personal success by enrolling in classes today: ohlone.edu/career-education

Ohlone College also has many resources for you to level up your career. The Tri-cities Career Center at the Ohlone College Newark Center has dedicated career advisors to help you transition to a new career. For young adults, 16-24 years old, looking for work, our Level Up program provides individualized career advising, job readiness and leadership workshops, and FREE career and educational resources. More information on these support services can be found at ohlone.edu/careercenter

It's time to get the ball rolling and jumpstart your career in 2024! Take the first step towards a brighter future. Enroll today! Spring classes start on January 22, 2024: ohlone.edu/enroll.