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CITY COUNCIL & ADVISORY BOARDS

RECENT ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Calling for the November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election

The Council adopted a resolution calling for the election, and authorizing the following measures for the Ballot - view the City's website for more information on ballot measures including full text of each measure:

Changes to Section 20.28.040 of the Albany Municipal Code "Measure D" - Parking Requirements

Sugar-Sweetened Beverage General Tax

Sidewalk Repair Special Parcel Tax

Charter Amendment – administrative changes

Charter Amendment to dissolve the City's Civil Service Board and to add a definition for the term "classified service"

Charter Amendment to remove term limits for the Albany Unified School District School Board of Education Members, this provision to take effect on January 1, 2023

Rejection of construction bids for the Buchanan Marin Bikeway Phase III, Marin Utility Undergrounding, and EBMUD's Recycled Water Pipeline

The Council rejected the construction bids received in response to the Call for Bids issued by the City in April 2016 for the project. The project will be re-bid in the future.

Comments to the Alameda County Transportation Commission on the Proposed Gilman/I-80 Interchange Project

The Council approved the submittal of comments regarding the proposed Gilman/I-80 Interchange Project identifying concerns with the possible negative impacts of the proposed project

Sign up for our **"e-notify"** to receive an email summary of City Council action after each Council meeting. [Visit our website to sign up and learn more.](#)

Dinner with Albany - Reserve Your Tables!

It's that time again! Dinner with Albany is an incredible community event that features a sit-down dinner on Solano Avenue to celebrate our community by sharing a meal with friends, family and neighbors. The event was originally created to celebrate the city's centennial in 2008 and it was such a huge success it has become a biennial event.

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, nearly 500 dinner tables will be placed in the middle of Solano Avenue (between San Pablo & Talbot Avenues) for dinner under a canopy of lights. At 6:45 pm, the dinner bell will ring and we will toast to our wonderful community! Attendees are encouraged to bring a pot luck from home, buy food from local participating restaurants at the event or pre-order food from your favorite local eatery and bring it with you. Reserve your table early! Each 6' table comes with 6 chairs for \$45 (you can reserve as many as you like). We also have a limited number of parking spaces available (bring your own table/chairs) for \$20. [Reserve your table today!](#)

CITY NEWS

CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION

The City's next general municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. This election will include the offices of City Council (3 seats), City Treasurer (1 seat), Board of Education Member (2 seats). All offices are for a 4-year term.

The following people have qualified as candidates for the November 8, 2016 Election:

City Council:

Nick Pilch
Peter Maass
Michael Barnes
Amber Whitson
Erik Giesen-Fields

City Treasurer:

Kim Denton

Board of Education:

Kim Trutane
Jacob Clark
Jon Raj Destin
Clementina Duron

RENT REVIEW BOARD FEASIBILITY STUDY

As outlined in the Housing Element portion of the City's General Plan, the City will analyze the feasibility of a rent review board. The City's Social & Economic Justice Commission has begun discussing options for consideration by the City Council regarding the feasibility of creating a rent review board to mediate instances of rapid rent increases.

Rent review is different from rent control in that the focus is on mediation rather than administration of annual limits on rent increases. The program is based on the use of mediation and non-binding arbitration provided in a neutral setting to work jointly to respond to complaints.

The next meeting of the Social and Economic Justice Commission is **Thursday, September 1, 2016, 7:30pm at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Avenue.**

To stay up-to-date on this issue, please sign up for [e-notification on the City Website](#). Once on the e-notification site, **subscribe to Rent Review Feasibility Study located under News.**

MEMORIAL PARK "Section B"

The City takes pride in creating spaces for residents to enjoy throughout the City. In doing so, we want to be sure the spaces we create do not have a negative impact on nearby residents. When creating a dog friendly space in "Section B" at Memorial Park so that dogs could run free in an enclosed area, those advocating for the area ensured the City that they would be good stewards of the area by picking up after their dogs and adhering to the park rules.

It has come to the City's attention that folks are propping the door open to allow dogs and their owners into Section B after the area closes 8:00pm. Of more concern to nearby residents are the dogs that are allowed to bark continuously. Continuously barking dogs are an annoyance and it is not permitted per the posted rules. If you use Section B with your dog, please be considerate of nearby residents and good stewards of the area by following the park rules.

WELCOME TO SECTION B

1

Read and follow the posted rules.

2

Be a good neighbor—discourage your dog from barking!

3

Know the hours.

11:00 AM–8:00 PM

VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO CITATION
AMC SEC. 10-4.2(b)

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Albany Fire Department has responded to a number of fires throughout the State.

On July 23rd, 2016 the fire department was contacted by our regional dispatch center, Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Center to staff a Fire Engine for an immediate need request to the Carmel area for the "Soberanes Fire". The crew included Lt. James Berry, Engineer Michael Raab, Firefighters Gavin Aubert and Keith Stone, along with engines from three other Alameda County Agencies (Piedmont, Alameda, and Alameda County Fire Department). The Albany Strike team was within the first 1000 firefighters to reach the fire. The Strike team was assigned various different duties throughout our deployment from structure prep and protection in the coastal Carmel Highlands area to direct fire attack in the inland areas of Garrapata State Park and the Rancho San Carlos Valley. Crews worked 24 hour shifts and alternated with agencies with similar resources each day.

The City's Fire Department is well prepared and able to contribute directly towards the preservation of property and the environment. The crew also learned an incredible amount about fire behavior. All this experience help improve local fire protection and preparedness. The crew was released from the incident on August 1st and returned to Albany, and returned with our Type 6 brush truck and crew the next day.

Currently our Type 1 engine and crew are doing their best to get a handle on the Clayton Fire. They left Sunday, August 14th, and are working in the town of Lower Lake The strike team has been assigned to protecting the structures in and around the City of Lower Lake for over 24 hours now. We wish them well and for a safe return!



Albany Fire Fighter/Paramedic Jonathan Dong putting out a building fire near the City of Lower Lake

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - THANK YOU!

Thank you to the residents of Albany for helping make our annual National Night Out event another huge success!

This year the Albany Police Department was thrilled to have 34 blocks register to have a National Night Out block party, and these included over 1500 participants from young to old. With the help of other city staff and supporters, we visited each of these blocks and were warmly greeted by all. Our officers enjoyed good conversation, answered many great questions and had some tasty food as well. Thank you, Albany, for being such a great community to serve.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Neighbors participate across thousands of communities from all 50 states, United States territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.



Please be sure to stay tuned for our annual National Night Out event again in August 2017!



CITY HAPPENINGS

@theCenter:

The City of Albany Recreation & Community Services Department hosts a different type of community event on the last Friday of every month throughout the year **at** the Albany Community Center (1249 Marin Avenue). This list of entertaining, interesting, educational and often a little wacky events include, live music, speakers, movies, city-wide challenges, and so much more. We hope to see you soon...@theCenter!

City-wide Scavenger Hunt

Friday, August 26 * 6:30 - 9:30 pm * **Free!**

Ahoy matey! Last year's event brought more than 100 Albanians together for a vigorous hunt around Albany. This year's list will be more challenging and you'll get bonus points for creativity! Can you find all the items before Davvy Jones catches up with ye'? Only one way to find out - we will see you on the 26th of August or it's the plank for ya! This event is sure to put the "ARRRR" in Recreation. All ages are welcome! Quote from 2015 Scavenger Hunt: "Our team was comprised of FOUR generations of family and friends and EVERYONE had a blast!"

Mark Your Calendars...

October 9, 6 pm (*register in advance, \$40*)
Mixology Class with Jessica Maria of the Hotsy Totsy

October 28, 6:30 pm - Halloween Carnival

November 18, 6:30 pm - Fireside Songs & S'mores

December 31, 11 am - Noon Year's Eve

City of Albany and Bikes on Solano Present

BIKE ABOUT TOWN



Third Fridays: May 20, June 15, July 17, August 20 • 6:30 PM
Bikes on Solano, 1554 Solano Avenue, Albany

Pump up your tubes, grab your helmet, and be part of Albany's Bike About Town, third-Friday evenings this June, July, August and September (dates above). Join us as we casually tour a bike route in Albany.



After each ride, stick around for music, raffle prizes, and special discounts from local businesses. Bike About Town starts and finishes at Wheels of Justice. The ride is fun for all ages, so bring the family, friends and neighbors!

Special thanks to Bikes on Solano

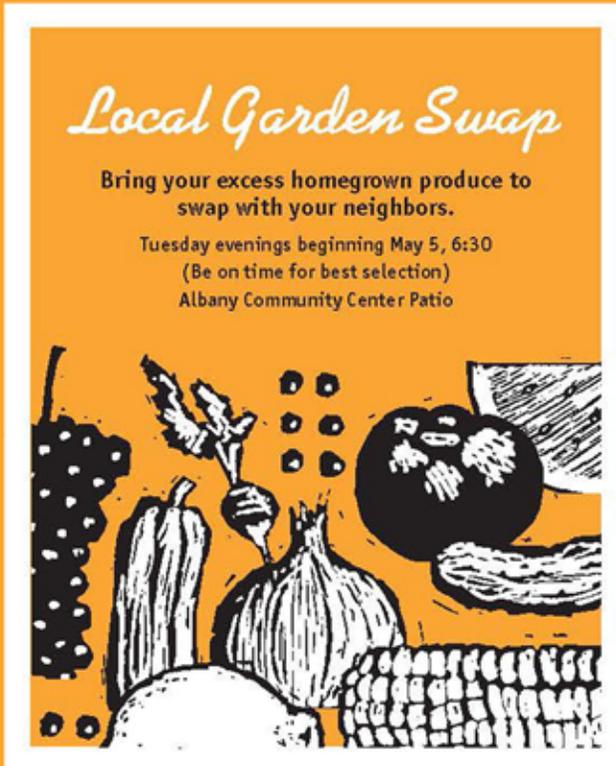
Bike About Town

Friday, September 16
(3rd Friday of the month)
6:30 pm @ Bikes on Solano
(1554 Solano Avenue)
Free!

Pump up those tires and help us celebrate Bike Month with the first Bike About Town of the year. Grab your helmet and join us for a leisurely ride around Albany. Riders of all ages will meet at Bikes on Solano at 6:30 pm for a quick safety review and then head out for a ride.

We will highlight some of the proposed bike lanes around town and will emphasize bike road rules along the way. Stay for the raffle prizes and local discounts to Albany businesses.

CITY HAPPENINGS



Garden Swap:

Tuesday evenings (May to October)
 6:30 pm (Be on time for best selection!)
 Albany Community Center Patio

Fruits, Veggies, Flowers, Recipes, and more! Do you have too many cucumbers and squash? Come swap with a neighbor who has too many tomatoes and carrots. Don't let those wonderful home grown fruits, veggies and flowers go to waste.

FRIENDS OF ALBANY PARKS:

The Friends of Albany Parks program is designed to encourage community members to get involved with the care, maintenance and beautification of their favorite neighborhood park.

Park Community Discussion & Galas:

These evening events are geared toward developing ideas for park improvement and involving residents. A better sense of community is fostered and social capital is built as neighbors meet and work with one another.

Clean-Up Days:

Residents come together for an action day - pulling ivy, picking up garbage, adding sand, fixing, trimming, planting and weeding! Bring gloves and tools. Lunch is provided by the Albany Community Foundation. All Friends of Albany Park members who attend the Clean-Up Day receive an official Friends of Albany Parks t-shirt.



Park:	Community Discussion Wednesdays @ 6:30pm:	Clean-up Day Saturdays @ 9:00am:
Dartmouth Tot Lot Creekside Park	August 31 No Gala	Sept 10 October 1

CITY HAPPENINGS

Albany Tool Pool

Do you need a tool for a project but don't want to dip into your wallet for something that you know is just going to take up space in your garage? Well, now you can just borrow that tool for free with Albany's Tool Pool! We have shovels, rakes, picks, saws and so many other tools you can arrange to check out for any and all of your landscape and interior renovation projects. Created by Albany's Recreation and Community Services Department, this lending library can be accessed by any Albany resident online.

Visit albany.myturn.com/library and click the 'create account' link at the top right of the page. Once your account has been verified you can browse our inventory and choose the tool you would like to check-out. We also accept donations! Bring in tools that you no longer want or make a monetary donation so we can purchase new tools for the Tool Pool.

For more information about the Albany Tool Pool, please contact Brennen Brown at bbrown@albanyca.org for more information or stop by the Albany Community Center.



How to Host a Block Party or Block Movie Night

Host a block party or block movie night and get to know your neighbors this summer. When neighbors interact and connect, neighborhoods become safer!

We've made it simple to plan – download an application, get your neighbors to sign on, then pick a date! Then all you have to do is close down your street, roll out the BBQ, dust off your lawn chairs, and let the fun ensue. Peruse these block party ideas and useful tips for planning your next party here.

For additional information on how to host a block party, contact Jess Cosby. For additional information on how to host a block movie night, contact [Liam Kelly](#).



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

Albany Senior Center Open House

Wednesday, September 21, 9am-5pm
FREE at the *Albany Senior Center*

Have you been wondering what goes on at the Albany Senior Center? Stop by during our Open House and discover what the center has to offer! There will be fun activities, class demonstrations, entertainment and free continental breakfast, free lunch and dinner! Join us all day or drop by for that special activity or class you have been wanting to attend. Talk to the instructor and staff and get the information you need. This event is part of Albany Local Week and National Senior Center Month!



Hot Rod & Classic Car Show / Dinner

Friday, August 26, 3pm (Car show), 4pm (Dinner)
at the *Albany Senior Center*

Stop by the Senior Center after 3pm to check out all the local hot rods and show cars. Afterward, stay for our nutritious and delicious dinner at 4pm. Call 510-524-9122

Dinner \$4 suggested donation for 60yrs +, \$6 for under 60yrs

Classic Car & Hot Rod Show

Dinner at the Albany Senior Center



Friday - August 26th

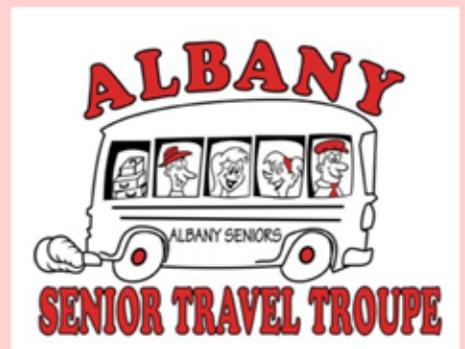
Car Show Starts at 3:00pm - Dinner at 4:00pm

RSVP at (510) 524-9122 or at the Front Desk Today!

Albany Senior Travel Troupe - Extended Vacations Presentation

Thursday, September 1st at 1pm
Albany Senior Center

Want to learn more about our Extended Vacations for 2017?
Come see our exciting Lineup from Premier World Discovery.



April Movie Days:

Albany Senior Center
Tuesdays - 1:30pm
\$1 Donation

- 8/2 - Up
- 8/9- Toy Story
- 8/16- Finding Nemo
- 8/23- My Neighbor Totoro
- 8/30 - Jungle Book

Walk, Talks, & Be Healthy:

Albany Senior Center
Walks depart at 8:30am
Fees vary per walk

- 8/2- Tennessee Valley Beach
- 8/9- San Leandro Shoreline
- 8/16- Lafayette Regional Trail
- 8/23 - Napa River Trail
- 8/30 - Tennessee Valley Beach

Senior Travel Troupe:

Albany Senior Center

- 8/4 - Movies at the Metreon
- 8/10- Legion of Honor- Wild West
- 8/19- Graton Casino
- 8/24- Lunch Troupe- Half Moon Bay
- 8/28- Palo Alto Festival of the Arts

For more information about Senior Center programs, services and events,
please call our customer service desk at (510) 524-9122

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

Albany Recreation and Community Services

Albany Senior Center



OPEN HOUSE

In the Outback

Wednesday

September 21, 2016

9am-5pm

FREE EVENT

• Continental Breakfast •

Provided by (FOAS)

• Lunch •

Entertainment During Lunch

• Dinner •

Fun Games During Dinner

• Class Demonstrations •

• Presentations •

• Much, Much, More •

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT**Happy Birds**

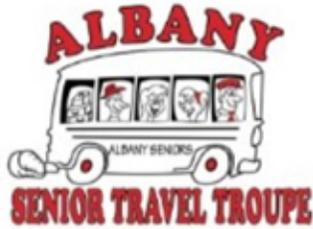
Performing Parrot Show

12:30PM



For more information, please call (510) 524-9122

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS



Albany Recreation & Community Services

Extended Vacations PRESENTATION

Thursday, September 1, 2016 - 1:00pm
Albany Senior Center



*Rose Parade New Year's
December 2016 - January 2017*



PREMIER
WORLD DISCOVERY

- Slideshow
- Q & A
- Registration

Please call
(510) 559-7225
for more information

Music Cities Holiday
December 2016

Arizona Spring Training Getaway
March 2017

Great Trains & Grand Canyons
May 2017

Great Canadian Cities
June 2017

New England Rails & Trails
October 2017

Best of China
November 2017

GREEN ALBANY



RECHARGE YOUR LUNCH: NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC EVENT

Friday, September 16, 2016

11:00 AM - 3:00PM

FREE!

Richmond City Hall

440 Civic Center Plaza

parking lot across from Richmond Public Library

Stop paying for gas. Start saving with an electric vehicle!

New to electric vehicles? Experts and EV owners will be on-hand to answer questions. Learn about discounts on zero emission vehicles through [SunShares](#). Test drive popular EV models, like Nissan Leaf, VW, Toyota Prius, and more.

Already own an EV? Register to showcase your vehicle and share your EV experience. To display your vehicle or offer rides, you must register in advance. Please visit:

<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=626>

Grab lunch: Enjoy [Curbside Kitchen](#) food truck or the nearby Richmond Farmers' Market.

Location: Richmond City Hall, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

Contact the Ecology Center at rebecca@ecologycenter.org

GREEN ALBANY



We're in a **drought**, don't rinse it **out!**

For other water saving tips, visit saveourwater.com or www.albanyca.org/greenalbany



Pour liquids down the drain and empty food container residue into your food scrap pail or green organics cart. Put the empty recyclable container into your gray recycle cart.



POUR IT



SCRAPE IT



SKIP IT



RECYCLE IT

Make sure to put fats, oil and grease in your green cart and not down the drain (see reverse side for instructions).



WHEN IN DROUGHT... LOSE YOUR LAWN!

Removing all or part of your lawn and replacing it with drought tolerant plants:

- Saves water, time and money
- Reduces waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and the need for harmful pesticides and fertilizers
- Improves aesthetics and wildlife habitat

Get money and help for your lawn conversion project!

Visit <http://www.bayfriendlycoalition.org/LYL.shtml> to find more information on the following:

- Free local workshops and informational videos
- Rebate opportunities for lawn conversions, drought tolerant plants and irrigation systems
- Drought tolerant and native plant lists
- Sheet mulching techniques: Learn how to lose your lawn without harmful chemicals or unnecessary labor



Find out more about using recycled mulch and compost to replace your lawn at: WMearthcare.com/products/lawn-conversion



Did you know **40%** of all food in the US is never consumed?



BE FOOD SMART.
Food Waste = Water Waste



Did you know **40%** of California's water goes to growing food?

SHOP SMART

- Shop your cupboards first
- Make a list
- Only buy what you need
- Purchase loose produce
- Say YES to ugly produce



Photo Credit: @UglyFruitandVeg

STORE SMART

- Freeze items you can't eat in time
- Organize your fridge
- Start an "Eat me first!" bin



SERVE SMART

- Use what you have
- Freshen up leftovers
- Use produce that's past its prime for soups, sauces, pies or smoothies



SCRAP SMART

- Compost unusable items
- Make sure to place your trimmings, peels, bones, and food-soiled paper in your green organics cart



Visit www.endfoodwaste.org for more tips on how to reduce food waste in your home.



KEEP IN TOUCH

CUSTOM EMAIL ALERTS

Interested in what's happening Around Your Block, certain City projects, events, meeting agendas or programs?

Please [sign up for e-notify](#) to receive email updates on subjects that interest you.

www.albanyca.org/enotify

www.albanyca.org/socialmedia



HELPFUL CONTACTS

Website: www.albanyca.org

Emergency: 911

Fire & EMS: 528-5770
albanyfire@albanyca.org

Police: 525-7300
albanypolice@albanyca.org

Public Works: 524-9543
apworks@albanyca.org

Community Development: 528-5760
com-dev@albanyca.org

Recreation & Community Services: 524-9283
recinfo@albanyca.org

City Hall: 528-5710
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Passport Office: 528-5720
Jobline: 528-5777

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Connect with Albany through our social media sites and never miss a thing!
www.albanyca.org/socialmedia



Don't forget to tune in to **KALB Channel 33** for original content, council meetings, and other events.



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Urban Village by the Bay