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Citywide Newsletter

Recent Activity by the City Council

On September 3rd the City Council discussed enforcement of the City's no-camping ordinance at the Albany Bulb. The Council also approved extending the City's current contract with Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP) to provide outreach & engagement services to persons who are homeless within the City of Albany.

The Albany City Council is now moving forward with a comprehensive plan to transition the Albany Waterfront Park. On October 21, 2013 the City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Albany Waterfront Park Transition Plan "ACT".

"ACT" includes three major elements:

Assistance to Homeless including housing-centered outreach, transitional services, support, and shelter

Cleanup and Maintenance of the Bulb

Transfer of the Bulb to McLaughlin Eastshore State Park

As part of the action, the Council expanded the housing-centered services that will be made available including \$30,000 for shower facilities as part of the transitional shelter and \$35,000 for rental housing subsidies. The Council also authorized the City Manager to enter into lease agreements for the subsidized housing to help ensure the City's ability to promptly secure an agreement when available housing locations are identified.

The subsidy program is a collaborative and supportive approach to help connect people to housing. The City will cover a portion of the monthly rent, along with available grant funding, with a portion of the rent covered by the tenants.

"ACT" in Progress

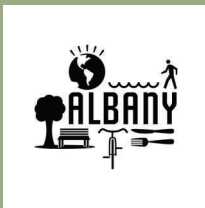
City staff is now in process of implementing "ACT" by:

- Securing temporary shelter facilities, showers, and associated materials
- Locating storage containers and layout for the containers
- Agreements with service organizations to provide ongoing homeless assistance, and to assist with staffing the temporary shelter
- Agreements with cleanup contractors to provide cleanup services at the Bulb including removal of biohazard waste such as fecal matter and used needles
- Searching for available rental housing, and interested tenants, for the housing subsidy program in coordination with the City's consultant Berkeley Food and Housing Project

How can people help?

Albany Community Foundation, <http://albanycommunityfoundation.org/>, is accepting cash donations: mail your donation to ACF, 1164 Solano Ave #133 Albany CA 94706

Albany Landlords: the City is searching for landlords willing to rent available units as part of the City's housing subsidy program. If you own rental property and would like to participate in the City of Albany Housing Subsidy program, please contact: Jo Ferlatte (510) 684-0540.



What is this Icon???

The icon represents the City Council's Strategic Plan goals to *Maximize Park and Open Space, Promote Vital and Inviting Business Areas,*

Visit our [website](#) for updates regarding the Albany Bulb, Homelessness and Human Services Programs.

City Department News

Congratulations to:

Caryl O'Keefe

**winner of the 2013 UBER
ALBANY LOCAL AWARD!**



Albany Local Week Results

Thanks to all "locals" that participated in the fun events held for Albany Local Week 2013. Albany Local Week was another huge success, connecting local businesses and our community to celebrate Albany.

Recap from Albany Local Week Events:

- 40 people at Run Around Town
- 35 people at Fixit Clinic
- 25 people at Local Garden Swap
- 30 People at Clothing Swap
- 1200 people at Music in the Park
- 75 people at Wine & Pizza Block Party
- 150 people come through Sr. Center Open House
- 20 people at Berlin Style Ping Pong
- 30 people at Bike About Town
- 125 people at As You Wish Block Movie Night
- 500 people at Alberrito Streets
- 45 businesses offered deals during the week



Music in the Park was also another great success with over 5,000 people attending this season.

Albany Police Officers are out and about in our schools. Recently, we visited the Albany Preschool, and also providing presentations to the Freshman "Identity, Health and Society" classes at Albany High School.

The Fall Emergency Preparedness (CERT) class is going strong and we are set to graduate 11 participants; most of whom will be sworn in as Disaster Service Workers in November (photos attached). The next CERT course begins in February - [see our website for more information](#).

The Police Department has been awarded a \$49,160 grant from California Office of Traffic Safety for a year-long program aimed at preventing injuries and deaths on Albany roadways through special enforcement and public awareness efforts.

The Police Department has also been awarded a \$4,604 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance 2013 Bulletproof Vest Partnership to offset costs for the purchase of body armor vests for officers.

Many thanks to our community for supporting the annual **Fire Department** Open House & Pancake Breakfast! The event was a huge success. The event is a fundraiser for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation and sponsors two scholarships to the "Champ Camp" for children.

Save the Date

[@theCenter](#): PechaKucha Vol. 02: "Work" Friday, October 25, 6:30-8:20. What is PechaKucha? PechaKucha Nights are informal and fun gatherings where creative people get together and share their ideas, works, thoughts, holiday snaps—just about anything, really—in the PechaKucha 20x20 format. PechaKucha 20x20 is a simple presentation format—20 slides, 20 seconds for each slide. The presentation on Friday will focus on the topic of "work".

[Drug Take Back](#): October 26, 10am-2pm at the Albany Senior Center

December 1: [@theCenter](#): Fixit Clinic: Fixing is giving

December 6: [@theCenter](#): Mixology: Holiday Favorites with Jessica Maria from the Hotsy Totsy

Green Albany



Got Junk?

You call, they haul. Schedule up to two free annual bulky pickups each year (for single family homes and duplex units).

Call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710 to schedule your pickup.



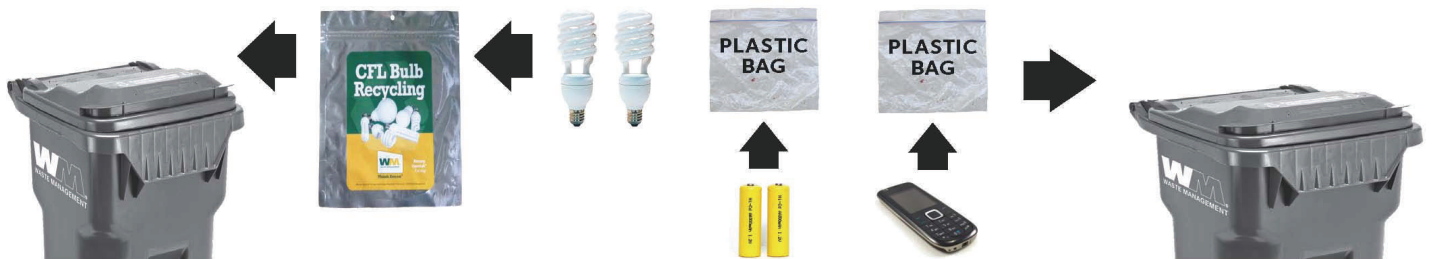
New Pharmaceutical Collection Bin at the Albany Senior Center

Safely dispose of unwanted medications for free by bringing them to the Albany Senior Center. The medication disposal bin is located in the lobby and is accessible during their regular business hours. Disposing of unwanted medicines at this site is free. The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) collects pollution prevention fees from wastewater customers to help fund this program.

The Albany Police Department also holds National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events twice per year in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration to help prevent drug abuse and ground-water contamination. The next event is scheduled for **October 26 from 10am-2pm, at the Albany Senior Center.**

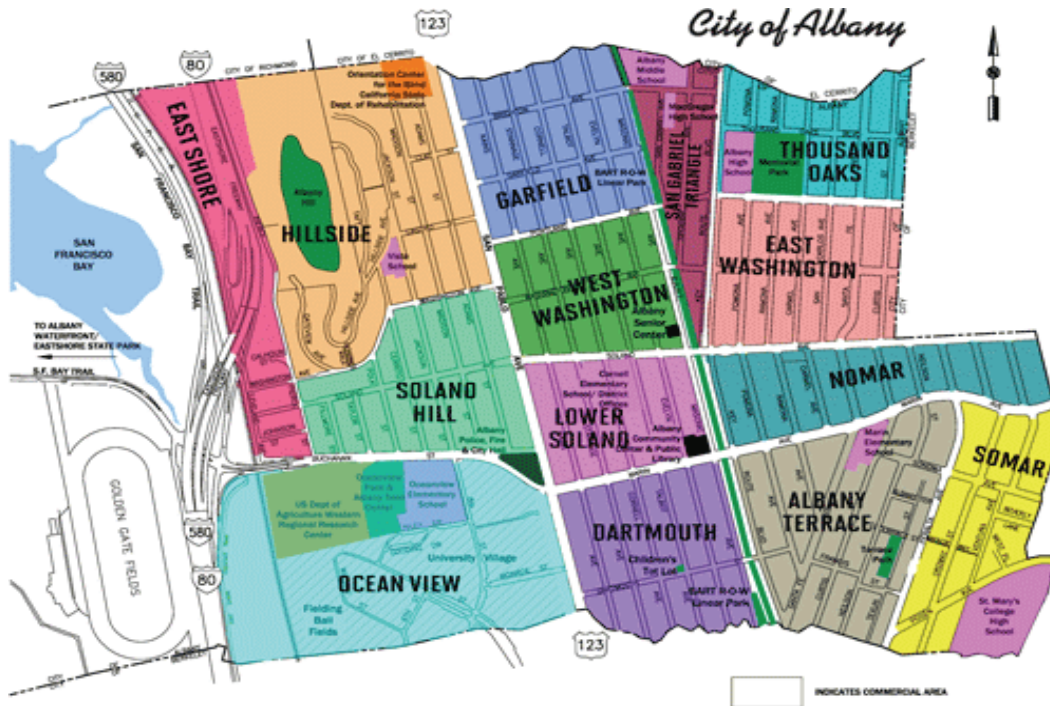
Did you know?

All hard plastics go in the gray recycling cart. Throw in plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and even plastic toys. You can also recycle plastic bags by placing them in one bag and tying a knot. loose plastic bags, plastic straws, plastic utensils, rubber gloves, Styrofoam, or anything labeled 'compostable'



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Nextdoor is a neighbor to neighbor online community network that allows you to stay in touch with your immediate neighborhood. Help build community and join your neighborhood online using Nextdoor.com.

Community Media: Watch online!

City Council meetings and other City meetings are televised on KALB Channel 33. Meetings are also streamed on the [City's website](#). Televised meetings are also archived and available for playback. You can also tune in via YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/AlbanyKALB>