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ALBANY, CA 94706
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Citywide e-Newsletter

RECENT ACTIVITY BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Albany City Council Unanimously Reaffirms Support for Sprouts Farmers Market and Senior Housing Development



On March 5, 2014 the Albany City Council reviewed two appeals received regarding the City's Planning & Zoning Commission action to approve the University Village Mixed Use Project. The City Council unanimously approved denial of the project appeals, affirming the approval of the University Village Mixed Use Project.

Mayor Peggy Thomsen expressed strong support for the project: "the City has been reviewing the proposed project for over seven years, working hard to ensure the project meets the needs of our community and blends with our small town ambiance while furthering economic sustainability within our region. We very much welcome this new development within the City, as it will serve as a southern gateway to Albany, providing local services within walking distance for the Albany community and new housing to further enhance our Urban Village by the Bay."

The City received numerous emails and letters from Albany residents in support of the University Village Mixed Use Project. The unanimous action by the City Council to approve the development reiterates the strong support for the project within the City, and helps further the City Council's 2013 Strategic Plan to "**Promote Vital & Inviting Business Areas**". An image of the approved development is included below:



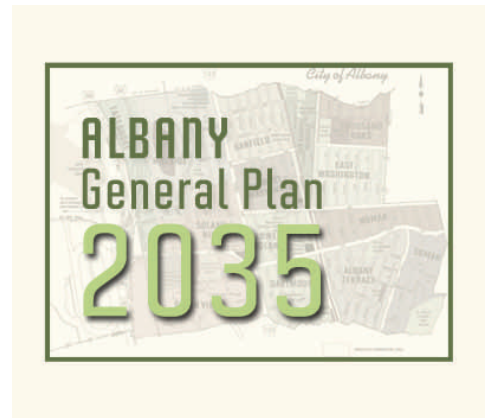
Albany 2035: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Help us vision our future. Demographic projections anticipate **665 new households and 830 new jobs in Albany by the year 2035**. Where will this growth occur and how can the growth be managed to maintain and enhance quality of life in the City?

To answer these questions, the City is undertaking a comprehensive update to its General Plan. The update is the first time in more than twenty years, and will be used by the City to guide decisions about future growth and development. The General Plan covers topics such as land use, transportation, housing, open space, natural resources, and public services.

The intent of the General Plan Update is not to “reinvent” Albany or steer the city in an entirely new direction. Since the City is mostly built out, the Plan will focus on ways to conserve existing neighborhoods and carefully manage change. The Plan will address topics that affect all residents and businesses, such as the City’s parking regulations, the scale and mix of activities in commercial districts, opportunities for new park and recreation facilities, investments in public infrastructure, and ensuring the future developments are implemented in a sustainable manner.

The www.albany2025.org website provides access to information about the preparation of the General Plan including documents, information on upcoming meetings, and opportunities to provide feedback and sign up for email updates. We encourage you to check this website frequently for updates on plan proposals and ideas and provide input. In addition, the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission is holding a series of study sessions on the General Plan. Each study session will include an open forum for public comment.

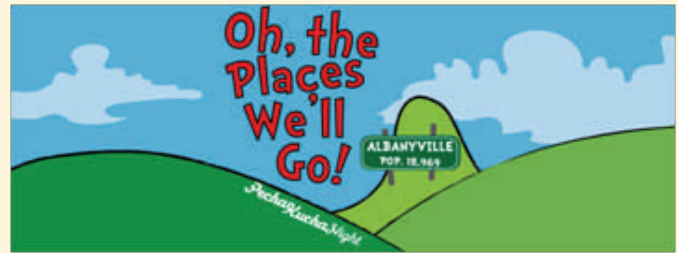


[Albany 2035: Watch the Video Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE!



Photography Exhibit
Sunday, April 6,
4:00 PM
 Albany Community Center

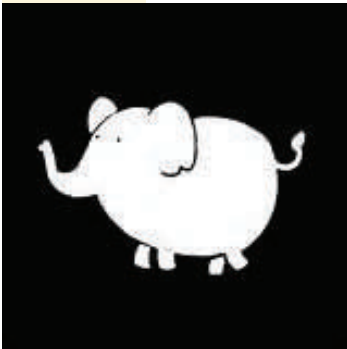


Six minutes & forty seconds. 20 images every 20 seconds. Join us for the third installment of **Pecha Kucha**, the viral presentation event that has taken the world by storm.
Friday, April 25,
6:30 PM
@ the Ivy Room

Earth Day Shoreline Cleanup
Saturday, April 19,
9:00 AM

Meet at the foot of
 Buchanan Street

White Elephants & Baked Goods converge on the Albany Senior Center Saturday April 26, 9am-2pm , Albany Senior Center



Seeking donations of saleable items. We especially need jewelry, house wares, clean books, home decorations and toys.... Items not accepted are: large furniture, electronics, clothing, VHS movies, technical and reference books, and magazines.

If you have lots to donate, or after a garage sale, Call 510-524-9122 to schedule a pick up.



National Take Back Initiative
April 26th 10am-2pm
Albany Senior Center

Safely dispose of unused/expired medications

ALBANY CIVICS ACADEMY



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Get a behind-the-scenes understanding of local government, learn how you can make a difference and help us build community together. [Sign up now](#)
The Academy will be held on Thursday evenings
April 17-May 29, 2014.
6:45-9 pm

FRIENDS OF ALBANY PARKS - GET INVOLVED!

Friends of Albany Parks - Get involved with your local park!

A series of park clean-up days will focus on specific needs of each park as well as a general spring cleaning. Clean up days are accompanied by a **Park Gala**.

What is a Park Gala?

The purpose of the **Park Gala** is to offer ideas for park needs and get residents involved with new beautification projects. The Gala will mostly be a chance for socializing but will also include a short program on "Placemaking", an open forum on what makes our parks great and what can be improved.

Park Gala Dates:

Memorial Park April 3rd
Terrace Park May 1st
Ocean View Park June 5th

Clean Up Dates:

Memorial Park: April 19th
Terrace Park: May 17th
Ocean View Park: June 14th
Ohlone Greenway between Brighton and Portland: July 12th



GREENING ALBANY

Check out the latest **urban forestry & landscaping projects** completed by the City in coordination with community volunteers:

- Raised garden beds have been installed & planted at the Albany Senior Center - harvest coming soon!
- Expansion of Edible Landscape Project at Memorial Park with Friends of Albany Parks
- Planting of over 60 trees on Albany's streets - contact us if you are interested in a street tree.
- Compost & free wood is available for Albany residents- contact us for more information.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Remember: Hands-free is not risk-free

Distracted Driving Awareness Month



KEEP IN TOUCH!

Get Connected!

Visit www.albanyca.org to know what's going on in your city!

4 NEWS
Sign up for e-notify to receive emails on topics that interest you.
www.albanyca.org/enotify

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

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

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cityhall@albanyca.org

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Nehalem Village by the Bay

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

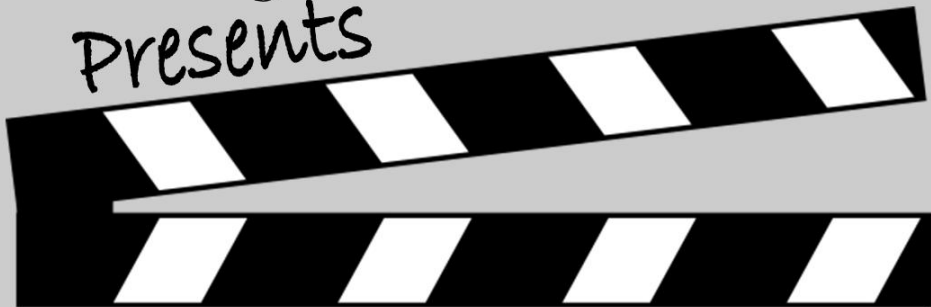
Community Development: 528-5760
com-dev@albanyca.org

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

City Hall: 528-5710
cityhall@albanyca.org

Passport Office: 528-5720
Jobline: 528-5777

Albany Senior Services Presents



6th Annual Senior Resource Fair

Thursday, April 24, 2014

10:00am - 1:00pm

Albany Senior Center
846 Masonic Avenue, Albany, CA 94706

Free
Donuts & Coffee
Lunch

Free
Health Checks

Free
Giveaways
Raffle

Come join us for the 6th Annual Senior Resource Fair in Albany. Representatives from different organizations that provide assistance to seniors and caregivers will be on hand to share information on housing, healthcare, in-home support services, transportation and more.

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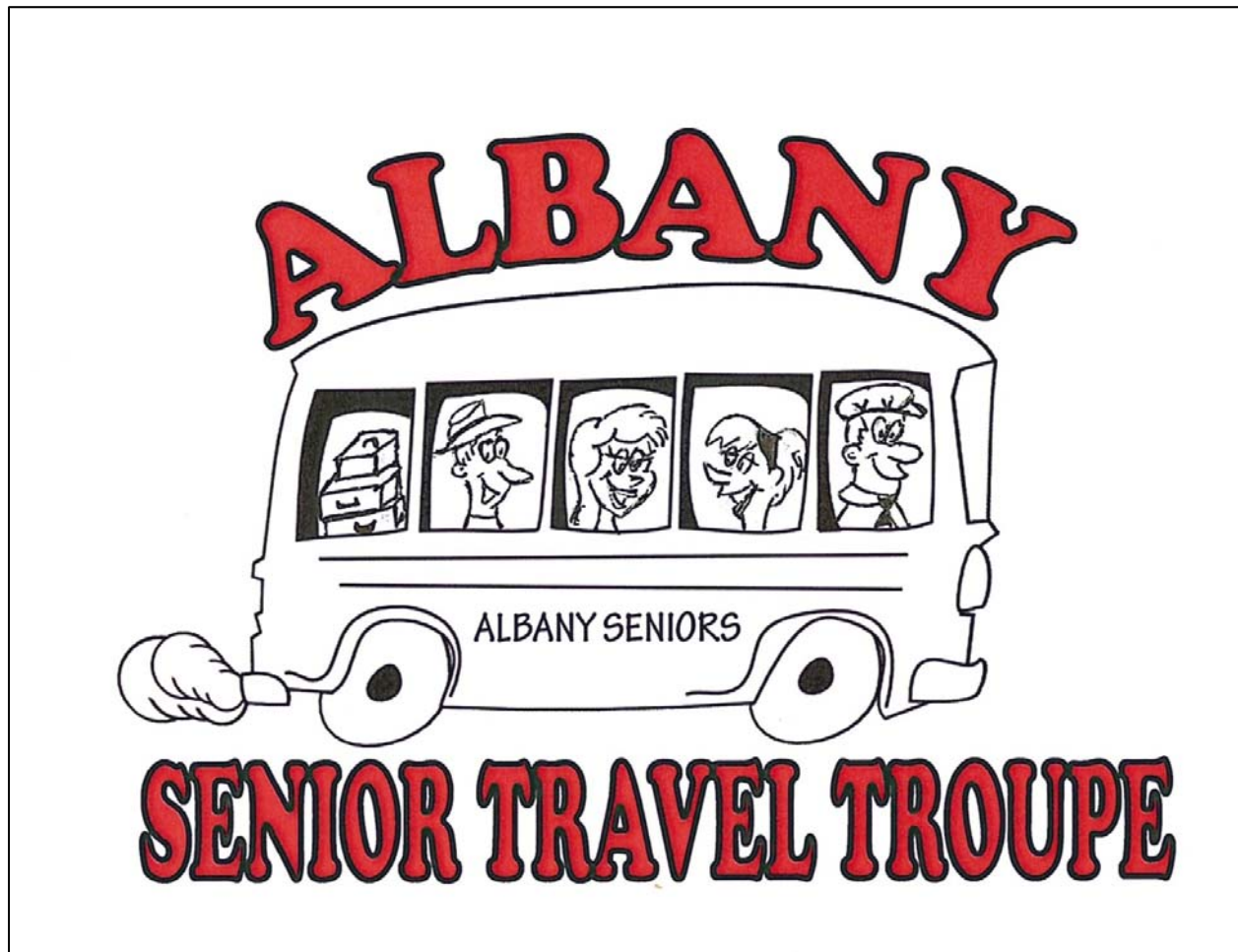


Participating Organization:

Adult Day Services Network • Alameda County Transportation Commission • Albany Police & Fire Departments • Albany Library • Ashby Village • California Telephone Access Program • East Bay Regional Park District • Exceptional Senior Placement • Friends of the Albany Seniors (FOAS) • Hamilton Relay • Joann Sullivan, Realtor • Lung Cancer Alliance • Moves Made Manageable • San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District • Sarana Community Acupuncture • Senior Helpers of the East Bay • Senior Helpline Services • Senior Life Insurance Company • Senior Visionary Services • Soul to Soul Collective • Your Money, Managed

For event or vendor information, please contact Sid Schoenfeld at (510) 559-7225

Enjoy life...Come travel with the Albany Senior Travel Troupe this summer!



The Albany Senior Travel Troupe will be presenting our upcoming summer schedule of day trips and extended tours at our Summer Informational Meeting. The meeting is free. There will be free refreshments, a free raffle, and many more surprises. Priority registration for all of the trips will be available at the meeting. To register for the meeting, please call the Albany Senior Center at (510) 524-9122. For questions or further information please contact Sid Schoenfeld at (510) 559-7225.

What: Albany Senior Travel Troupe – Summer Informational Meeting
When: Monday, April 7, 2014 – (1pm-3pm)
Where: Albany Community Center – 1249 Marin Ave., Albany
Who: Anyone ages 50 and up
Cost: FREE



FREE HOME-SAFETY MODIFICATIONS FOR LOW-INCOME OR DISABLED SENIORS

Now Accepting Applications for Free Home-Safety Modifications and Access Assistance

- Prefab Wheelchair Ramps
- Interior/Exterior Handrails
- Tub/Shower Grab Bars and Benches
- Handheld Shower Nozzles and Showerhead Extenders
 - Elevated Toilet Seats
 - Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- Securing Area Rugs, and Electrical Cords

Requirements:
Homeowner, residing in home located in Albany

Rebuilding Together East Bay-North
(formerly "Christmas in April")
has been serving the East Bay for over 22 years.

Paul: (510) 644-8979
Email: paul@rtebn.org



Remodeling and maintaining your home can be one of the most demanding and frustrating experiences of being a homeowner. From the challenge of finding the financing to perform the project to the difficulties in locating a trustworthy contractor (and everything in-between) we at the Department of Neighborhood Preservation and Sustainability (NPS) can help you with your home construction needs. The NPS department offers several services that help qualified homeowners in the city of Albany. You must own your home and have an income based upon family size within the guidelines. For accessibility grants you must have the landlord's consent if you are a renter.

- We offer **Grants** and **Low Interest** loans to fix up your house.
- We assist with finding **Pre-screened Contractors** who are licensed and insured
- We **Manage** the entire repair process
- We perform **Home Inspection Services**
- We provide **Home Repair/Remodel Education**



Visit our website at: <http://www.acgov.org/cda/nps> Fill out, download and submit your application by mail to:

Alameda County CDA Neighborhood Preservation and Sustainability Dept Housing Rehabilitation Program

224 W. Winton Ave. Ste 205
Hayward CA 94544