

JUNE 2014

ALBANY CALIFORNIA



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Citywide e-Newsletter

RECENT ACTIVITY BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Peggy Thomsen

The City of Albany deeply mourns the loss of our Mayor Peggy Thomsen. Flags were lowered at all City facilities, and the Albany City Council held their meeting on Monday, June 9 in memory of Mayor Thomsen, inviting the public to share their memories to commemorate the Mayor.

Mayor Thomsen has gifted Albany with a legacy of leadership and a remarkable dedication to serving the community. We will dearly miss Mayor Thomsen, and strive to continue with the duties of local government to serve the community in honor of Peggy. The City wishes to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Thomsen family, our hearts and thoughts are with them at this time of sorrow. Visit [Mayor Thomsen's webpage](#) for more information regarding the many activities she was involved in to strengthen our community.

Mayor & Vice Mayor

The City Council affirmed Joanne Wile to serve as Mayor, and Peter Maass to serve as Vice Mayor. The City Council also discussed the procedures for filling the vacancy on the City Council as outlined in the City's Charter. The Council is required to fill the vacancy within 30 days, and will identify an appointee for the vacancy as part of their meeting on July 7, 2014. Individuals interested in serving on the City Council are encouraged to [submit an application](#) by no later than 12:00 Noon on July 27, 2014.

Public Works Service Center

The Council approved the design plans and specifications for a new Public Works Service Center at 540 Cleveland Street. Currently, the City leases a facility for the Public Works Services, and transition to a City-owned facility will help minimize costs in the future. The final design plans and specifications include a 15,100 square foot building, and does not include the digital billboard that was included as part of the original design. Additionally, the Council referred the ordinance pertaining to billboards back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for additional review and amendment.

Master Fee Schedule

The Council approved an update to the City's Master Fee Schedule. The update will be effective July 1, 2014.

Update to the 2014-15 Operating Budget and Appropriation of Funds

The Council approved an update to the operating budget and appropriation of funds, including authorization for additional support staff to positions that have been vacant for a number of years. The budget is balanced and funds remain allocated to City reserves.

SAVE THE DATE!



Pony Rides, Giant Hamster Balls, Watermelon Eating Contest, Mustache and Beard Contest, Diaper Derby, Food Trucks, APAL Car Show and much more!
Checkout this year's 'Green, Red, White and Blue Celebration' at Memorial Park!
July, 4th 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Bike About Town, 3rd Fridays of the month.

Meet at Wheels of Justice,
1554 Solano Avenue at 6:30 p.m.



Elderly Fraud Presentation

Albany Senior Center

Wednesday, July 9th 4:15-5:00pm

Albany detectives have been investigating two instances of contractor fraud targeting elders. We want to make sure that residents are aware of these crimes and know what steps to take to minimize their own risk.

SAVE THE DATE!

Safety Palooza

Sunday, July 27, 1:00-4:00pm

City Hall parking lot

Come to this FREE community event and:

- scale a 25ft tall rock climbing wall
- try on some of our tactical gear—vests, belts, helmets
- climb inside a police cruiser
- win great raffle prizes
- meet your Albany police officers & dispatchers



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5, 6-8pm

National Night Out is an opportunity to build neighborhood cohesiveness and have some fun!

Register early for a free street closure, give-aways for the kids, a host gift and visit from city staff.

[Register](#)

Emergency Preparedness - Are You Prepared?

The City offers a training course, **Community Emergency Response Team, "CERT"** to help our community learn about what to do immediately following a major disaster. The next CERT course will be held in September/October 2014.

Contact CERT [Instructor Karina Tindol](#) to register:

510-528-5755



SAVE THE DATE!

DINNER

with

ALBANY

Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 5:30-9:30 pm
Solano Avenue between San Pablo and Masonic
Dinner Bell Rings at 6:45 pm

The City will host a sit-down dinner on Solano Avenue for the entire City of Albany. Share a meal with friends, neighbors and family. There will be live music, dancing in the streets, table decorating contest and the dinner bell will ring at 6:45 pm. Table reservations begin August 11, 2014.

You can share a meal with friends and family in a number of ways:

- Reserve one or more tables with six chairs per table (\$40 each)
- Reserve a space (\$15 each) and bring your own table(s) and chairs
- Make reservations at one of the participating restaurants that will be offering sidewalk dining

More detailed information about Dinner with Albany will appear in the *Fall Activity Guide*.



DINNER WITH ALBANY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTING SPONSORS \$1500 (limited to four)

- Full-page ad in the Fall 2014 *Activity Guide*
- "Presenting sponsor" on Dinner with Albany poster and all marketing & promotion materials
- Logo on Dinner with Albany page of the City website
- Advertisement on KALB
- Logo on Dinner with Albany T-shirts
- Three VIP tables at Dinner with Albany (18 guests)
- Four VIP parking passes
- 18 VIP passes to the Sponsor's Tent
- 18 valet bike parking passes
- Three bottles of wine delivered to your table
- Special recognition announcement at Dinner with Albany
- 18 Dinner with Albany T-shirts
- 18 Dinner with Albany wine glasses

GOLD LEVEL \$750 (limited to ten)

- 1/2-page ad in Fall 2014 *Activity Guide*
- Logo on Dinner with Albany page of the City website
- Logo on Dinner with Albany poster
- Advertisement on KALB
- Two VIP tables at Dinner with Albany (12 Guests)
- Two VIP parking passes
- 12 VIP passes to the Sponsor's Tent
- 12 valet bike parking passes
- Two bottles of wine delivered to your table
- 12 Dinner with Albany wine glasses
- Special recognition announcement at event

SILVER LEVEL \$500 (limited to ten)

- 1/4-page ad in Fall 2014 *Activity Guide*
- One VIP table at Dinner with Albany (six Guests)
- One bottle of wine delivered to your table
- Six Dinner with Albany wine glasses
- Six valet bike parking passes
- Six VIP passes to the Sponsor's Tent

ADVERTISING Fall 2014 *Activity Guide*

1/4-page: \$150, 1/2-page: \$250, Full-page: \$375. (Design services not included.)

DEADLINE

Deadline for sponsorship and for reserving advertising space is July 14, 2014.

Sponsors of this wonderful community event will receive a number of benefits, and valuable advertising exposure in our Fall 2014 *Activity Guide*, on the City website, and through event marketing materials. We are offering three levels of sponsorship for Dinner with Albany and selling ad space in our upcoming *Albany Activity Guide*.

The City of Albany Recreation Department's *Activity Guide* provides each Dinner with Albany sponsor with a valuable way to promote their business or organization through a publication that connects directly to involved and active community members. We print 13,500 copies and mail to over 8,000 homes in Albany, nearly 600 Albany businesses and 1,000 non-Albany residents. The *Activity Guide* remains in the homes of our readers for approximately four months; it is referred to multiple times by multiple readers.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of Dinner with Albany or placing an ad in the Fall 2014 *Activity Guide*, contact Chelle Putzer at (510) 559-7218 or cputzer@albanyca.org for more information.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Asian Heritage Month Event - Celebrating & Engaging Our Diverse Community

Over 200 people attended the Asian Heritage Month events on Saturday, May 31 at the Community Center. The event was sponsored by the City of Albany's Human Services Division, the Albany Library, ACHA – Himalayan Sisterhood and Albany United Methodist Church with funding provided by City of Berkeley Mental Health Division. The event featured story tellers, crafts, games, demonstrations, dances and health presentations from 3 Asian communities: Tibet, China and Korea.



Resource tables from Berkeley Mental Health and Covered America were set up in the lobby. The event concluded with a sampling of food from the 3 different cultures. What made the event so special was that it allowed for people of different cultures to come together and learn about each other's heritage-Healthier communities are built through cultural exchange. The event was so well received that we will be holding another event next year.

NOVEMBER 2014 ELECTION INFORMATION

The City's next Municipal Election will be held on November 4, 2014 for the following positions:

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| One (1) | City Council (2 - year term) |
| Two (2) | City Council (4 - year term) |
| Three (3) | Board of Education (4 - year term) |

Nomination papers may be obtained for the above positions in the Office of the City Clerk, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, between Monday, July 14, 2014 through Friday August 8, 2014. Individuals are encouraged to [make an appointment](#) to obtain nomination papers. Please see the [City's website for additional information](#) regarding elections within the City of Albany.

ALBANY'S WATERFRONT PARK

The **Albany Waterfront Park** is located at the foot of Buchanan Street, and provides a remarkable open space area with a view of the bay. Over the last several months the City has been working to realize the goal of the City Council to help maximize park and open space within the City to help ensure our parks are safe and accessible for all users. As part of the transition at the Albany Waterfront, the City has successfully housed 24 people who had been living in illegal encampments at the waterfront. The City continues to focus on park maintenance to help ensure accessibility of the park on an ongoing basis. Additionally, the City was recently awarded a grant from the Coastal Conservancy in the amount of \$168,000 for the



development of a transition and improvement plan for the Albany Neck and Bulb portions of the park to enable this area to become part of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park. The following photos were taken on a recent visit to the Albany Waterfront Park. *Photo credit Kim Denton.*



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albanyfire@albanyca.org

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Community Development: 528-5760
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Recreation & Community Services: 524-9283
recinfo@albanyca.org

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