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Citywide e-Newsletter

RECENT ACTIVITY BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- **Cancellation of the November 4, 2014 General Municipal Election for the Office of City Council**
A total of two candidates qualified for the Office of City Council (4-year term), and one candidate qualified for the Office of City Council (2-year term), which is an equal number of candidates to the number of available seats on the City Council. The State Elections Code authorizes the City Council to cancel the election and appoint the qualified candidates. The City Council took action at a special meeting on August 21, 2014 to cancel the election and appoint the following candidates. An Oath of Office Ceremony will be held on December 8, 2014 at a special meeting of the City Council.

Office of City Council (4-year term)
Peggy McQuaid
Rochelle Nason

Office of City Council (2-year term)
Nick Pilch

- **Proclamation in honor of Tom Van Zile & Albany Domino's Pizza**
The Council presented a proclamation to Tom Van Zile & Domino's Pizza in recognition of their generous support to the annual National Night Out event.



- **Amendments to the Planning & Zoning Code to Restrict Digital Billboards**
The Council approved Ordinance No. 2014-06, to amend the Planning and Zoning Code to restrict digital billboards in the Commercial Mixed Use Zoning district



Housing Policy Symposium

The City's Community Development Department is organizing a symposium in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 pm on September 30 to hear from local experts on how the City can develop more affordable housing.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Be the Match Firefighters Challenge

Help us reach our goal, increase awareness of blood cancer, and cures.

Get involved with these upcoming events:

- Look for our Firefighters volunteering at the Solano Stroll on Saturday, September 14 from 10am - 6:00pm.

Visit the Be The Match table on the southeast corner of Key Route and Solano, in front of Soccer Basics.

- [Join the Bone Marrow Registry or Make a Donation Financially](#)
- [“Like” our Facebook Page and spread the word](#)



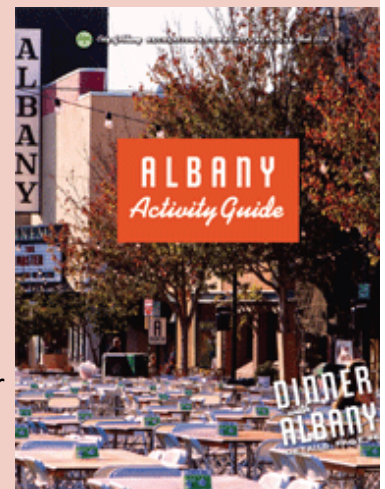
About “Be the Match”: For the thousands of people diagnosed every year with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, a cure exists. Over the past 25 years Be The Match®, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP), has managed the largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world. We work every day to save lives through transplant.

Coastal Cleanup Day

Join us for our [Annual Coastal Cleanup Day](#)
Saturday, September 21, 9am—Noon
Meet at the foot of Buchanan Street

Albany’s Recreation & Community Services Department is over the top with community events this season including:

- [Music in the Park](#)—Wednesdays in September, 6:30 pm, Memorial Park
- [Local Garden Swap](#)—Tuesdays through the end of October, 6:30 pm, Albany Community Center Patio
- Block Movie Nights through October 7: a movie on your block! —[email us for more info](#)
- [@theCenter events](#): at the Community Center
 - Mixology 101—Thursday, October 16, 7pm
 - Pre-Halloween Mash—Friday, October 24, 6:30pm
 - Holiday Mixology—Thursday, December 18, 7pm
 - Noon Year’s Eve—Wednesday, December 31, 11am
- [Bike About Town](#)—September 19 & October 17, 6:30pm, Wheels of Justice, Solano Avenue
- [Run Around Town](#)—every Sunday, 8am, Suzette Crepe Café, Solano Avenue
- [Clothing Swap](#)—Thursday, September 25, 7:30pm, Albany Community Center
- [Check out the latest Activity Guide for many more events](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Emergency Preparedness - Are You Prepared?

The recent earthquake in Napa Valley is a reminder to all of us to be prepared and capable of responding when a natural disaster or other emergency occurs.

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

Albany/Berkeley Citywide Emergency Exercise

Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9am—1pm

[Sign up now to participate in the Albany Fire Department's Citywide Emergency Exercise.](#) Take advantage of this event to:

- Review your personal disaster plan
- Practice gathering together and responding as neighbors helping neighbors
- Build a stronger sense of community
- Meet Albany first responders and learn about the importance of emergency preparedness



Dinner With Albany & Albany Local Week

To-do list:

- [Reserve a table & invite family/friends](#)
- Go "local" throughout [Albany Local Week](#) September 22-27 & check in using **#albanylocalweek**
- Join the ["Marin Monster" 10K Run](#) Sunday, September 21 at 8am
- Take some pictures and share using **#albanylocalpix**

ALBANY SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

September is National Senior Center Month!

National Senior Center Month is celebrated every year in September. The Albany Senior Center has the resources and tools to empower older adults to make choices that will enhance their lives and become Experts at Living Well. The Albany Senior Center offers a variety of health and fitness classes and lifelong learning opportunities and encourages involvement in the center and the community. Whether it's trying Gentle Yoga, attending a literature class or enjoying the sounds of a local musician, these activities add richness to the lives of older adults in our community. This September, let's celebrate our programming and services that enable older adults to become Experts at Living Well.

Stop by the Albany Senior Center Open House September 23 between 9am-5pm and discover what the center has to offer! There will be free class demonstrations, entertainment, breakfast lunch and dinner! Join us all day or drop by for that specific activity or class you've wanting to attend. Talk to instructors and staff and get the information you need. This event is also part of Albany Local Week.

Explore the Albany Waterfront Park!

Walks on the Bulb in September:

Exploring Local Natural Treasures on Foot - The ever changing Albany Bulb

co-sponsored by Friends of Five Creeks
 Thursday, September 25, 9-11am
 Meet at the "Heron" sculpture at the West end of Buchanan

Walk, Talk & Be Healthy!

A Walk on the Bulb

Friday, September 26, 8:30-10:30am
 Join the Albany Senior Center's regular walking group for a healthful walk on scenic Albany Bulb during "Albany Local Week". Meet at the Albany Senior Center for a free ride over to the trail.

Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk or call 524-9122.

Albany Senior Center awarded a commendation from Alameda County for participation as one of several senior centers' "Drug Drop-off" sites in the County. Such sites provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs. Since the disposal box was installed at the Senior Center in November 2013, we have been seeing a steady flow of people coming in to use the box. **Mary McKenna** represented the Senior Center to receive the commendation from county officials.

Use of the disposal bin is simple: Empty pills in a zip-lock bag (available from the front desk). For liquid medications, place them in their original containers and then in a zip-lock bag. Deposit in the green box located in the Senior Center lobby area.



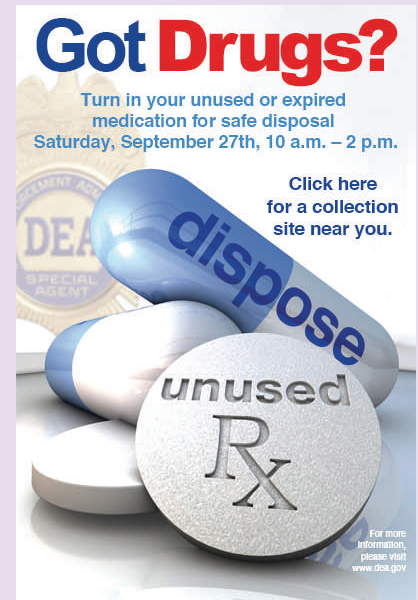
ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT

A special thanks to the Albany Community for making **National Night Out** another huge success with a record 35 block parties and over 2,000 participants throughout Albany on August 5th. Albany Dominos Pizza generously donated 2 large pizzas to each block, and City staff visited each block party to connect with residents.



Drug Take Back

Safely dispose of expired medications - a National Take Back Initiative will be held on September 27th 10am-2pm at the Albany Senior Center.



Back to School - "Watch the Road"

Albany schools are now in session. Take extra caution when traveling as we have many students walking and biking to and from school. Remind your children to stop, look and listen.

ALBANY FIRE DEPARTMENT

September is National Preparedness Month—do one thing a week and it’s easy to get prepared:

- Week 1: How to Reconnect with your family after a disaster: making a Communications Plan
- Week 2: Know How to Plan for Specific Needs before a disaster
- Week 3: How to build an Emergency Kit
- Week 4: How to practice for an emergency

Visit the State website to learn more about [emergency preparedness and valuable resources](#).

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“CHECK IT OUT” NEWS FROM THE ALBANY LIBRARY

Greetings from Libraryland! This is our very first column and we are excited to have a monthly spot in Albany's Official eNewsletter. The Summer Reading Game was a great time had by all. By Game's end, 730 people signed up. Nearly 400 won the first prize and 200 won the second. Families came for our various summer programs. The Tuesday Night crowds had a ball watching science come to life, marionettes and shadow puppets, snakes, dogs, didgeridoos, jugglers and magicians--topped off with gifted kids who took the stage for our annual summer Talent Show. There were ten programs in all, sponsored by Friends of the Albany Library (*Thank you, Friends. We couldn't do it with you!*). The performances drew audiences between 60 and 150 people each. We thank all the families from Albany and surrounding towns who made the Library a summer destination.



Summer Children's Program

Many patrons know the great Paula Greer, longtime Circulation Supervisor at the library. After 35 years of dedicated service to the County and the Albany Community, Paula retired and retreated to a life filled with grandkids, painting, jewelry making and glasswork. While Paula will be missed, Brian Edwards will be joining the team. Brian comes to us with an MPA in Management/Policy Analysis from CSU, East Bay. He has worked for the Alameda County Library since 1999 starting as a Library Page with various promotions including Library Clerk, Lead Clerk, Circulation Supervisor and Newark Library's acting Branch Manager from 2010-2014. Brian knows libraries on all levels and will be a welcome addition to the team starting September 15th.



Retirement Celebration for Paula Greer

Don't forget to come and visit us at the Solano Stroll. The Friends of the Albany Library will be out selling quality books for low prices. Members of the library team will also be there to talk about our exciting upcoming events and programs planned for the 2014/2015 year. If you can't make it to the Stroll, the Friends of the Library will also be hosting a September Book Sale on Saturday, September 27th from 10-4. Hope you can come!

See you in the library,

Deb Sica,
Albany Library Manager

GREEN ALBANY

Recycle Batteries, CFL's and Cell Phones Curbside [Watch our video to learn more:](#)



GOT PLASTIC?

Residents and businesses in Albany can recycle all hard plastics in their gray recycling cart.



RECYCLING

RECYCLE THESE PLASTICS

#1-#7 hard plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and even plastic toys. Please empty contents and put plastic lids on before recycling. You can also recycle plastic bags and plastic wrap by placing them in one bag and tying a knot.



Call Waste Management Customer Service at **510.613.8710** or visit www.dsgardencenter.com to see how your recycling is sorted.

Printed on recycled paper.

TRASH THESE PLASTICS

Loose plastic bags and plastic wrap, straws, utensils, gloves, polystyrene foam, or any plastic labeled "compostable". Try purchasing items that can be reused or recycled instead.



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