

OCTOBER 2014

ALBANY CALIFORNIA



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Citywide e-Newsletter

DINNER WITH ALBANY - ANOTHER GREAT EVENT!

Thanks to all who attended DINNER WITH ALBANY on Saturday night. We closed Solano Avenue in Albany and sat down to dinner. More than 30 staff and 60 volunteers prepped the dinner tables so that nearly 3,000 guests could sit down for a meal together under a canopy of lights!

Special Congratulations to our winners:

UBER Albany Award: Nery Castillo-McIntyre

Tweet Toast Contest: Rick Garcia *"A toast to a bright future for our town that is small in size, but big in community. Albany is our home. Let us dine as a family. Cheers!"*



CITY COUNCIL

RECENT ACTIVITY BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- **Pierce Street Park 100% Plans**

The Council approved a resolution to adopt the environmental review initial study - mitigated negative declaration for the development of Pierce Street Park. The Council also adopted a resolution approving the 100% plans, authorizing the call for bids and allocating funds for the construction of Phase 1 of Pierce Street Park.

- **Albany Senior Center Accessibility Renovation Project**

The Council approved the Senior Center accessibility renovation project, authorized use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the project, and authorized the release of a request for proposals for professional architectural services for the design of the project.



Get Engaged in your Local Community: Become a Member of an Advisory Body to the City Council

There are several Advisory Bodies to the City Council. Members are appointed by the City Council for a term of two years. Advisory Bodies (aside from the Planning & Zoning Commission) typically meet every month or every other month.

- [Arts Committee](#)
- [Charter Review Committee](#)
- [Civil Service Board](#)
- [Community Media Access Committee](#)
- [Library Board](#)
- [Parks & Recreation Commission](#)
- [Planning & Zoning Commission](#)
- [Social & Economic Justice Commission](#)
- [Sustainability Committee](#)
- [Traffic & Safety Commission](#)

Interested in serving on an Advisory Body to the City Council? Applications are now being accepted - [complete the application online.](#)



Traffic & Safety Commission Public Workshop

SAVE THE DATE!



October 17, 6:30pm, Wheels of Justice,
Solano Avenue



Sundays, 8am, Suzette Crepe Café ,
Solano Avenue

LOCAL GARDEN SWAP - Last month this season!
Every Tuesday, Swapping Begins at 6:30 p.m.
Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue



Albany Senior Center
846 Masonic Avenue
Albany, CA 94706
Phone: (510) 524-9122 FAX: (510) 524-8940
www.albanyca.org
Email: senior info@albanyca.org
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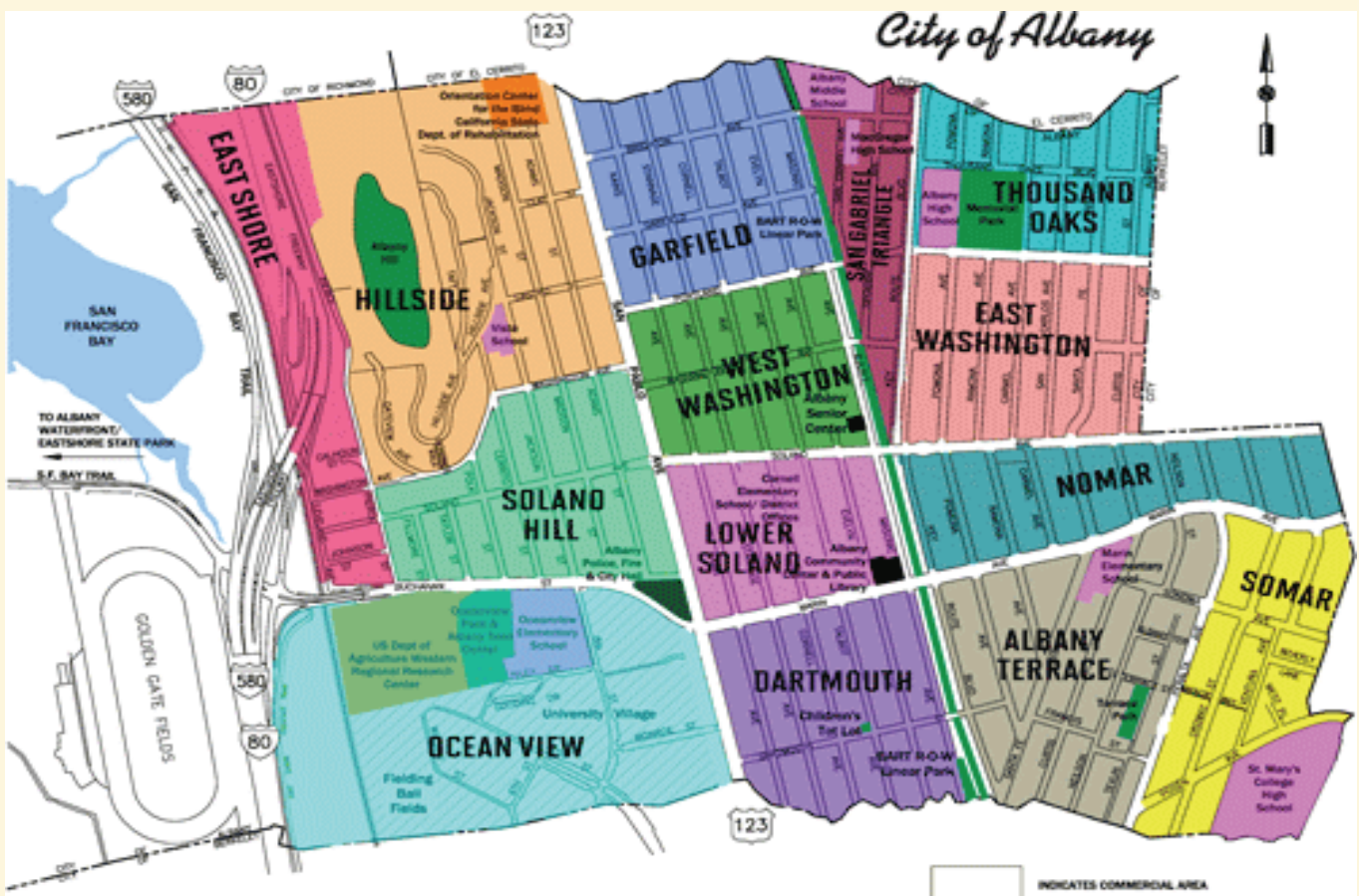
3rd Friday of the Month
Beginning Friday, October 17, 2104

SAVE THE DATE!

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



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.

ALBANY SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

Senior Travel Troupe

All adults ages 50 and older are welcome to travel with us as we explore the beautiful and exciting areas and attractions around Northern California. Each trip is led by a group leader. All trips include periods of walking, standing and sitting unless otherwise indicated. *Travel itineraries are subject to change.*

Apple Hill

October 8 8am-4pm

Fees: \$39 resident/\$44 non-resident

Our annual fall tradition continues to Apple Hill. Our day begins at High Hill Ranch with an apple fritter snack, coffee or tea. Next we'll

take a guided loop tour aboard our very own shuttle bus. After the tour it's back to High Hill Ranch for a hosted barbeque lunch. There will be plenty of time for exploring and shopping at the ranch.

Oktoberfest in Historic Campbell

October 18 10am-4pm

Fees: \$29 resident/\$34 non-resident

Campbell's own Oktoberfest will showcase mouthwatering savory German foods including Bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels and German potato salad, a variety of beers and ales, over 100 fine artisans from all over the country and an impressive line-up of entertainment, including headliners Alpiners USA.

Ridgewood Ranch – Home of Seabiscuit

October 20 8am-4pm

Fees: \$59 resident/\$64 non-resident

Seabiscuit was one of the greatest racehorses who ever lived. His barn is a landmark in sports history and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Ridgewood Ranch tour features a film presentation, Seabiscuit memorabilia, Seabiscuit's barn, ranch house, and a commemorative souvenir.

Haunted Mansions Tour

October 30 9am-4pm

Fees: \$29 resident/\$34 non-resident

Wear your Halloween costume and bring your walking shoes to explore this upscale neighborhood of Victorian Homes, Flowers and Secret Gardens, Landmark Buildings, and History. We'll visit the inside of a haunted 1890 Queen Anne Mansion that was featured on the Cable TV show "Haunted Mansions" and a 150-year old historic church. Learn who lives in these beautiful homes with landscaped gardens and about the movies that have been filmed there. We'll be dropped off for lunch and shopping on your own at Fillmore Street. This tour is led by our friend and expert professional tour guide, Marilyn Straka, from "On the Level Tours".



ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Improving Traffic Safety

During the month of September, the Albany Police Department conducted three traffic operations aimed to improve overall safety and your quality of life. These operations brought in extra officers who specifically watched for violations and were funded with a \$49,160 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety.

September 12th Speed enforcement & crash prevention

September 22nd Distracted driver enforcement

September 26th DUI Enforcement Operations

Tri-City Safety Day Sept 20th at El Cerrito Plaza



Thanks to everyone who joined Albany Police & Fire and learned some valuable safety tips.

ALBANY FIRE DEPARTMENT

CERT Citywide Drill Oct 18th 9am-11am on YOUR block!

[Get inspired by the 2 min Public Service Announcement](#)

Only have 5 minutes to prepare? In that short amount of time, you can....

- designate your out-of-area contact (be sure to tell them!)
- put a wrench near your gas shut off & attach with string or a zip-tie
- put a flashlight in each child's room
- post "animals live here" decals that are visible from the exterior of your home

Got 30 minutes? Try some of these activities...

- tour your neighborhood & note potential hazards and/or access issues
- tour your home with a "hazard hunt"
- [download and fill our emergency communications cards](#)
- check your pets' emergency food & water supply

Got 2 hours? You can get SO much done!

- create and/or update a neighborhood map
- practice neighborhood damage assessment scenarios
- [make a kid's "preparedness punch" stand](#)
- Build a first aid kit for your pets

More resources available at www.albanyca.org/prepare

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 11th, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Albany Fire Department, 1000 San Pablo Ave

Come Hungry!

\$6 adults/\$4 for kids 12 and under

Every year in October, during Fire Prevention Week, the Albany Fire Department makes safety presentations to all of the elementary schools in Albany. As a finale the Albany Fire Department holds a pancake breakfast to benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Last year over 700 people attended, and we were able to sponsor two scholarships for Champ Camp.

This year we will have a special Be the Match Booth to highlight the importance of bone marrow donation. The cure for blood cancer is in the hands of ordinary people. Join the cause--YOU could be the cure. Raffles & prizes!
Come on October 11th, eat all the pancakes you want and:

- say Hi to Sparky the Fire Dog
- watch a live fire demonstration
- learn about electrical and natural gas safety
- climb in our engines that will be on display
- sign-up for CPR and/or First Aid classes



GAME. SET.
MATCH.

I'M READY TO BE CALLED.
BE THE MATCH[®]

[Be The Match](#)

“CHECK IT OUT” NEWS FROM THE ALBANY LIBRARY

Check It Out – Poetry Edition

Please be sure to save the date for a once in a library event! Albany Library, with generous funding from the Friends of the Albany Library and in conjunction with *Poetry Flash*, will be hosting National Book Award winning poet **Gerald Stern** on Friday, November 14th at 7:00 pm. Stern’s has dedicated his life to championing poetry. His publications include *In Beauty Bright* (2012), *Early Collected Poems from 1965-1992* (2010), *Save the Last Dance* (2008) and *Everything is Burning* (2005). His accolades and acknowledgements include the National Jewish Book Award, the Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry from the Library of Congress, the Ruth Lilly Prize and the Wallace Stevens Award. Most recently, he was the recipient of the Poetry Society of America’s lifetime achievement Frost Award. This honor includes the likes of Wallace Stevens, Marianne Moore, Gwendolyn Brooks, Allen Ginsberg, Lucille Clifton, Charles Simic, Marilyn Nelson and Robert Bly. More details on location of the reading to come!

We are pleased to announce a new book collection at your library! Since Albany is a hub of poetry activity for the East Bay it makes the perfect locale for a new Poetry Honor Collection! What’s an honor collection you ask? An honor collection is a collection of books that are not subject to fines, fees and due dates as with other library materials. They are taken and returned “on your honor” to be enjoyed leisurely by anyone visiting the library. Such collections often include materials from smaller local presses that reflect community uniqueness and vision. Our new collection was developed from our **2nd Tuesday Reading Series** organized by the tireless Catherine Taylor and supported by the dedicated Zoe Francesca and Ben Bartu. Many of our generous Poets have given Catherine copies of their published work and, with time, she gathered a substantial collection that represents the richness of the Poetry Series. Please come by and browse! They are located in the Local History Area as they reflect local interest. Please join us for the next reading in the 2nd Tuesday Series featuring poets Alan Soldofsky and Robert Sward on October 14th at 7:00 pm in the Edith Stone Room. Open mic will follow so arrive early as spaces are limited!

If you are a practicing poet or would like to start writing, join us for our poetry workshop. Christina Hutchins, Albany poet and author of *The Stranger Dissolves*, facilitates the ongoing monthly **1st Wednesday Poetry Writer’s Workshop**. No registration is required and it is free to the public. Drop in and work on your poetry with a group of supportive writers. Workshops are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Edith Stone Room. Next meet up will be on October 1st.



Free Curbside On Call Bulky Item Pickup

Service available to Albany single-family and duplex properties.



Schedule this service once per year
to get rid of items too large for your trash cart.

Call Waste Management at **(510) 613-8710**



to schedule free pickup.



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