RECENT ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Presentation by Berkeley Food and Housing Project regarding Albany Project HOPE (Housing Opportunities Expanded)
The Council received a presentation regarding work conducted in Albany since 2013 to provide services and housing support to persons experiencing homelessness in Albany. Learn more about services provided on our website.

Update on Alameda County Community Choice Aggregation Steering Committee Progress
The Council received a presentation regarding Community Choice Aggregation in Alameda County (CCA). A CCA allows public agencies to procure electric power on behalf of customers. The County will be conducting a technical study to determine feasibility of a CCA in the near future.

Update on Draft Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance
The Council received information regarding a proposed Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance which would require property owners to obtain an energy assessment and disclose the score associated with the energy assessment. The Council provided feedback and authorized staff to draft a Building Energy Disclosure Ordinance that incorporates triggers for conducting the assessment requirement such as point of sale and/or point of occupancy transfer, and that information regarding the impact on staff time also be identified.

Sustainability Committee proposal to place a Utility Users’ Tax Increase on the November 2016 ballot to fund Climate Action Plan Programs
The Council received information from the Sustainability Committee who recommended increasing the UUT on gas and electricity to fund energy efficiency assessments for property owners that are required as part of the proposed Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance. The Council requested the proposed Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance be worked on in advance of consideration of a funding mechanism such as a UUT increase.

Arts Committee 2016-2018 Public Art Projects Plan (PAPP)
The Council approved the Arts Committee 2016-2018 PAPP and the appropriation of Art in Public Places Funds not to exceed $53,600 for the creation of public art.

Marin Bikeway Phase III
The Council approved the plans, specifications and estimates for the Marin Bikeway Phase III project. The project includes utility undergrounding, a recycled water pipeline, and a bikeway along Marin between Cornell and San Pablo Avenues to connect with the Buchanan bikeway and the Bay Trail. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2016.

Consideration of Ballot Language to Amend Measure D Residential Parking Standards
The Council gave direction to staff to prepare a draft ballot measure to amend the Municipal Code Section 20.28.030.A (“Measure D”) to allow the City Council to amend residential parking standards by ordinance in all zoning districts.

Funding Capital Improvement Projects – Parcel Tax for Sidewalk Repairs
The Council received information and discussed a possible parcel tax for sidewalks. The matter will be considered further at a future meeting along with other possible ballot measures for funding.
@theCenter:

The City of Albany Recreation & Community Services Department hosts a different type of community event on the last Friday of every month throughout the year at the Albany Community Center (1249 Marin Avenue). This list of entertaining, interesting, educational and often a little wacky events include, live music, speakers, movies, city-wide challenges, and so much more. We hope to see you soon...@theCenter!

The Bare Bones of the Bone Room
Friday, April 29 * 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Free!

The Bone Room specializes in all things once living from real human and animal skulls and skeletons to fossils to framed insects. It has resided on Solano Avenue for more than 20 years and has been a local curiosity from the start. Learn about store’s origins, see and touch bizarre and unique items and hear tales of their procurement. Bring your obscure questions to be answered by staff – all ages welcome!
Bike-in Movie Night
Friday, May 27 * 6:30 – 8:30 pm * Free!

We will be showing ‘Breaking Away’, a fun, family-friendly movie about a teenage boy’s dream of becoming a professional cyclist. Ride your bike on down to the Albany Community Center and join us for this fabulous Bike Month event! The popcorn is free and will be flowing freely. This film is PG. Special thanks to 5 Little Monkeys for co-sponsoring this bike-tacular event.

Mark your Calendars...
June 24 -Trivia Night
July 29 - Super-sized Game Night
Aug 26 - 2nd Annual City-wide Scavenger Hunt

SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE ... YOUR GUIDE TO FUN!

The Recreation & Community Services Department has done it again!

Click HERE to check out the fabulous classes, camps and events they have in store for you in our Summer Activity Guide.

The City worked with the local businesses along this section of Solano including Gordo’s and Domino’s Pizza to create a "pop-up" parklet for the community’s use while enjoying the many offerings of our Solano Avenue. Visitors found a space to sip coffee, chat with others, enjoy a meal in an outdoor space, and enjoy the outdoors along Solano Avenue.

A few parking spaces were blocked off, seating areas and greenery were added to give the “pop-up” parklet a nice, inviting vibe.

We are planning another “pop-up” parklet, and need your help finding the best location for the parklet. Join our discussion and answer a few questions online at AlbanySpeaks.org, or send in your ideas for an area in our commercial sector (Solano/San Pablo), or other ideas and we’ll get to work on finding another location.

To learn more about parklets, and new innovative ways to create public recreation space check out AlbanySpeaks.org

Please contact Nicole Almaguer at nalmaguer@albanyca.org for more info.
**Albany Clothing Swap & Sew!**

*Two awesome opportunities in one - clothing swap and fabric/textile repair!*

April 19 & July 19 - 7:30 pm

**The Swap:** Bring your clean, usable, but no longer wanted used clothes and find some "new to you" clothes. Bring your friends and neighbors and one or more bags of your washed, gently worn items to our fabulous swap room where clothing will be set out by type (pants, shirts, dresses, etc.) and size! Choose items and take them home. We have mirrors, but no dressing rooms, so plan accordingly. Leftovers are donated to charity. All clothing sizes welcome!

**The Sew:** Bring fabric items you want to mend, your sewing machine (we will have one available if you don’t have one), and any sewing notions you need or want to donate (thread, buttons, patches, pins, etc. - again, we will have some.) Fixit Clinic ([www.fixitclinic.org](http://www.fixitclinic.org)) coaches will be on hand with sewing machines and other tools to assist you repair your favorite fabric items, help reacquaint you with your sewing machine, and help you repair your non-working sewing machine (other broken household items are OK too.) Walk-ins are always welcome, but it helps to register in advance so the Fixit coaches know what to expect.

Interested in helping with this awesome event? Volunteers are always welcome. **Please check-in here.**

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**FRIENDS OF ALBANY PARKS:**

The Friends of Albany Parks program is designed to encourage community members to get involved with the care, maintenance and beautification of their favorite neighborhood park.

**Park Community Discussion & Galas:**

These evening events are geared toward developing ideas for park improvement and involving residents. A better sense of community is fostered and social capital is built as neighbors meet and work with one another.

**Clean-Up Days:**

Residents come together for an action day - pulling ivy, picking up garbage, adding sand, fixing, trimming, planting and weeding! Bring gloves and tools. Lunch is provided by the Albany Community Foundation. All Friends of Albany Park members who attend the Clean-Up Day receive an official Friends of Albany Parks t-shirt.

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A/V Apprenticeship
Ages: 13 - 17
Mid-May - Mid-October 2016
$200 Stipend
*Four Apprenticeship openings available*

We are looking for four crew members to join the new A/V Apprentice Program! Learn how to use professional audio and video equipment while producing TV and web content. Participants will also gain valuable work experience while having fun in a team environment. Participants will get hands-on experience learning live sound for musical and spoken-word events, stage lighting, event production, multi-camera video broadcast, audio/video recording and editing, as well as practical advice related to job skills. After completing the A/V Apprentice Program, crew members will receive an official City of Albany certificate of accomplishment, commendation from the Albany City Council, a $200 stipend, and may be eligible for paid employment with the City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department. Applications are due by April 22, 2016. If selected, must be available to work Music in the Park, 3:30-9:30 pm, every Wednesday in September and Dinner with Albany on September 24 as well as other A/V events and promotions.

For more information and an application contact Brennen Brown, bbrown@albanyca.org.

Volunteer with Albany Recreation
All Ages
www.albanyca.org/volunteer

Be part of the fun and excitement of Albany special events. Summers are packed full of events and park clean-up days and the Albany Volunteer Corps gives you a front row seat to all the action! We need volunteers for events like: 4th of July, Dinner with Albany (Sept. 24), Albany Local Week (Sept. 18-24) and tons more.

Contact Liam at lkelly@albanyca.org for more details and scheduling. Groups are welcome!
Albany Fire Department Water Rescue Program

The mission of the Albany Fire Department Open Water Rescue Team is to provide emergency services on the San Francisco Bay, with a primary focus on the Albany shoreline. These emergency services include but are not limited to Search and Rescue, and Advanced Life Support. The Albany Fire Department has worked tirelessly to create and grow relationships with the United States Coast Guard, and neighboring Fire Agencies in order to create a unified and coordinated response.

The Albany Fire Department employs the use of two 11 ft. rescue boards which are operated by California State Fire Marshal certified Open Water Rescue Swimmers working in conjunction with a shore based team. If needed Neighboring Agencies have pledged a response of motorized boats to assist in effecting a rescue or water based fire suppression.

Albany CERT

The City of Albany and the Albany Fire Department are proud to provide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to help prepare Albany to be as resilient as possible.

Our goal is to have at least one person per block in Albany that has been educated or is knowledgeable of the standards that are exemplified by CERT to help prepare our community in the case of an emergency situation. Training courses are provided throughout the year and taught by the Albany Fire Department. Check our website to learn more about training opportunities. We also have a new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AlbanyCERT
Topics That Matter:

**Ready for any Emergency - Emergency Preparedness**
Monday, April 11 @ 10:00am
*Albany Senior Center*

The 2nd Monday of the month. Join us for engaging, informative and timely discussions. Session will be led by a professional in the topics covered and refreshments will be served.

**Albany Senior Resource Expo**
Thursday, April 21, 10am -1pm
*Albany Senior Center*

Join us for the 8th Annual Senior Resource Expo. Representatives from different organizations that provide assistance to seniors and caregivers will be on hand to share information on housing, healthcare, transportation and more. Free lunch served (while supplies last).

**FOAS White Elephant & Bake Sale**
Saturday, April 30, 2016 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

Come on out and help FOAS help our senior Center. Great bargains on household items, jewelry, games, pictures, home decorations, puzzles, dvd’s, toys, kitchenware, books, and baked goods. A light lunch will also be available for purchase.

**April Movie Days:**
*Albany Senior Center*
Tuesdays - 1:30pm
$1 Donation

- 4/5 - The Big Short
- 4/12 - Creed
- 4/19 - The Revenant
- 4/26 - The Lady in the Van

**Walk, Talks, & Be Healthy:**
*Albany Senior Center*
Walks depart at 8:30am
Fees vary per walk

- 4/12 - Mill Valley - Sausalito Trail
- 4/19 - Lake Chabot Park & Boat Tour
- 4/26 - Crane Creek Regional Park

**Senior Travel Troupe:**
*Albany Senior Center*

- 4/2 - Giants vs. A’s Game
- 4/8 - Windmills & Tulips Lunch Troupe
- 4/18 - Silverado Trail & Mumm Tour
- 4/27 - Jackson Rancheria Casino

For more information about Senior Center programs, services and events, please call our customer service desk at (510) 524-9122.
8th Annual Albany Senior Resource Expo

Thursday, April 21, 2016
10am-1pm

Albany Senior Center
846 Masonic Ave, Albany

Come join us for the 8th Annual Senior Resource Expo in Albany.
Representatives from different organizations that provide assistance for seniors and their caregivers will be on hand to provide information on:

- Housing
- Healthcare
- In-Home Services
- Transportation
- Much, Much, More

A Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be Provided (while supplies last)

846 Masonic Ave., Albany, CA 94706
Phone: (510) 524-9122
FAX: (510) 524-8940
www.albanyca.org
Email: seniorinfo@albanyca.org
Facebook.com/AlbanySeniorCenter
GREEN ALBANY EVENTS

APRIL is EARTH Month!... Take time out to celebrate the environment this month.

Earth Day Cleanup
Saturday, April 23rd, 9:00am-12:30pm
at the foot of Buchanan Street

Join the City of Albany and the Watershed Project for a waterfront cleanup in celebration of Earth Day! Wear sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen, and bring your own reusable water bottle and gloves if you have them. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please consider riding a bike or walking to the event! www.thewatershedproject.org

Albany Arts & Green Festival
Sunday, May 1, 2016, 11am - 4pm Memorial Park

Join the fun at the Albany Arts & Green Festival Sunday, May 1, from 11am-4pm at Memorial Park and celebrate Albany’s commitment to the environment with live youth performances and green resources. Over thirty booths will offer ideas for saving energy and money, connect you with local green organizations, show you how your food and lifestyle choices can make a difference, and showcase City of Albany projects. You can grab a bag of compost for your garden, check out an electric vehicle show, valet park your bike, or even get a bike tune-up. http://www.albanyca.org/artsandgreenfestival

Albany Compost Giveaway (held at the Arts & Green Festival):
The City is giving away two bags of WM EarthCare Homegrown Compost per household at the Albany Arts & Green Festival in Memorial Park on Sunday, May 1st from 11am-2pm. Make sure to come early because compost is first-come first-serve. Albany residents qualify as long as you show your driver’s license or Waste Management bill. These are 100% local, made from your own Bay Area yard trimmings and residential food scraps. Compost can be picked up on Portland near the pool. http://www.albanyca.org/compostgiveaways

City-wide Garage Sale applications are due Wednesday, April 20th!
Too much old stuff? Need space in your garage? Host a garage sale! The garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 9 am-3 pm. Applications are available at Albany City Hall, Community Center, and Senior Center, and can be downloaded here. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 20th. The Citywide Garage Sale listings and maps will be available in late April on the website, City Hall, the Community Center and Senior Center.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event
Sunday June 19th at Golden Gate Fields.
Sign up online for this free one day drop-off event. Bring your old paints, pesticides, medications, broken electronics, and other household hazardous waste that is illegal to dispose of in your trash or recycling cart.
## Bulky Pickup Instructions

### Recyclables
- **Major Appliances (max 2)**: Remove doors, keep clean and dry, place upright, no leaking of hazardous materials
- **E-waste**: Including computer monitors, CPUs and TVs
- **Mattresses**
- **Tires (max 4)**: Remove tires
  - Yard Trimmings: No herbicides
  - Clean Untreated Wood (5ft max)
  - Scrap Metal
  - Cardboard: Flatten and bundle

### Non-Recyclables
- **Household Furniture**
- **Carpet**: Bundle
- **Painted Wood and Doors (5ft max)**
- **Other Acceptable Items**: Any non-hazardous items (max 75lbs), including small appliances

### Set Out Rules
- Set out items before 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day, but no earlier than the night before.
- Place items within 3 feet of curb but not on sidewalk.
- Do not stack large items.
- Contain small loose items in boxes or bags. Use paper bags or boxes for recyclable items.

Call Waste Management at 510-613-8710 to schedule a free pickup.

### Do Not Include
- No item over 75lbs: Except for furniture and appliances.
- No Hazardous Waste: No paint, solvents, car batteries or materials containing asbestos. For more information on proper disposal, visit www.albany.ca.gov/hhw
- No Rocks, Dirt, Concrete or Construction Debris
- Reusable Items: Find out where to donate reusable items at www.recyclewhere.org

### Not Fitting In?
Call Waste Management to get rid of bulky items.

Free service available up to twice per year for Albany single-family and duplex properties.

**YOU CALL - WE HAUL**
510-613-8710
Homeowners Can Receive Up to $3,000 for an Earthquake Retrofit

The California Residential Mitigation Program will expand its seismic retrofit incentive program, Earthquake Brace + Bolt: Funds to Strengthen Your Foundation, in 2016. Owners of houses in designated ZIP Codes will be eligible for an incentive payment of up to $3,000 to help pay costs associated with retrofitting their houses to lessen earthquake damage.

STRENGTHEN YOUR HOUSE

Surrounding the crawl space under the first floor, many houses have a short wood framed wall (“cripple wall”) that needs to be strengthened to help prevent the house from sliding or toppling off of its foundation during an earthquake.

Seismic Retrofitting involves:

1. Bolting: This work involves adding anchor bolts in the crawl space to improve the connection between the wood framing of a building and its concrete foundation.
2. Bracing: Adding plywood to the cripple walls to help keep the house from toppling off of the foundation during an earthquake.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) was developed to help homeowners lessen the potential for damage to their houses during an earthquake. A residential seismic retrofit strengthens an existing house, making it more resistant to earthquake activity such as ground shaking and soil failure.

A typical retrofit may cost between $3,000 and $7,000 depending upon the location, the size of the house, and the amount of work involved.

HOW TO GET EBB UPDATES

Visit EarthquakeBraceBolt.com to stay current on all the latest EBB news including where the program will open next. You can also sign-up for program notifications at the bottom of the Home Page.

HOW TO QUALIFY

In order to participate in the program EBB requires homeowners to pre-qualify through a series of questions, to determine whether their house can be retrofit in accordance with Chapter A3*.

To find out if your house qualifies, go to EarthquakeBraceBolt.com.

*California Existing Building Code, Chapter 24, Title 10, Chapter A3 as adopted.
REGISTRATION AND SELECTION

Homeowner registration will open January 2016.

Once registration opens, homeowners interested in participating should go to EarthquakeBolt.com to:

- Make sure their house is located in a program ZIP Code; and,
- Answer the pre-qualification questions posted on the website to ensure their house qualifies.

Homeowners can also call (877) 232-4300 for a paper application.

Once registration ends, qualifying homeowners will be selected through a random drawing process. **Space is limited.** Homeowners will be notified if they are selected to participate or are placed on the waiting list.

For more information on the Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program, please visit or contact us at:

EarthquakeBolt.com

Earthquake Brace + Bolt:
(877) 232-4300
info@earthquakebracebolt.com
801 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROGRAM LOCATIONS: ZIP Code Determines Eligibility

Homeowners in the following ZIP Codes, regardless of the city, are eligible to apply when EBB registration opens in January.

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| *South Pasadena* 91030, 91031
| *Santa Monica* 90401, 90402, 90403, 90404, 90405, 90406, 90407, 90408, 90409, 90410, 90411
| *West Hollywood* 90046, 90048, 90069

The California Residential Mitigation Program is a joint-agency-of-powers entity formed by its members, the California Earthquake Authority, a public instrumentality of the State of California (CEA), and the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). CRMP is a legally separate entity from its members.
KEEP IN TOUCH

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.

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