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Subject: NewCAL Project Update

Councilors, Commissioners, and Appointed Committee Members,

In the coming weeks and months, residents will have at least 10 opportunities to learn more about the Newton Center for Active Living, or NewCAL, the community center focused on seniors. The top ranked site for NewCAL is to coexist with the Albemarle-Gath Pool complex.

The five community meetings (in green below) will give residents a chance to ask questions and hear directly from the project team. The meetings in blue are with committees and commissions when residents will hear elected and appointed officials discuss the plans. No votes are anticipated at these meetings.

These meetings will provide detailed information on the site ranking process and early ideas on site layout scenarios at Albemarle. We will be looking for community feedback.

In anticipation of the meetings, more information has been posted online [here](#), including details on more than 40 sites considered for NewCAL, Preliminary Draft Site Test Fits at Albemarle, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

In the coming weeks and months, the City will work with many stakeholders to decide if Albemarle is the right site by looking at alternative site plans with the help of the architectural team. We look forward to working with the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Council on Aging, the City Council, neighbors of Albemarle and the Day Middle School, and community members.

While the Albemarle-Gath Pool site is the top ranked location for NewCAL and will be studied in depth, the City will continue to consider non-city-owned sites until a final proposal is sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Council on Aging and the City Council.

NewCAL Meeting Schedule:

- **Monday, Sept. 9** – Finance Committee - City Hall, Room 222 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 11** – Design Review Committee - Library, Trustees Room at 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 16** – Parks and Recreation Commission – City Hall, Room 211 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18** – Programs and Services Committee – City Hall, Room 211 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 19** – Community Meeting - Ed Center, Room 111 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 23** – Community Meeting - F.A. Day School, Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24** – Council on Aging - Senior Center, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 24** - Community Meeting - Ed Center, Room 111 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 21** - Community Meeting - Ed Center, Room 111 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, Dec. 12** - Community Meeting - Ed Center, Room 111 at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to these meetings, residents are welcome to join a “Chat with the Commissioner” every other Friday morning at the Newton Senior Center from 8am to 10am starting on 9/13 and running through this fall. This will be an opportunity for residents to speak directly with the Public Buildings Commissioner regarding the NewCAL project.

To be kept informed about the NewCAL project, please sign up at newcal@newtonma.gov.

Regards,

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