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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**  
**City Manager's Newsletter**

**TO:** Mayor Selich & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** April 10, 2015

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director 

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Date: April 10, 2015

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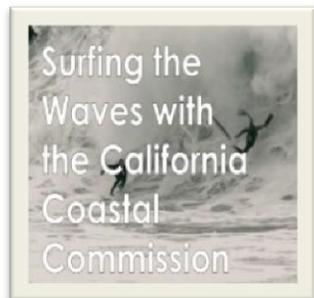
### ***Congratulations Jason!***

Jason Van Patten has been promoted to Assistant Planner. Jason started with the City as a Planning Technician in October 2012 while completing his Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He has since completed his graduate degree, obtained his Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate credentials, and has proven to be an integral member of the department. Over the past 2 1/2 years, Jason has provided excellent customer service to the public within the Permit Center and demonstrated his ability to successfully manage increasingly more complex planning projects. Prior to his position at the City, Jason worked at UCLA assisting with public policy training, OCTA securing Measure M funding, and interning for the City of Redondo Beach assisting with their harbor revitalization efforts. Jason is from El Segundo and now lives in Irvine. When he is not at work, Jason enjoys playing basketball, swimming, attending sporting events, and traveling.



### ***AEP Panel***

Planning Program Manager Patrick Alford participated in a panel discussion on the California Coastal Commission at the Association of Environmental Professionals State Conference. Under the title "Surfing the Waves with the California Coastal Commission," Patrick's presentation showed how the Coastal Commission's regulatory review process was more stringent than the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Using the Marina Park project as an example, he showed how consistency with the Coastal Act set a higher standard than typical CEQA thresholds and analysis. Other panelists included Bob Brown of Streamline Planning Consultants and Anne Blemker of McCabe & Company.





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### ***Lighthouse Café***

On March 24, 2015, the City Council approved a 15-year lease agreement with

Lighthouse Café for the restaurant space being constructed at Marina Park, aptly named for its location under the lighthouse tower element. The new restaurant's first and second floor outdoor dining patios will provide access to the Community Center's amazing harbor views. Lighthouse Café will be operated by Doug Cavanaugh (owner of The Beachcomber Café at Crystal Cove, and Ruby's Diner), and will feature a variety of menu options for dine-in or take-away throughout the year at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The restaurant is anticipated to open with the rest of the facility. Additional information about Marina Park can be found on the City's current projects page: <http://apps.newportbeachca.gov/projects/>.

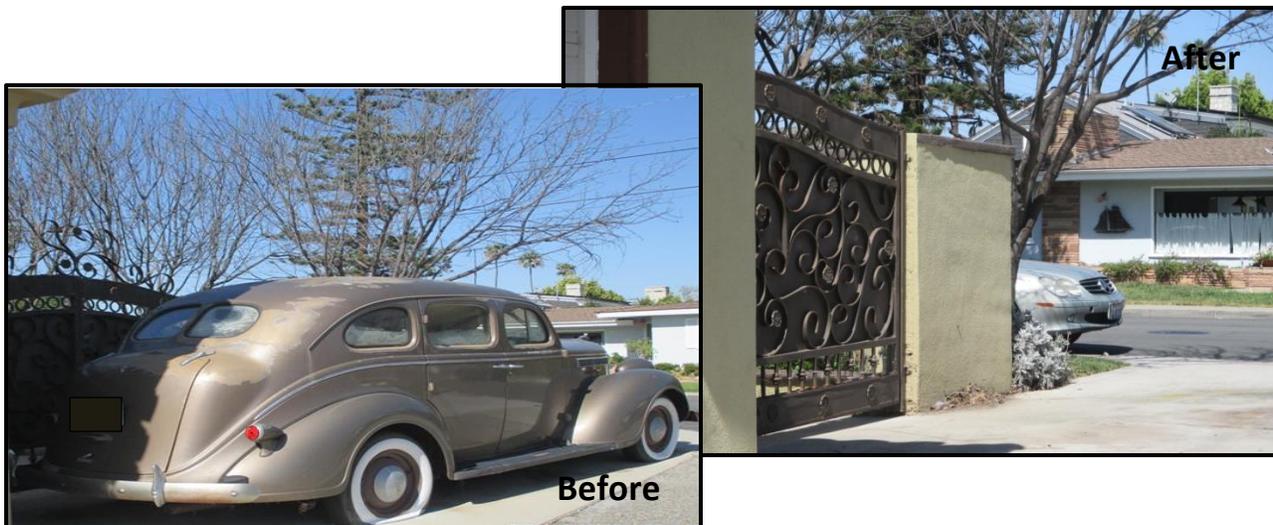


### ***Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle Abatement Program***

Code Enforcement Staff have partnered with the Parking Control Division this Spring to focus on the removal of abandoned and inoperable vehicles from public and private property. For the month of March, 18 vehicles were removed from public property, 5 vehicles were towed from private property, and 2 vehicles were voluntarily removed from private property.

It is imperative to quickly remove inoperable/abandoned vehicles as they impact the aesthetic quality of a neighborhood. Additionally, inoperable vehicles attract rodents/insects and are an invitation to theft and other criminal conduct.

For questions regarding the City's abandoned and/or inoperable vehicle abatement program, please contact Code Enforcement Supervisor Matt Cosylian at [mcosylian@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:mcosylian@newportbeachca.gov). To report an abandoned vehicle on a City street or parking lot, please call the Newport Beach Police Department at (949) 644-3717.





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### ***New Student Aides***

The Community Development Department would like to welcome two new Student Aides, Steven Ebalobor and Sean Vo.



Steven Ebalobor is currently a student at UC Irvine, majoring in Public Health with a minor in Journalism. Steven anticipates graduating in June and would like to pursue a career in global health, possibly for a non-governmental organization or an international organization such as the United Nations.

When he isn't in class (or here!) you can catch Steven on UCI's radio station 88.9 (KUCI.org) doing a news broadcast Mondays from 5-6.

Steven will be working at the Permit Center Tuesday and Thursday mornings and all day on Fridays.

Sean Vo is a student at Santa Ana College where he has earned an A.A. Degree in Criminal Justice. Sean is interested in a career in law enforcement as a police officer. He is an avid cyclist and frequently rides the Santa Ana riverbed. Sean is a native speaker of Vietnamese and is currently learning Japanese.

Sean will be working in the Systems and Administration Division in Bay D on Wednesdays and Fridays.





Date: April 10, 2015  
To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director  
Subject: City Manager’s Newsletter

**Donations & Grants**



The City Manager accepted the following donations or grants on behalf of the City during the quarter ending March 31, 2015. Council Policy F-3, Section C.2, states the Council is to be formally notified each quarter of the acceptance of such funds. A total of \$14,838.11 was accepted.

Source	Date	Amount	Use
SANTIAGO LIBRARY GRANT	01-27-15	\$472.11	Electronic Resources
NEWPORT BEACH COED SOCCER LEAGUE	03-02-15	\$5,652.00	Lincoln Field Rehabilitation
CERT RESERVE FUND	03-03-15	\$6,375.00	CERT Dinner
SANTIAGO LIBRARY GRANT	03-31-15	\$2,339.00	Electronic Resources

**eSAIL Update**

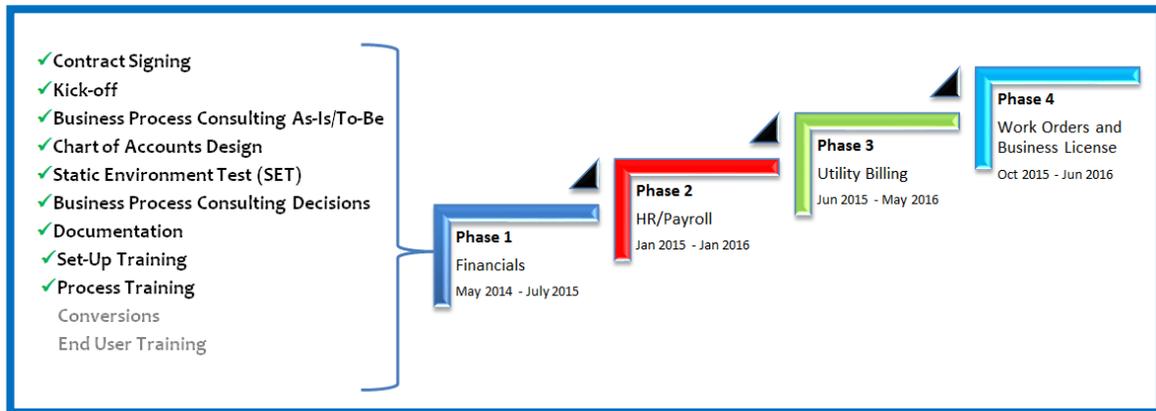
The City of Newport Beach is in full swing with the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software implementation or “eSAIL” project. The software provider of the City’s ERP or business management software system that integrates all of the City’s core functional requirements for financials, human capital management, citizen services, and revenues is Tyler Technologies Inc. The project’s name “eSAIL,” is short for ERP System Administration



and Implementation Lineup. The Tyler system will replace the current FinancePlus system.

The ERP implementation is scheduled to take between 25 and 30 months and will consist of four major overlapping phases. The City is currently in Phase 1 (Financials - going live July 1, 2015) and Phase 2 (HR/Payroll - going live on January 1, 2016).

The graphic below depicts the various project phases/dates and current status.



Recent Phase 1 work has consisted of mostly Finance Department staff participating in set-up and process training for these modules:

**General Ledger**  
**Purchasing**  
**Inventory**

**Budget**  
**Accounts Payable**  
**Fixed Assets**

**Projects and Grants**  
**Contracts Management**

After the modules are set up and Finance staff is trained, end users in every department will be trained in June with two Phase 1 training audiences in mind: Managers/Approvers (basic training) and End Users (more detailed process training). Key representatives from every department will also be trained next month on using the new chart of accounts. The chart of accounts is a listing of the accounts that will be available in the new finance system in which to record entries (revenues and expenditures). The chart of accounts has been expanded to better reflect the City's operations.

The eSAIL Change Management Team (CMT) consisting of Jackie Luengas, Sheri Anderson, and Steve Montano last met with the department directors in July of 2014 to discuss the eSAIL timeline and changes coming as the result of the new system. The CMT will again meet with department directors starting next week to obtain a list of departmental staff that should be invited to the June end user training prior to Go Live and to obtain the electronic workflow and approval

(security levels) amongst departmental staff for such things as purchase requisitions processing/approval.

Human Resources and Finance department staff have been working with Tyler on Business Process Consulting (BPC) sessions since January 2015. Staff is cleaning up records in our current system for conversion and will begin building tables for the new system next week. The purpose of the BPC sessions is to develop software configuration specifications according to the City's business needs and industry best practice standards for all of the following HR modules including:

CORE HUMAN RESOURCES/PAYROLL PHASE II (JANUARY 2015 – JANUARY 2016)	
Functional Area	Module
1 System Wide (IT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Munis Analytics &amp; Reporting</b></li><li>• <b>Tyler Content Manager Standard Edition</b></li><li>• Tyler Forms Processing</li></ul>
2 Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Resource Management</li></ul>
3 Payroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Payroll w/ Employee Self Service</li></ul>
4 Employee Expense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Employee Expense Reimbursement</b></li></ul>
5 Learning Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Professional Development</b></li></ul>

*Red text denotes new functionality.*

The eSAIL project enables us to rethink, redesign, and improve our organization's response and readiness for future challenges.



**Newport Beach Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: April 10, 2015  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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On April 22, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., the Fire Department will be hosting a Promotional Ceremony in the Community Room at the Civic Center for the following promotions:

Lifeguard Battalion Chief	Mike Halphide
Lifeguard Captain	Mike Ure
Fire Captain	Adam Novak
Fire Paramedic	Matthew Reis
Fire Paramedic	Meghan Smith
Fire Paramedic	Andrew Kaford
Fire Paramedic	Ryan Callinan
Fire Paramedic	Bryce Anderson
Firefighter	Nick Gerakos

We will also be presenting our Lifesaving Award, Award of Merit, and Unit Citations.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Paramedic School Graduation**

On March 24, 2015, three Newport Beach Fire Department Firefighters, Jeremiah Martin, Jim Reideler, and Dustin Suppe graduated from the Paramedic Program at Saddleback Community College. During the seven-month program, they attended multiple classes, trained on treatment protocols, participated in countless hours of studying, and interned with our paramedics to obtain on-scene training. In addition to receiving the highest academic score in the class, Jeremiah Martin was chosen as the class speaker for the graduation ceremony.



Taking the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians written exam is their next step, which will make them eligible to receive California State Paramedic Licensure and County accreditation.

Congratulations to these firefighters for this outstanding achievement.

(Pictured left to right: Jim Reideler, Jeremiah Martin, and Dustin Suppe)



Attending the graduation ceremony, from left to right are: EMS Captain Phil Puhek, Training Chief Jeff Boyles, Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Kitch, Jim Reideler, Jeremiah Martin, Dustin Suppe, Fire Chief Scott Poster, EMS Division Chief Cathy Ord, Administrative Manager Angela Crespi, and Training Captain Nick Stocks.

## **LIFE SAFETY SERVICES DIVISION**

### **CERT “Drill the Skills”**

On March 28, the Fire Department hosted the first CERT “Drill the Skills” of 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Fire Station 7. Over 100 CERT volunteers participated in the “Drill the Skills” including 45 participants from the three spring 2015 CERT programs.



As usual, the Fire Department hosted three spring CERT programs, a Tuesday/Thursday evening class, a Thursday day class and an all-day Saturday class. The “Drill the Skills” is the culmination of the 24-hour CERT training program and includes the important hands-on skills that were taught during the training classes. At the “Drill the Skills,” CERT volunteers were divided into six “Neighborhood” CERT teams. Each team went through six 30-minute drill stations covering light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, radio communications, triage and fire suppression. At the conclusion of the drill, there was a graduation ceremony for all spring 2015 CERT graduates.

## **FACILITIES SUPPORT**



On March 30, 2015, Ralph Gerardo joined the Support Services team as the new Fire Facilities Coordinator. Ralph comes to us from the Irvine Company where he managed the operation and maintenance of a marina facility. Prior to that, he maintained multiple facilities for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Los Angeles. In addition to his extensive maintenance experience, Ralph has proudly served seven years as a reserve Firefighter with the Orange County Fire Authority. We are excited to have Ralph join our team and believe that he will be an instant asset to our department. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome.

Special thanks to Captain Jim Boland who has served as the Interim Fire Facilities Coordinator for the last three months. Captain Boland was able to step right in to the position and keep us up and running. His extensive knowledge and personal dedication to our department has been a great asset. It is now time for him to enjoy a much deserved break as Ralph takes the reigns. Thank you Captain Boland!

## **FIRE OPERATIONS**

### **Fire Crews Assist MOD With Graffiti Removal**

Crews from our Mariners and Lido Fire Stations were called to action for a unique mission. Taggers had defaced the cliffs of Galaxy View Park with graffiti. MOD was unsure if they could reach the tagging without using ropes to lower personnel down to the location on the cliff.

MOD reached out to the Fire Department and requested assistance. All Newport Beach fire engines and trucks carry rope rescue gear and all crews are trained in basic rope rescue. Our truck companies are trained to higher



(Pictured above, Captain Brad Smith removes graffiti from the cliff.)

level rope rescue and are staffed with members of the Urban Search and Rescue team (US&R). This request from MOD was an excellent opportunity for us to set up a technical rope rigging for personnel to lower and remove the tagging.

It was decided that to accomplish the mission, it would require both an engine and a truck. Crews arrived and met with MOD and they assessed the situation. It was determined that using ropes to lower fire personnel down to the graffiti location was not necessary. Fire crews tooled up and hiked down to the location where they used hand tools to scrape and remove the unsightly graffiti.

## **MARINE OPERATIONS**

The last weekend in March had high surf with peak swell heights reported at the Wedge with 18-20 foot waves, while much of the south facing beaches were hit by 8-10 foot waves. Lifeguards added additional staff in towers, vehicles, and one rescue boat to prepare for the expected crowds.

PUBLIC CONTACT	3,910
CODE ENFORCEMENT	21
SURFER WARNING	183
FIRST AID	114
MEDICAL AID	20
STINGRAY WOUNDS	18
BOAT WARNING	13
DRY PREVENTATIVE	755
HOLE DIGGER	51
WET PREVENTATIVE	6,996
RESCUE	374
BEACH POPULATION	1,006,050



## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: April 10, 2015  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/HR Director  
SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources



### City of Newport Beach Scholarship Program Officially Opens



The City of Newport Beach is accepting applications for the 2015 City Scholarship Program. The program, established in 1981 by a generous donation from the Carl Ackerman Family Trust, assists qualified students in funding their higher education.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Must be a Newport Beach resident **or** the child of a regular, full-time Newport Beach City Employee.
- 2) Must be graduating from high school and attending an accredited two or four-year college/university **or** transferring from a two-year college to an accredited four-year college/university.
- 3) Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

The filing deadline is **Thursday, April 30 2015, 5:00 pm, in Human Resources, located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Bay A – Second Floor, Newport Beach, 92660** . For more information, and an online application, visit the City's website at [www.newportbeachca.gov](http://www.newportbeachca.gov) under *City Departments & Services, Human Resources, 2015 Scholarship Program*.

Please contact Leslie Campbell, Human Resources Specialist, at 949-644-3294 for additional information.



# LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



April 10, 2015

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Tim Hetheron, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

## Library Services

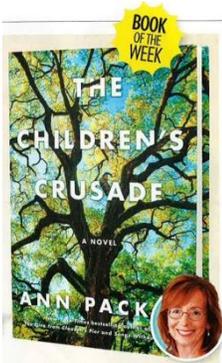
### Wow! WonderCon!

What's a library doing at WonderCon? WonderCon Anaheim is a comic convention hosted by Comic-Con International, which attracts over 60,000 attendees. Librarian Allen Kesinger submitted a "Pitch an Idea" proposal to the NBPL Foundation recommending a booth with the goal of building awareness of the Newport Beach libraries and promoting services and collections that are relevant to the young adults the show draws. The Media Lab, graphic novel collection, and online services were of particular interest to the crowd, who reacted with a mix of surprise and pleasure at seeing a library represented at a comic convention! Thanks very much to NBPL staff who are doing a great job of reminding the public that there are unlimited possibilities at the Library.



### Gift of Literacy Guest Author

Ann Packer, guest author for the Gift of Literacy luncheon to be held at The Pacific Club on May 1, just released her new book, *The Children's Crusade*, and it is already making headlines. *The Children's Crusade* was recently named People Magazine's *Book of the Week* and selected as one of Amazon's Top 10 Picks for April. Guests at the Gift of Literacy Luncheon will have the opportunity to meet Ann Packer and receive a signed copy of her new book. Proceeds from this annual fundraising event help support Literacy Services at the library.



### National Library Week

Next week, April 12-18, is National Library Week and we are gearing up for a very busy week with special events at all NBPL locations. The week will begin with a visit from local resident and world-renowned long-distance swimmer, Lynne Cox. She will talk about her adventures and the books she has written beginning at 2 p.m. A Sunday Musicale will also be held Sunday, at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room. Other special events for the week include, Magic with Eli at CDM Library, Jack and the Beanstalk puppet show at the Balboa Branch, and Annie Banannie, the Balloon Storyteller, at Mariners Branch Library.



# Cultural Arts Services

## Art Blooms at the Library

Walk into the lobby of the Central Library and you will instantly notice the bright, colorful floral art on the walls this month. We are honored that talented 87-year old Agnes Schenk is sharing her garden of art in her first-ever exhibition titled "Spring Spectacular – Flowers Rediscovered." An artist reception will be held Thursday, April 16 from 5-7 p.m. in the Friends Meeting Room at the Central Library.



## Seagulls in Flight

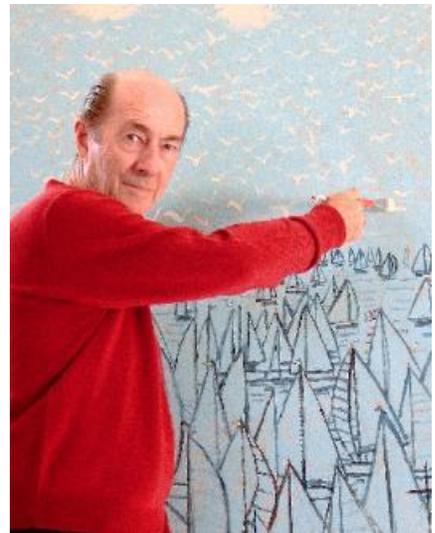
The City Arts Commission approved the restoration and repair of *Seagulls in Flight*, a sculpture donated to the City in 1960 by the Friends of the Library. The sculpture is displayed in front of the CDM Branch Library and will be repaired on-site. The restoration will begin on Monday, April 20 and will be completed by April 24.



## Juror for 2015 Newport Beach Art Exhibition

Nationally recognized American artist James Strombotne has agreed to act as Juror for the upcoming 2015 Newport Beach Art Exhibition. Strombotne's paintings, drawings and sculptures can be found in many of the most prestigious museums across the United States, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Hirshhorn Museum, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Mr. Strombotne will judge the entries in the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition before it opens on June 13, 2015. Awards will be presented in the categories of painting/mixed media, sculpture and photography, as well as a "Juror's Choice" award.





## **MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

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April 10, 2015

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**FROM:** George Murdoch and Mike Pisani, Co-Directors

**SUBJECT:** *City Manager's Newsletter*

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### **Spring Break Brings Large Crowds to the Beach**

Over the past two weeks, unusual warm temperatures combined with many schools' Spring Break brought record crowds to the beach. The beaches and pier areas were filled with litter over the past few weekends, and Field Maintenance increased weekend staffing to assist in the clean-up. City contractors Roberts Waste and Rainbow Disposal also moved to a summer collection schedule over these two weeks to accommodate the increase in trash.

### **CalWaste Site Visit and Organics Recycling**

Last week, a staff member from CalWaste visited us to check in on our residential and commercial programs. CalWaste visits each city on an annual basis to review new programs, advise staff about new requirements, and describe programs that are successful in other jurisdictions.

Additionally, CalWaste staff likes to see programs in action; to that end, we arranged a tour of the Newport Marriott to view their food recycling program. The Marriott disposes of 15 tons of food waste each week, and has containers for this waste stream in prep areas, kitchens, the bakery, and at bus/dishwashing stations. It should be noted that AB 1826 requires organics recycling by businesses; by April 1, 2016, large generators of organics, such as hotels and hospitals must have a recycling program in place. By January 1, 2016, each City is to develop a plan to educate businesses and ensure compliance with the law. While the responsibility for the programs rests with business owners and their solid waste haulers, the City is responsible for tracking compliance and reporting performance on our annual State report.

## Water Conservation Measures



There has been quite a bit in the news about the drought. Once again the State is far below the average rainfall and snow pack. This combined with increased temperatures, and depleted storage has prompted our State leaders and legislation to impose increased water conservation measures.

On March 27, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) readopted emergency regulations and added new requirements, for example: restricting water use 48 hours after a measurable rainfall, and requiring agencies to notify customers when leaks are suspected. Staff will be bringing these items to Council as a municipal code amendment to our existing water conservation ordinance.

On April 1, 2015, the Governor released an Executive Order (B-29-15) directing the SWRCB and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to impose further water conservation measures. The Governor's order includes: a 25% statewide reduction in potable urban water use, additional specific use prohibitions, and additional conservation incentive programs. SWRCB staff released a draft regulatory framework that included four tiers of reduction based on the agencies' previous usage. Of the 411 State water agencies, Newport Beach fell into the fourth tier along with 134 others that will be required to reduce 35% in the next nine months.

There have been recent news media reports about water usage in Newport Beach as being one of the highest in the state. The numbers do not accurately support these claims. According to the State's records, Newport Beach is in line with other agencies with our January 2015 usage of 87 Residential Gallons-Per-Capita-Day (R-GPCD) versus the 162 or so R-GPD that was reported.

Agencies have the opportunity to comment on the draft framework as well as review what numbers the State is using. It's become apparent that agencies have used different methodologies in what numbers they included when submitting data to the State. It is expected that the final regulation from the State will include a uniform method.

Staff will be updating City Council at the Study Session on April 14. I am proud of our customers' efforts to conserve water. Please join us in looking for ways to conserve.



## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police  
DATE: April 10, 2015  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **DETECTIVE SYVOCK RETURNS TO LONDON**

Last month, Detective Dave Syvock of the Special Victims' Unit returned to New Scotland Yard in London, where he had provided some specialized training last spring. Detective Syvock, who is also part of the Orange County Child Exploitation Task Force, was accompanied by personnel from the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the Child Rescue Coalition. Together, these instructors taught four two-day classes to 75 British law enforcement personnel, providing training and information about the innovative Child Protective System (CPS) software.



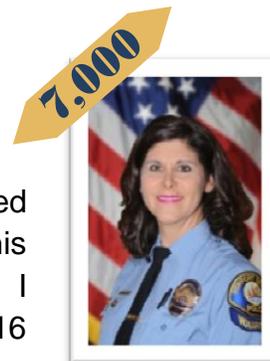
*Detective Syvock providing instruction to  
British Law Enforcement personnel*

CPS is a law enforcement tool that locates child pornographers who trade in child rape videos online. This software system has been responsible for tens of thousands of arrests in the United States and for the rescue of countless child victims. And, because of this training, more investigators in the United Kingdom are now equipped with the ability to implement CPS searches on their cases.

We are grateful to everyone who participated in this second annual training for their commitment to combat child exploitation worldwide. I particularly thank Detective Syvock for his willingness to assist other law enforcement personnel in this worthwhile – but difficult – line of investigation.

### **A NEW MILESTONE IN VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteer in Policing (VIP) Sandy Meadows has received an unprecedented award: a pin honoring the 7,000 hours she has donated to our Department and the Community. She is the first VIP to reach this milestone. Sandy has volunteered at the NBPD since 1999, and I commend her for her many hours of selfless service over the past 16 years.



### **A SOBERING EVENT: EVERY 15 MINUTES PROGRAM NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL**

On Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31, the juniors and seniors at Newport Harbor High participated in what we hope will be a life-changing (and life-saving) event. The “Every 15 Minutes” program is designed to show high school students the very real dangers of drinking and driving.

On the first day (Monday), an NBPD employee in the guise of the “Grim Reaper” roams from classroom to classroom, collecting twenty students who have been pre-selected to participate in the event. As each teen is excused from class, a uniformed Police Officer reads an “obituary” to his or her classmates. These students represent the statistic that gave the program its name: every 15 minutes, someone in the United States dies as a result of an alcohol-related traffic collision. These students are then given an unsettling makeover: special effects artists from Knott’s Scary Farm paint their faces with striking black-and-white makeup, signifying that they are the “living dead” who represent the nation-wide average of more than 20 DUI-related deaths that will occur over the course of the rest of the school day. The staff from Knott’s also spent the morning creating realistic wounds and injuries on four other students, who will play a significant role in the next segment of the program.

Later that morning, as the juniors and seniors file out of their classes and take their seats in bleachers that have been placed along 15<sup>th</sup> Street, they are faced with a tragic scene. Four of their classmates are in damaged vehicles or on the asphalt nearby - victims of what appears to be a terrible traffic collision (as staged by the Police and Fire Departments). Emergency personnel respond to the scene and attempt to render aid.

Medics transport two of the teens to Hoag Hospital with life-threatening injuries and, with heavy hearts, declare that one of the students has “died” at the scene. The fourth student is “arrested” for Driving Under the Influence as staff from Pacific View Mortuary take the “deceased” student away in a hearse, followed by a somber train of the “living dead”. With this striking image fresh in their minds, the juniors and seniors return to their regular schedule for the rest of the day.



The twenty selected students, however, are not done. They participate in a number of activities under the supervision of Police Department staff and a teacher from Newport Harbor High. After tours and talks at Pacific View Mortuary and Harbor Justice Center, the students are lodged at the Ayres Hotel in Costa Mesa overnight. There, an NBPD Officer and a Coroner's Assistant share personal stories of loss and tragedy from DUI-related accidents. Supported by their chaperones, the students begin to share their own experiences and feelings with the group. Before they go to bed for the night, each student writes a letter to his or her parents that begins with the words, “Dear Mom and Dad, today I died and I never had a chance to say...”.

On Tuesday morning, all of the junior and senior students file past a casket on their way to an assembly in the Auditorium. They are shown a video of the previous day's activities, including simulations of the Emergency Room scene at Hoag, the booking process at the NBPD Jail, the bail hearing at Harbor Justice Center, and the death notifications to the parents of the students involved in the accident. Two of the “living dead” share the letters that they wrote the night before, and the parents of the “accident victims” share similar letters written to their children. A Guest Speaker from Mothers Against Drunk Driving then addresses the students, sharing personal testimony about the pain of losing a child to an alcohol-related fatal collision.

This dramatic and moving two-day event is the result of months of planning by our designated School Resource Officers, who put on an Every 15 Minutes event each

year, alternating between Newport Harbor and Corona del Mar High Schools. Funding for the Every 15 Minutes Program was made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the generous support of local businesses and community members.

## **POLICE RUNNING TEAM TAKES 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IN BAKER TO VEGAS 120-MILE CHALLENGE CUP RELAY**

I am pleased to announce that, for the eleventh year in a row, the Newport Beach Police Department's Running Team placed first in their category at the Baker to Vegas 120-Mile Challenge Cup Relay! Running teams from 278 law enforcement agencies from around the world competed in the 31st annual relay, which was held on March 28 and 29. The Newport Beach team has placed first in its category thirteen times in the last fifteen years. This year, the team placed 1st in the 150 Division and 20th overall.

Twenty runners, four alternates, and a team of approximately twenty support personnel participated in the grueling race - a course that includes climbing over 5,000 feet in elevation and descending through the winding back roads of the Mojave Desert. The non-stop race began 24 miles outside the town of Baker, California, on Saturday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. and ended in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sunday morning around 8:30 a.m. The team completed the event in an impressive 15 hours and 23 minutes.

The heat coming off the desert roadway at the beginning of this race measured an astounding 128 degrees. Running under such grueling conditions requires not only good physical fitness, but also tremendous mental toughness and discipline. Those attributes translate into the professional qualities that help make these men and women the fine Police Officers of whom I am so proud. A success like this is only possible through tremendous teamwork, and it takes just as many support personnel as runners to make our team successful. I cannot thank our support team enough for their selfless sacrifices in making this team effort possible.



All participants train on their own time and pay their own way to participate in this event. Sponsors helped support the NBPD Running Team by contributing funds for the entry fee, team running shirts, support vehicles, and other miscellaneous expenditures.

## ELKS ARE A DOG'S BEST FRIEND

The Newport Harbor Elks Lodge has a history of supporting our Canine Program. In fact, in 2010, they generously raised the funds for the purchase of our newest police dog, a Belgian Malinois who was re-named "Elko" in honor of the Elks' patronage.

Due to health and age issues, both of our current Canines are due to retire from service in 2015: Elko will leave the Canine Program in mid-April, and Jardo will follow later this year. With this news, the Elks have renewed their commitment to the Canine Program

and have enthusiastically dedicated themselves to an ambitious goal: to raise the funds required to purchase and to train two new Police Service Dogs for the Newport Beach Police Department.

In support of this goal, the first annual Newport Harbor Elks Golf Classic will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 12:00 p.m. Additional information on the event, including golfer, donor, and sponsor opportunities can be found [here](#), and the donation/entry form can be found [here](#).

Be a part of the  
**NEWPORT HARBOR ELKS GOLF CLASSIC**  
*benefiting*  
**the Newport Beach PD Canine Unit**

**April 29, 2015 @ 12 pm**  
**Meadowlark Golf Course (HB)**  
**Opportunities for: Golfers, Donors, Sponsors**

Questions?  
Contact Officer Mike Fletcher at [mfletcher@nbpd.org](mailto:mfletcher@nbpd.org)!

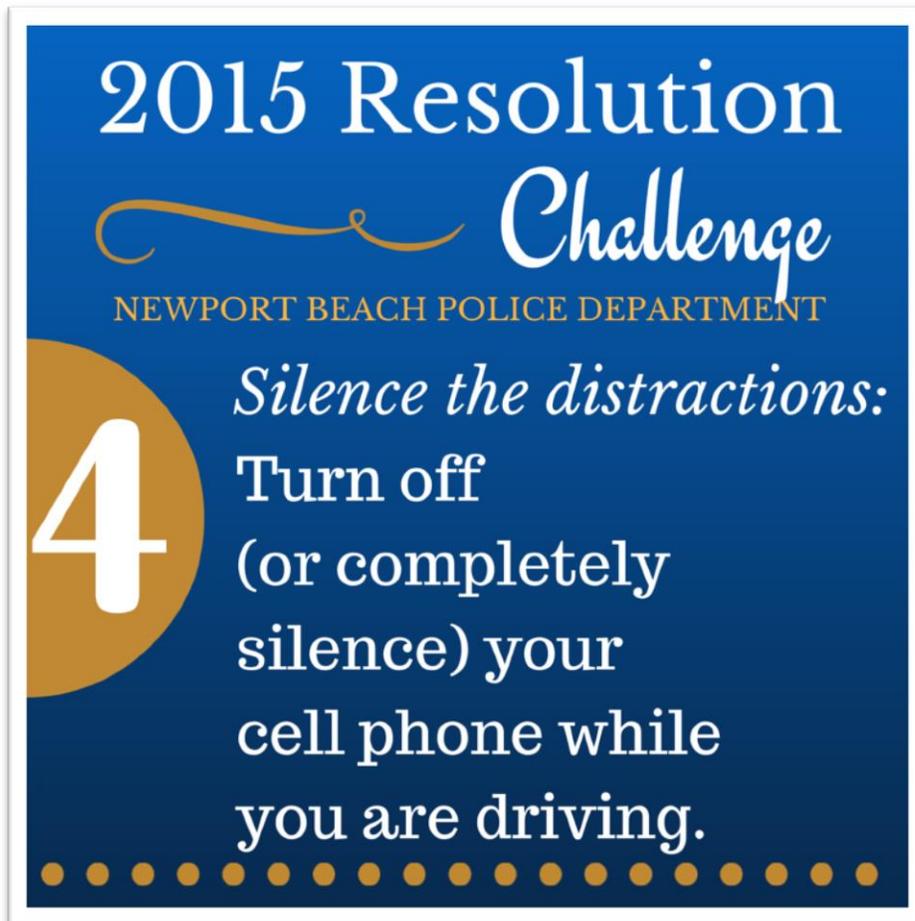
On behalf of all of the men and women of the NBPD, I would like to thank the Elks Lodge and the community volunteers involved in coordinating this event. Your support is much appreciated. Through the future work of these Canines, countless suspects will be brought safely into custody and hundreds of pounds of narcotics will be taken off the streets. Over the course of the upcoming years, the Community will reap the benefits of this generous support for the NBPD Canine Program.

## READY FOR ANOTHER CHALLENGE?

Our 2015 Resolution Challenge continues. In honor of April's *Distracted Driving Awareness Month* campaign, this challenge echoes our month-long message to all motorists: Silence the distractions!

We get it... when you hear the notification alert on your cell phone, the urge to read and answer an incoming message can be almost overwhelming. To keep yourself - and everyone else on the road - safe, we hope you will accept our simple Challenge this month: turn off (or completely silence) your phone while driving so you will not be tempted.

For more information, and to enter to win, go to [www.nbpd.org/resolution](http://www.nbpd.org/resolution). And remember: all of your monthly entries will also be used in the grand prize drawings at the end of the year.

A blue poster with white and gold text. At the top, it says "2015 Resolution Challenge" in a serif font, with "Challenge" in a larger, cursive font. Below that, it says "NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT" in a smaller, gold, all-caps font. The main text is "Silence the distractions: Turn off (or completely silence) your cell phone while you are driving." The number "4" is prominently displayed in a white circle on the left side. At the bottom, there is a row of gold dots.

2015 Resolution  
Challenge  
NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Silence the distractions:*  
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To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director  
Date: April 10, 2015

### **NEWPORT/BALBOA BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION**

The Cities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa were awarded Measure M2 grant funding to upgrade traffic signal equipment and timing improvements on the Newport Boulevard-Balboa Boulevard corridor from Bristol Street in Costa Mesa to Main Street on the Peninsula to improve traffic flow to and from the beach area.



Construction within Newport Beach includes installing new fiber optic cabling to close communication gaps, new traffic signal control equipment, and installing a real-time traffic system to better handle traffic during peak seasons. This “responsive” system will be able to automatically adjust traffic signal timing depending on current traffic demand. When finished, this equipment will be integrated into the City’s Traffic Management Center located within the Civic Center.

Construction will begin on Monday, April 13 and continue through July 1. To minimize the impact to summer traffic, the majority of the street related construction is planned to be completed prior to June 1, while other off street construction will be scheduled later to avoid conflicts with Newport Elementary School.

### **NEW SYNTHETIC TURF TO BE INSTALLED AT BONITA CREEK**

Public Works recently received bids for the Bonita Creek Park Synthetic Field Turf Replacement Project. The project will include replacing approximately 157,000 square feet of natural grass with synthetic turf.

The contractor will be working through the summer months completing a majority of the construction preparing the subsurface for installation. Synthetic turf is more durable than natural grass and will also save water each year!

Following the installation, the fields will be used by local football, soccer and softball teams. This project has been a joint effort receiving valuable input from Recreation and Senior Services and the Municipal Operations Department. For more information, please contact Peter Tauscher at (949) 644-3316.



## **MARINA PARK: ON TOP OF THE WORLD! – OR AT LEAST WHAT WILL BE THE TALLEST POINT OF THE MUCH ANTICIPATED MARINA PARK**

On Friday, April 3, Public Works Director David Webb took City Manager Dave Kiff, Community Development Director Kim Brandt and Recreation & Senior Services Director Laura Detweiler on a tour to view the progress being made at Marina Park. Little did they know they were going to view the new park from the top of what will be the highest point at Marina Park, the iconic lighthouse tower.

The park, which is now set to open in December 2015 (4 months ahead of schedule), will feature a 24,000-square-foot community and sailing center building, a 23-slip visitor marina, a new 19<sup>th</sup> Street restroom facility, a freestanding themed playground and lighthouse feature, outdoor fitness circuit and public park.

The project continues to remain on budget and ahead of schedule. The 19<sup>th</sup> Street restroom facility is on track to be re-opened just in time for the Memorial Day weekend beach rush.

For more information, please visit [www.newportbeachca.gov/marinapark](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/marinapark).



## **NEWPORT BEACH CONTINUES TO CLEAN UP TRASH & IMPROVE WATER QUALITY**

Public Works is currently installing a trash removal unit in Bayside Drive Park at Heliotrope Avenue. This unit is installed underground as part of the storm drain system. Storm water will pass through the unit and trash and debris will be captured and removed. Trash removal units are an effective tool in helping to keep our Bay clean.

Public Works has been successful in securing twelve grant projects (totaling \$5.3 million) to improve Newport Bay water quality! As part of the Measure M2 ½-cent sales tax, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) established an Environmental Cleanup Program to improve overall water quality in Orange County. OCTA releases funding annually via a competitive based grant program to Orange County cities and other eligible agencies.



*Public Works – A Well-Engineered Machine*

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: April 10, 2015



**ISOpod Is Introduced To Teachers**

The Natural Resources team unveiled the new education outreach vehicle, the ISOpod, to Orange County educators at a Teacher Open House on Saturday, March 28th. Participants visited the Back Bay Science Center, where they received an online registration tutorial, engaged in a sample classroom activity, enthusiastically collected and sifted through mud for estuarine invertebrates, and hopped on board the Interactive Sealife Outreach pod (ISOpod).

The intimate group included teachers from public, private, and Title I schools, serving preschool through 8th-grade students. Some brought young kids, adding a lively preview of the truck's target audience! The teachers left the event excited to sign up for programs for their schools and eager to share what they learned with colleagues. They took home goodie bags full of promotional materials and a free classroom activity sheet to use immediately. This event was highly successful in raising awareness of and engagement in this new educational opportunity. For more information about ISOpod program offerings and reservations, visit [www.ISOpodOC.org](http://www.ISOpodOC.org).



**Movie in the Park**

On Friday, March 27, the Recreation & Senior Services Department hosted a showing of *Big Hero 6* at Peninsula Park. A crowd of 1,000 gathered with their beach chairs and blankets for the movie under the stars. The night kicked off with music, popcorn, candy and activities hosted by Skyhawks Sports. The TK Burger truck was on-site serving burgers and fries as glow sticks lit up the sky. A special thank you goes out to Mayor Pro Tem Diane Dixon, for giving the opening welcome at the event.



## **International Water Polo in Newport Beach**

The Marian Bergeson Aquatic Center welcomed eight international water polo teams this past week playing host to FINA's Men's Water Polo World League Intercontinental Tournament. Teams included the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Argentina, China, Japan, and Kazakhstan. The tournament drew fans from all over and offered a clinic for youth to practice and get tips from players on the USA National Team. Australia ended up winning the gold medal and the United States earned the bronze medal after an intense semi-final ending in a shoot-out.



## **OC Family Camp Expo**

The Newport Beach Recreation & Senior Services Department was invited to join in the 6th Annual Summer Camp & Activities Fair held Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Orange County Market Place in Costa Mesa. The fair gives OC parents the opportunity to meet with camp representatives and engage in booth activities to find the perfect match for their children. Approximately 250 people stopped by our booth to get a reusable Camp Newport tote and collected information on our summer camps! Check out the full schedule and register today by visiting [www.campnewport.com](http://www.campnewport.com).



## **Youth Government Day**

A big Thank You to City Employees and Departments for their participation in Youth Government Day 2015! The Newport Beach Mayor's Youth Council hosts City Government Day to give high school students the unique opportunity to observe and be involved in the functions of local government.

This year Youth Government Day took place on Thursday, March 19, 2015. Twenty five high school students took part in this unique experience! The day was divided up into three elements. Students started the day by meeting in the Community Room for a brief presentation by Mayor Selich and City Manager Dave Kiff. Each participant then spent time with a City staff member or the Mayor. The day concluded with all students participating in a mock City Council meeting and adjourning to lunch on the lawn. Thank you again to all participants, Mayor Selich, and the staff representatives for a great event!

## Mayor's Spring Egg Roll

The fun "rolled" throughout the Civic Center Lawn on Saturday, March 28 with an abundance of activities and smiling faces. The event was inspired by the Annual White House Egg Roll and involves racing others while scooting your colored egg with a wooden spoon. Those who attended made crafts, jumped in bouncers, played with bubbles, watched a magic show, rode a train, and took pictures with the famous Civic Center bunnies! Egg Roll participants won special treat bags and children received complimentary bunny ears.



### **Health & Wellness Lecture: Movement Solutions for Common Chronic Injuries**

Join us for a free evening lecture at OASIS on *Thursday, April 23 at 6pm*. Chronic lower back, knee and shoulder pain are often the result of how well we may or may not be moving while performing daily living and recreational activities. Join OASIS personal trainer and biomechanist, Robert Keller for a presentation on how these injuries most commonly occur, as well as how research-based proper movement methods can enable you to reduce pain and "get back in the game." Call 949-644-3244 or email [OASISCenter@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:OASISCenter@newportbeachca.gov) to RSVP for this lecture.

**Something to Ponder**

“Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” – Dr. Seuss



# Things To Do In Newport Beach:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 4/17 9-11 am	<b>Buck Gully Flora &amp; Fauna Hike</b> Meets at oASIS Aux. lot at 5th & Marguerite FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. 4/17 4-8 pm	<b>Youth Track Meet of champions - cdm High School</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://newportbeachca.gov/recreation">newportbeachca.gov/recreation</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 4/18 4:30-9:30 pm	<b>oASIS Casino Night</b> oASIS- 801 Narcissus Ave, cdm \$40/45 per person
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed. 4/22 Noon	<b>2015 oASIS Volunteer Recognition Luncheon</b> To RSVP or for more information call 949-644-3244
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thu. 4/23 1 pm	<b>Social Security Administration Presentation</b> oASIS- 801 Narcissus Ave, cdm FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 4/25 10 am-3 pm	<b>Earth Day</b> Peter & Mary Muth Interpretive Center FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 4/25 9 am-Noon	<b>Monthly Beach Clean Up</b> Meets at Little Corona FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed. 4/29 1 pm	<b>Afternoon Movie "Secondhand Lions"</b> oASIS- 801 Narcissus Ave, cdm FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thu. 4/30 6 pm	<b>Lecture The Authentic Self: A Work in Progress</b> oASIS- 801 Narcissus Ave, cdm FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. 5/1 10 am	<b>oASIS Membership Monthly Get Together</b> For more information, please call 949-644-3244
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. 5/1 9 am-Noon	<b>Buck Gully Habitat Restoration</b> Meets at oASIS Aux. lot at 5th & Marguerite FREE
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