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

**TO:** Mayor Selich & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** April 24, 2015

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



To: City Manager Dave Kiff  
From: City Clerk Leilani Brown  
Re: Monthly Newsletter  
Date: April 24, 2015

### **Congratulations to the First Quarter Rideshare \$100 Winners!!**

- + Jim Puglisi
- + Matt Anderson
- + John Conway
- + Jordan Baltierra
- + Conrad Tona
- + Dustin Burnside
- + Matt Natelborg
- + Chris Auger
- + Armando Miranda
- + Tim Merrill



### **Also to the Monthly (January/February/March) Car Wash Drawing Winners!**

Jeff Boyles, John Murray, Leilani Brown, John Moore, Kyle Bamberger, and Arthur Mitchell

### **Start a Chain Reaction: Bike Month 2015**

Check out OCTA's website for great bike-related activities all throughout the month of May. Kick off *Bike Month* with the Bike Festival in Huntington Beach on April 26 at the Pier Plaza and look for information coming soon regarding our *Annual Bike at Work Day* here at the Civic Center!

### **A small random fact about Rideshare: On top of our City's Rideshare Program, OCTA has additional incentives!**

Many times throughout the year, OCTA offers incentives and prizes for various Ridesharing activities. Get connected today at: <http://www.octa.net/About/Join-Our-Mailing-List/> and you can be notified of all kinds of great programs and money-saving-ridesharing events. Currently, you can pledge for *Bike Month* and be entered into a drawing for a new bike <http://www.octa.net/Share-the-Ride/Bike/Bike-Promotions/Pledge-to-Ride>.

Contacts: Jennifer Mulvey for City Hall x3005 and Cindy Ray for Police x3704



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director *KB*

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Date: April 24, 2015

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### ***Newport Downtowner***

At the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit for the Newport Downtowner, a community free ride using three, six-passenger Global Electric Motorcars ("GEM"). No fares will be charged for rides rather the vehicles will be sponsored by advertisements from local businesses (e.g., vehicle wraps, social media advertising, etc.). All rides will be requested by way of a free mobile phone application and the drivers will not be "flagged down" to make stops. Approval of a use permit was required to establish the accessory use and to utilize three of the employee parking spaces on the Elks Lodge property as vehicle storage and charging stations for the GEM vehicles while not in service. The Downtowner will be providing rides to residents and visitors throughout the Balboa Peninsula daily, so keep an eye out for the distinctive vehicles as they will be coming soon!



GEM vehicles are low-speed, fully electric vehicles. Pictured are GEMs used in Delray, Florida with the Delray Downtowner.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

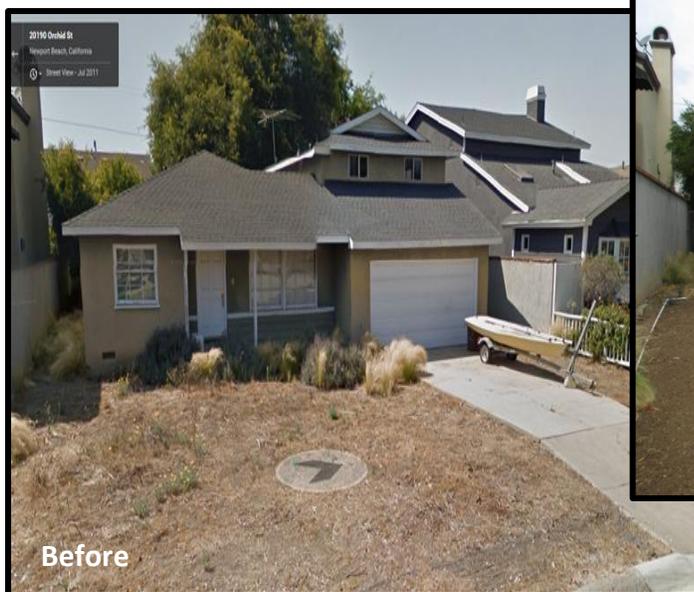


### ***Hardy Frame Workshop***

Building Division staff hosted a free public workshop with Hardy Frame. The purpose of the workshop was to help the design professional and building contractor on design and installation of shear panel systems. The workshop was highly successful with over 35 design professionals in attendance.

### ***Neighborhood Improvement Program***

The Code Enforcement Division is pleased to present the completion of a Neighborhood Improvement Project. As part of the Division's Neighborhood Improvement Program, Code Enforcement staff routinely identifies residential and commercial properties that are in need of maintenance. Common problems include overgrown or dead vegetation, weathered or peeling paint, broken windows, accumulated trash and debris, and dilapidated fences. This property, located in the Santa Ana Heights Residential District, had chipped, weathered paint and a front lawn that was not maintained. The house was recently painted, and the owner will be installing drought tolerant landscaping.





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### ***Corona del Mar Annual Town Hall Meeting and Community Expo***



On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Code Enforcement, Building, and Planning staff attended the Corona del Mar Annual Town Meeting and Community Expo. This year's theme was "Our Town -- Working to Make it Better". Present at the event were representatives from Public Works, Recreation and Senior Services, NBPD, NBFDD, Municipal Operations and a number of private organizations with a vested interest in specific concerns of the residents of Corona del Mar. Code Enforcement staff handed out brochures related to real estate signage and refuse requirements, as well as provided assistance to residents with specific code enforcement concerns within their neighborhoods. The Town Meeting provided a great opportunity for staff to educate the community in regard to Municipal Code violations and the new water conservation restrictions imposed by Governor Brown.



**Corona del Mar  
Business Improvement District**



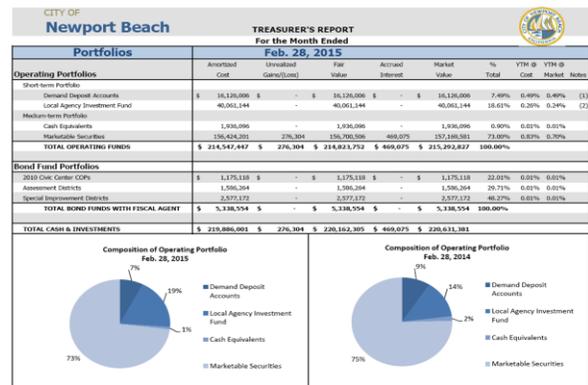
CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER  
Finance Department

Date: April 24, 2015  
 To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
 From: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director  
 Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

**Treasury Report**

As of February, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$220 million, from all sources. It is invested in broadly diversified high-grade securities with an average credit rating of AA. Roughly \$56 million of this portfolio is highly liquid, meaning that it is available for cash flows associated with day-to-day operations and cash funding of major construction expenditures. The medium-term portfolio (\$159 million) has a weighted average effective maturity of 1.66 years. The Yield on Treasuries rose after Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen signaled that a change in the central bank's guidance on interest rates won't lock it into a timetable for raising borrowing costs. Yield-to-maturity is currently .83%. The total return for the medium-term portfolio for the trailing twelve months was .81%. This return compares favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index which returned .66%.

The [February 2015 Treasury Report](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury) is available on the City's website at: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury> or by clicking on the image on the top right.



**Purchasing Card Training**

Budget Analyst Tam Ho listened to a recent webinar presented by Bank of America that provided tips on using standard reports to manage our purchasing card program including reports that analyze spend and provide auditing features. Our purchasing card program has been offered through the Bank of America for almost two years. The on-going training and support that we receive from the Bank of America has been outstanding and directly contributes to the success of this program.



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

DATE: April 24, 2015  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: **CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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**LIFE SAFETY SERVICES DIVISION**

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**Balboa Island Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Workshop**



On April 18, the Fire Department hosted a Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Workshop at the Balboa Island Fire Station #4. This is the seventh year that the Fire Department has hosted the workshop.

At the workshop, staff discussed potential threats to Newport Beach, how the City responds to these threats, and what residents can do to prepare for unexpected disasters. The workshop focused on the tsunami threat to Newport Beach and included some of the most recent studies by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on evacuation issues for Balboa Island. The workshop concluded with a presentation from Sue and Ed Siebel, current chairs of Balboa Island CERT, on what the Island CERT team is doing following an unexpected disaster and what they can do to help. The workshop was held in anticipation of the CERT Neighborhood Drill that is scheduled for April 25. For information on the CERT program, please call (949)644-3112 or email [nbcert@nbfd.net](mailto:nbcert@nbfd.net).

## **FIRE OPERATIONS**

### **Fire Season Off to an Early Start**

On Saturday, April 18, Newport Beach Fire Units assisted with two vegetation fires. The first fire was located in the Brea Dam area and was limited to less than 20 acres with no injuries or damage to structures; units returned after several hours. At approximately 9:00 p.m., Riverside County requested two immediate need strike teams for the



“Highway Fire.” The fire was located in the Prado Dam drainage between the 91 Freeway and the 71 Highway. The area had reportedly not burned in 90 years, and crews were battling very dense vegetation just to be able to access the fire.

Our units assisted in structure protection along the perimeter of the fire. They were also tasked with constructing fire lines around the fire and extinguishing any spot fires. Both engines returned home by Monday, April 20.

The fire burned 1,049 acres, but no structures were lost and there were no major injuries. An unattended cooking fire located in a homeless camp caused the fire. A fire of this size in April is a stark reminder that due to the prolonged drought, Southern California is in for a potentially devastating fire season.

(Crew of Newport Engine 63 mopping up the Highway Fire.)

## **EMS DIVISION**

### **Fire Department Promotional Ceremony**



Taking the Oath of Office (left to right): Mike Halphide, Mike Ure, Assistant Fire Chief Chip Duncan administering Oath (back to camera), Meghan Smith, Matt Reis, Drew Kaford, Ryan Callinan, Bryce Anderson, Nick Gerakos, and Adam Novak.



On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, the Newport Beach Fire Department promoted nine members of the department. The promotions included one probationary firefighter to permanent status, five Firefighter Paramedics, one Fire Captain, one Lifeguard Captain, and one Lifeguard Battalion Chief.

Once again, it was standing room only in the Community Room at the Civic Center as employees, friends, and families came to celebrate those being promoted. Battalion Chief Jeff Boyles (pictured below) performed as MC, as Fire Chief Scott Poster (pictured at left) presented each with their new

badges. Those promoted included the following:

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



Congratulations to all personnel on their well-deserved promotions!

### **NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNS 104!**

On April 17, 1911, City Ordinance No. 65 was officially passed by the Trustees creating the Newport Beach Fire Department. The first engine (pictured below, left) was borrowed from the Long Beach Fire Department. Pictured right is a portion of our fleet today. We've certainly come a long way!



## TRAINING SERVICES



As of April 13, 2015, every member of the Newport Beach Fire Department will go through four hours of Hazardous Materials Training. This training is designed to expand each member's knowledge base on how to identify and mitigate hazardous materials incidents that may be encountered throughout the City of Newport Beach. This year's

focus was on decontamination of civilians and firefighters exposed to hazardous materials. Training Instructor, retired Newport Beach Fire Captain, Drake Muat, communicates his vast knowledge and experience while teaching public service agencies around the country.



### Welcome Dan!



Monday, April 20, 2015, Training Services welcomed its newest member, Training Captain Dan Chapman. Recently serving as the "A" Shift Fire Captain at Fire Station 2 (Lido Station), Captain Chapman brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Training Services, and we are pleased to have him on the team.

Fire Captain Nick Stocks, who has been the Training Captain for the past year, will be working closely with Captain Chapman for a couple of weeks to ensure he is settled in before he heads back out to the fire stations. We will miss Captain Stocks in the office, but know he's not too far if we need him.

## MARINE OPERATIONS

### Lifeguard Stats for April 1-21, 2015

PUBLIC CONTACT	2,968
ENFORCEMENTS	235
REUNITED PERSONS	21
MEDICAL AIDS	120
PREVENTATIVES	3,161
RESCUES	95
BEACH POPULATION	521,920



On March 24, 2015, Administrative Technician Andrea Talbott graduated from Argosy University with a Masters in Organizational Leadership. The degree took 13 months with both on line and in classroom study. Andrea appreciated the support from co-workers, family, and friends to help add another chapter to her life.

As of April 14, 2015, Newport Beach has recertified 112 Seasonal Lifeguards. The Seasonal Lifeguard staff complements the full-time staff to provide safety to our beach visitors.

On April 15, 2015, Newport Beach Lifeguards, along with Human Resources, held a new employee orientation for 26 Lifeguard trainees. On April 18, 2015, the Lifeguard trainees began a nine-week Basic Lifeguard Academy. The Lifeguard trainees will learn open water rescue techniques, as well as CPR, First Aid, Spinal Immobilization, and Teamwork. At the end of the Academy, our trainees will complete two shadow days in a tower with a veteran Seasonal Lifeguard.

This is the last week to complete registration for the 2015 Junior Lifeguard Program. As of April 22, 1,303 returning and new Junior Lifeguards will be participating this summer. The deadline to complete registration is by 10:00 p.m. on April 26, 2015.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activation Plan**

The 2015 EOC Activation Plan was sent to all EOC staff. The confidential plan contains pertinent EOC information and forms, as well as information for EOC staff, and local and state partners assisting during a disaster.

Significant changes include:

- ❖ New Department Operations Center Activation Information
- ❖ Added Alternate EOC Locations
- ❖ Updated Shelters and School District Contacts
- ❖ Revised WebEOC procedures

EOC staff should keep one copy of the plan at work and one at home. Contact Emergency Services Coordinator Katie Eing at 644-3109 if you have any questions or need additional copies of the plan.





## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

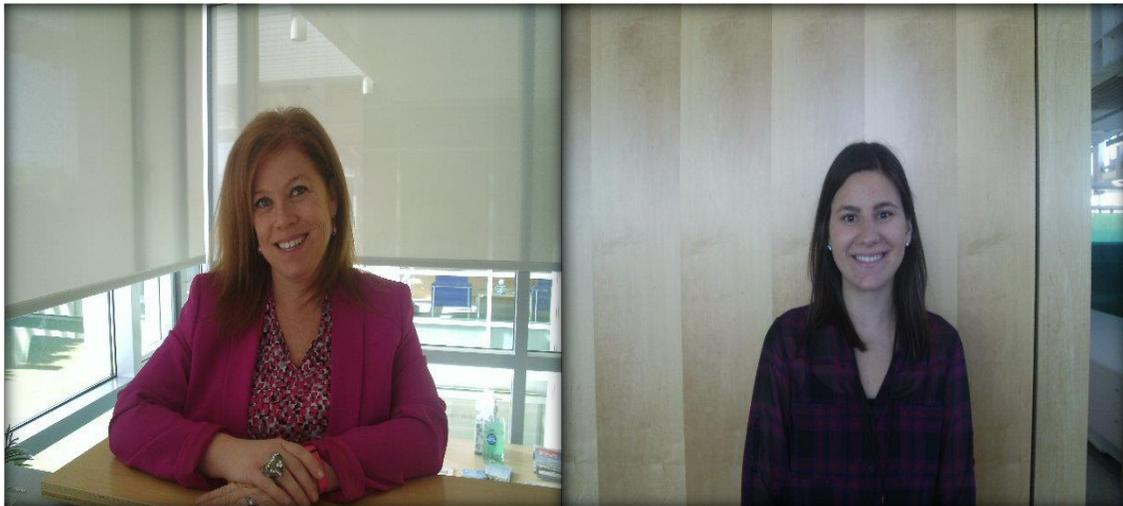
### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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DATE: April 24, 2015  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/HR Director  
SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

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### Human Resources Happenings



Congratulations to Jyll Ramirez (pictured left) and Marissa Sur (pictured right) on their recent promotions.

Jyll was recently promoted to the role of Human Resources Specialist II and will focus on Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS). As the City approaches the conversion and implementation of the new Tyler Munis software, Jyll will be HR's "super user" and will be key in the execution process, which will begin in July. She has been with the City since 2002 and is a graduate of the Leadership Academy for Government Agencies through the Extended Studies Program at California State University, Fullerton. Using the City's Tuition Reimbursement Program and training opportunities, Jyll is enrolled in college courses and working toward her Bachelor's degree in Health & Wellness.

Marissa was promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant to Human Resources Director. She joined the City in January as Department Assistant and will now be supporting Human Resources Director/Deputy City Manager Terri Cassidy and the Civil Service Board. Marissa is excited for the opportunity to take on more responsibilities and grow within the department.

Congratulations to Jyll and Marissa. Thank you for all of your hard work!

## **City Staff Members Receive Supervisory Guidance**

Approximately 15 Managers and Supervisors recently attended workshops sponsored by the Orange County Employment Relations Consortium.

“Difficult Conversations” addressed the art of successfully navigating conversations such as performance issues and managing conflict among team members. Attendees were guided and given step-by-step approaches to understanding, preparing for and conducting difficult discussions.

“The Art of Writing the Performance Evaluation” provided coaching in the mechanics of drafting an effective, thorough performance evaluation. Participants received fact patterns about fictional employees and contributed to individual and group exercises focused on writing and re-writing sections of employee evaluations. Sample appraisals were distributed based on these findings.

Subject matter experts from Liebert Cassidy Whitmore conducted both workshops. Additional training opportunities will be announced by Human Resources in the future.



## **Scholarship Deadline Approaching Soon**

Just a reminder that the deadline for the Ackerman Scholarship Program is **Thursday, April 30 at 5:00pm.**

Applications may be submitted to Human Resources *located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Bay A – Second Floor, Newport Beach, CA 92660.* For details 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 24, 2015

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**From:** Tim Hetherington, Library Services Director

**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter

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## Library Services

### Branch Librarian at Mariners

Rebecca Lightfoot has accepted the Librarian II position managing the Mariners Branch. Rebecca was selected after a rigorous recruitment process and is well qualified to be taking on this new challenge in her career. She has been a valuable member of the NBPL staff since 2009 and has considerable technological skills as well as reference, programming, and operations experience from her recent stint as manager of the Balboa Branch.

### National Library Week

We celebrated National Library Week last week with a wide range of activities, including a Sunday Musicale, author appearance, business workshop, art exhibit, magic show, puppet show and balloon storyteller. Library Board members Robyn Grant, Jill Johnson-Tucker, Ellie Palk and John Prichard, along with City Council members Tony Petros and Diane Dixon and Mayor Ed Selich did a great job hosting Storytimes. We really appreciate their participation and it is a pleasure to have them join us so they can see up-close what an important role the Library plays in the community.



### Community Involvement

It has been a busy month of community involvement and outreach on a variety of levels. On Wednesday, Library Services Manager Dave Curtis, Arts Commissioners Arlene Greer and Caroline Logan and I represented Library and Cultural Arts Services at the Corona del Mar Annual Town Meeting at Sherman Gardens. About 175 people attended and we handed out materials and answered questions about library services, cultural arts activities and plans for the new Corona del Mar Branch/Fire Station. Additionally, last weekend, Natalie Basmaycian participated in the Celebrate UCI Festival with a Library booth, reaching out to students with information on our programs and services.

### Literacy Connects with OC Elite

Last week, several Literacy board members represented Literacy Services at the April meeting of Elite OC, a networking group for young professionals that focus on community service. Elite OC selected Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy as the local non-profit they wanted to support in the month of April. Stew Royer, VP of the Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy Advisory Board made a short presentation about the program including a request for tutors. As a result, Literacy raised nearly \$500, received about 50 workbooks and additional reading materials, added a list of folks to our mailing list, and has already had some new volunteers complete the online tutor orientation. A big success and a great connection.

# Cultural Arts Services



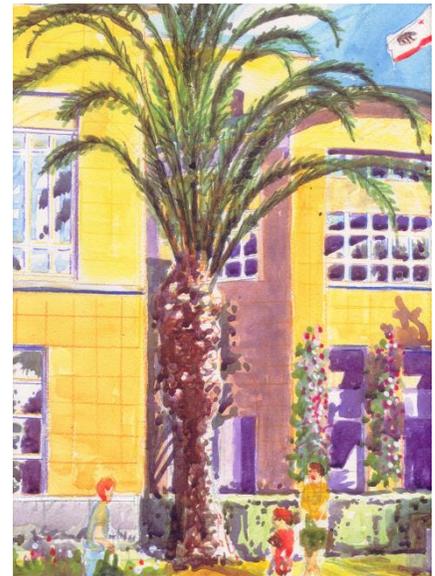
## Entries for Newport Beach Art Exhibition

Artwork submissions for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition continue to come in daily. We are expecting to have a great show with over 200 works of art. Artists, photographers and sculptors have until May 29<sup>th</sup> to submit their art entries but we are urging artists to get their entries early to assure acceptance.

## Artist Raymond Otis to Exhibit in Library

The Central Library gallery will display the works of the City's first "Artist Laureate," Raymond Otis, during the month of May. Mr. Otis is well known for his watercolors of City landmarks and scenic spots around Newport Beach, Laguna and Corona del Mar. He received The Centennial Award in 2006 for his painting "Heading Out, Ensenada Yacht Races."

Raymond Otis says he is most interested "in capturing the qualities of light, color and form that create a strong natural atmosphere filled with little surprises of detail and texture" in his paintings. It is clear that he enjoys boating, the ocean and the outdoors in general. Mr. Otis also teaches classes in painting for children and adults through the City's Recreation Department.



## Call for Entries Deadline: May 6 Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park

The City Arts Commission is still encouraging sculptors to submit entries for the second phase of the Sculpture Exhibition in the Civic Center Park. They are seeking ten more sculptures to add to the park in August 2015. All work submitted for consideration must be complete and available to be loaned to the City of Newport Beach for a period of two years (August 2015 – August 2017). Arts OC is handling the submission process using an online application through CallforEntry.org CAFE). The deadline is May 6.



# MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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April 24, 2015

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**FROM:** George Murdoch and Mike Pisani, Co-Directors  
**SUBJECT:** *City Manager's Newsletter*

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## Arbor Day Celebration



The 2015 Arbor Day Celebration was held at Andersen Elementary School on Wednesday. Staff planned the event with the assistance of School Principal Shannon Bray. Landscape Manager Dan Sereno emceed the event and provided a presentation on the transformation of Newport Beach over the past 70 years, from an area with very few trees to one containing the vast and diverse urban forest of today. The day's festivities included:



- Mayor Pro-Tem Diane Dixon presenting the Arbor Day Proclamation to Principal Bray, the Student Council, and over 40 third-grade students;
- Ron Cole, Chair of the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission, speaking on the importance of trees as a natural resource;



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- The third-grade students reading tree-inspired poems (enjoyed by all, including parents who attended);



- John Conway, City Arborist, presenting the Tree City USA Flag to the Student Council representatives; and
- The planting of the trees at Buffalo Hills Park.

An inspired celebration of Arbor Day! Thank you Andersen Elementary School for hosting the event.

### **Just Arrived and Ready for Service**



This new tractor and beach cleaner combination will replace older units that have been in service for almost 20 years. The John Deere tractor's design is for agricultural service, and with the beach cleaner attached, it is designed for debris clean up from the sand and sand-grooming.

Since most moving parts on this machine require daily maintenance, Beach Maintenance Supervisor Joe Delgado and Senior Equipment Mechanic Andy Martinez worked with the Rockland Company to design the unit to meet the demands of daily use in a marine environment.



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### **Concrete Stairs Repairs**



*Before*



*After*

The Balboa Branch Library recently received much-needed repairs. The Concrete Maintenance Crew refurbished the back entry stairway leading into the building. As shown in the photos, the hand railing had deteriorated over the years and the concrete steps and landing were beginning to crack. The cracked sections of the concrete steps were removed and repaired, and a new and up-to-date handrail was installed, followed with a fresh coat of paint.

### **Median Landscape Enhancement**



Recently, the median landscaping in front of the City monument sign at MacArthur Boulevard, south of Bison Avenue, received a facelift. Landscape Division staff coordinated with City contractors on the planting of a drought-tolerant and low-growing mix of succulents and shrubs, which replaced dated and inconsistent vegetation. The plant selection also will provide an attractive and uniform appearance at this “gateway location” to the City.

### **Drought Update**

In order to meet one of the Governor’s proposed drought mandates, MOD staff and landscape maintenance contractors have turned off the irrigation on City turf medians irrigated with potable water. Medians irrigated with recycled water, such as those on the northern portion of Jamboree, are not affected. Additionally, there are approximately ten turf medians on public streets maintained by HOAs, in areas such as the Port Streets, Lido Isle, Irvine Terrace, and on Ford Road and Bison Avenue. Public Works is contacting those associations and advising them of the requirement to turn off irrigation.



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

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police  
DATE: April 24, 2015  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### MADD HONORS THE WORK OF NBPD OFFICERS

Over the last month, several Police Department employees have been recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for the volume of Driving Under the Influence arrests they made in 2014. Officers who made 25 or more DUI arrests were recognized with the Deuce Award; those who arrested more than 100 impaired drivers were recognized with the Century Award. In the words of the MADD organization: "We cannot overemphasize the importance of this accomplishment. For officers, whose official responsibilities include so much more than DUI enforcement, arresting dangerous drivers with such consistency is remarkable."

Officer Neal Schuster (pictured, right) made 115 DUI arrests in 2014. He was honored with the Century Award at a luncheon hosted by MADD and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), held at the Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin on March 25.



Officers Jacob Khor and David Spenser (pictured left, with Mayor Selich and myself) were recognized with the Deuce Award for DUI arrests in the 25-49 range. They

were honored at the City Council Study Session last week. Officer Paul Riscalla was also recognized with a Deuce Award for DUI arrests in the 50-74 range.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an average of 28 people per day are killed as a result of drunk driving traffic collisions, and drunk driving costs the United States over \$130 billion per year. We are grateful to these officers for their diligent work in combating DUIs in our City.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Over the last few weeks, I have had the honor of promoting two Police Department employees, swearing in a new Lateral Officer, and welcoming a new Recruit Officer to the NBPD family.



Above:  
Mark Fasano



Left to right: Chief Johnson, Casey Sivero, Gary Howe, Randy Parker, Jr.

In late March, Officer **Mark Fasano** graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Department and officially reported for duty at the Police Department. He has been assigned to a Field Training Officer in the Patrol Division.

At a ceremony on Monday, April 13, we recognized three other employees:

- Lateral Officer **Casey Sivero** was sworn in as a Police Officer. Officer Sivero was previously employed by the UCLA Police Department and the San Diego Sheriff's Department. He has been assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.

- Cadet **Gary Howe** was promoted to the rank of part-time Community Services Officer. He has been assigned to the Personnel & Training Section of the Support Services Division.
- Officer **Randy Parker, Jr.** was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has been assigned to the Patrol Division as a Watch Commander.

Please join me in congratulating all four of these outstanding employees.

## APPRECIATION WEEKS COLLIDE!

The week of April 12 through 18 brought a chorus of well-wishes to the hallways of the Police Department. This year, National Appreciation Weeks for our Dispatchers, Animal Control Officers, and Volunteers were all set for the same seven-day period. These groups all work in very different capacities, have different skill sets, and address different Community needs... but they are all appreciated for their incredible service and professionalism. We are honored to have each of these employees on our team!



## A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

At the City Council Study Session last week, Police Service Dog Elko was issued a proclamation in recognition of his years of service to the City of Newport Beach. Elko (pictured left with Mayor Selich, his handler Officer Roland Stucken, and Chief Johnson) officially retired from duty on April 15.

Canines like Elko are an integral part of our Police force. In the course of their duties, canines are responsible for finding narcotics, suspects, and evidence. They are used to protect our officers and the general public from dangerous subjects. They also save our Department hundreds of man-hours, as their well-trained noses make quick work of searches for drugs, hidden contraband, and other evidentiary materials.



Elko, who was retired due to age and ongoing health issues, will continue to live with the Stucken family – as an energetic and highly-trained pet. We are grateful to both Officer Stucken and Elko for the incredible work they have done together for the Department and Community. Please join me in wishing Elko all the best in retirement, and Officer Stucken all the best as he returns to the Patrol Division.



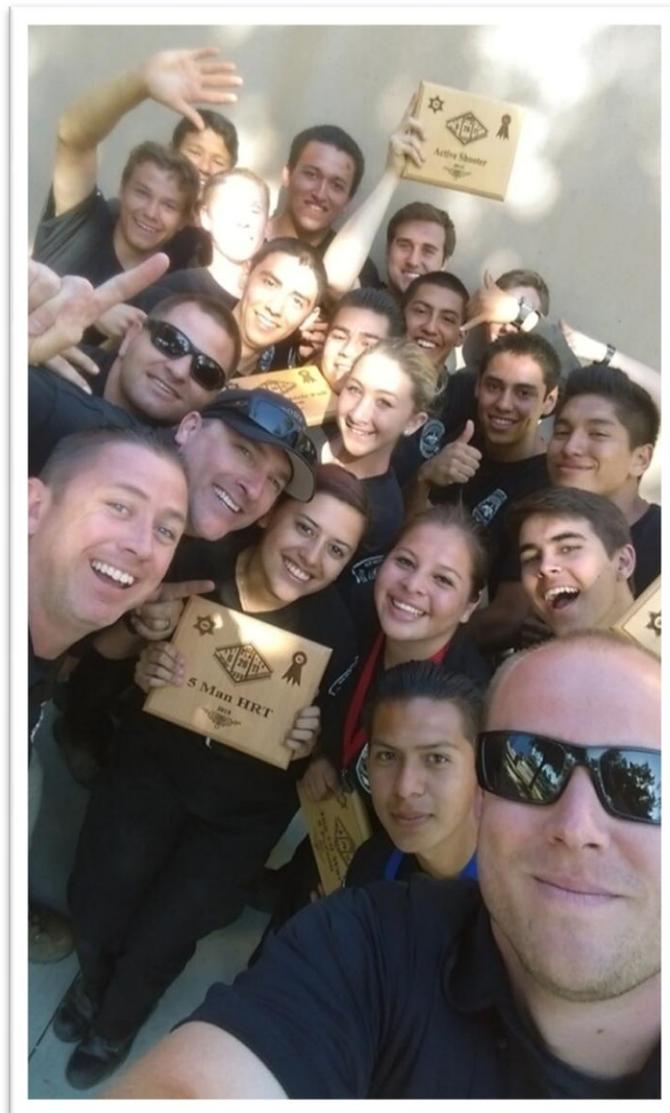
## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NBPD EXPLORERS

During the weekend of April 11-12, Explorer Post 1050 competed in the North County Explorer Competitions, which were held at the Pitchess Detection Center in Castaic. This year's competition brought together 29 teams and a total

of 250 Explorers from throughout California and Arizona.

Our Department sent a group of 16 selected Explorers to compete in this event. The hard work and dedication of these youth – and the NBPD staff that serve as their Explorer Advisors – is evident in the results. Our team received an incredible eight first-place finishes, one second-place finish, one third-place finish, and two fourth-place finishes. That adds up to twelve total awards, the highest number received by our Explorer Post in recent memory. We are tremendously proud of their accomplishments.

If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Police Explorer, please visit their website at [www.nbpdexplorers.com](http://www.nbpdexplorers.com) for additional details.





## **BEEP! BEEP! AVOID CONSTRUCTION RELATED TRAFFIC JAMS WITH PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC ADVISORIES**

Do you hate sitting in traffic? Do you ever wonder, just what is going on to cause all these traffic jams? Well there is now a way for residents to stay informed about traffic impacts associated with planned construction projects going on throughout the City! Know what construction hot spots to avoid, or when you can expect a backup due to construction related work by following one or all of the steps below:



1. Subscribe to the City's *General News* email and you'll be notified of all major City construction activities - helping you navigate around those heavy construction areas.

[Click here to log in or create a new account.](#)

2. Follow us on Social Media

[Twitter.com/newportbeachgov](https://twitter.com/newportbeachgov)

[Facebook.com/cityofnewportbeach](https://facebook.com/cityofnewportbeach)

[YouTube.com/newportbeachgov](https://youtube.com/newportbeachgov)

A weekly overview of Public Works and Municipal Operations traffic notifications are posted weekly and available on the City's website at [www.newportbeachca.gov/trafficadvisories](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/trafficadvisories).

If you are having trouble creating an account, but would like to be added to the list, please contact Kelsey Kenz at (949) 644-3330 or via email at [kkenz@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:kkenz@newportbeachca.gov).

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: April 24, 2015



**California Parks & Recreation Society  
District 10 Awards Banquet**

The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) for District 10 is an organization that boasts over 4000 members statewide and exists as a resource for recreation professionals. The organization purpose is to help professionals within the field gain knowledge on best practices, techniques, products and trend in order to assist with career development and allow opportunities for leadership.



This year's District 10 Banquet was held at Mission Viejo's Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center. Recreation and Senior Services Staff were in attendance as members of CPRS. Our staff, in their dedication to the field, were recognized for their outstanding work, achievements and pursuit of higher education. As the Director of Recreation & Senior Services, I am proud of the work our staff does for our community and their diligence in improving our services, themselves, and the profession. They are leaders amongst leaders.

At the CPRS Conference in March, Celeste Jardine-Haug, was awarded the Professional Champion Award from CPRS and she now has these fellow coworkers joining her in the honor of being a CPRS award or scholarship winner for the 2014 year.

**AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

**Jennifer Sisoev, Scholarship Recipient**

Jennifer is currently a Recreation Supervisor at the OASIS Senior Center. Jennifer is attending Cal State Fullerton and is in pursuit of her Masters of Science in Gerontology.

**Jonathon Harmon, Scholarship Recipient**

Jonathon is currently a Recreation Supervisor in charge of Youth Services and is working on earning his Master's degree in Public Administration from Arkansas State University.

**Justin Schmillen, Mark Feldman Award**

Mark Feldman was a dedicated and gifted young recreation professional who had a significant impact on the profession and District 10. This award is presented annually, in his name, to a professional who is full of creative ideas and deeply involved in the organization as well as community. Justin, while serving on the Mentor Committee, used his leadership skills and creativity to develop a strong team and has been instrumental in providing focused and innovative opportunities for the students. Justin is always willing to help and we are thankful for his dedication to District 10.

### **Janet Cates, Special Recognition Award**

Janet has worked in the recreation profession for over 30 years, making numerous and noteworthy contributions to the communities she has served. She is an outstanding member of District 10 and a vital member of multiple committees including Mentoring, on which she has been a part of for over a decade, and the Scholarship committee. In addition, Janet served as the District 10 President in 2006. Janet is known for her dedication to the recreation field and her passion for helping other professionals succeed. Her heart is always in the work she does as an engaged leader and doer. Janet, is retiring this June from the City of Newport Beach after a dedicated career serving the community, her staff and colleagues. Best wishes to Janet and thank you for your seven years of service to Newport Beach.

Congratulations to all!

### **Canine Companions Returns to OASIS!**

On April 9, Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) returned to OASIS to give a formal presentation about the services they provide. Canine Companions for Independence, is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support. Participants were able to interact with the four puppies-in-training and also watch a demonstration of some of the skills they've been trained to do by their handlers.



### **Annual Volunteer Recognition at OASIS**

Every year, both staff and the Friends of OASIS celebrate our volunteers by holding a fun luncheon/recognition event. It is our way of saying thank you to everyone who helps our Center function in the most efficient way. Over 140 volunteers put in over 20,000 hours a year helping in various areas of the Center from the Travel Office to the meals on wheels program. We are grateful to these special people.

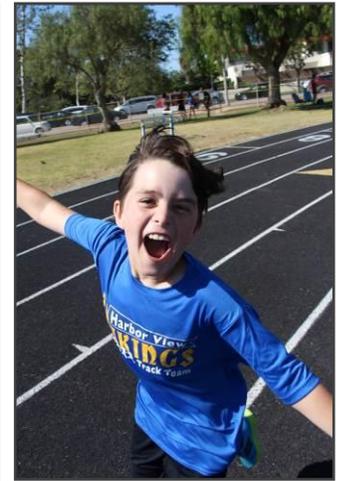


## **Frank E. Anderson Track Meet of Champions**

On April 17, the Annual Youth Track Meet of Champions was held at Corona del Mar High School. It was another successful year with over 300 participants enjoying events such as the softball throw, long jump, 400m run and more. The athletic group managed to break 14 of the Newport Beach records; nine in the female's division and five in the boy's division. From the track meet, 97 qualified athletes will continue on to the SCMAF-OC Track and Field Championship that will be held on Sunday, May 3.



Special thanks go out to the Newport Balboa Rotary Club, Justin Schmillen, Molly Patience, and all the Recreation & Senior Services staff as well as volunteers that came together to put on an amazing and fun event for the participants as well as the parents.



### **Functional Mobility Lecture**

Join us on Thursday, May 7 from 6-7pm at OASIS as we welcome Michael Ryan, Certified Mobility Specialist and OASIS Personal Trainer. Michael will present material useful to those looking to gain and/or maintain their mobility. There will also be an opportunity to take part in a demonstration. Attendees are encouraged to wear clothing that's comfortable to move in. Registration is required for this free lecture. Please call 949-644-3244 or email [oasiscenter@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:oasiscenter@newportbeachca.gov)

## Something to Ponder

“You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.”  
– Christopher Columbus



# Things To Do In Newport Beach:

<input type="checkbox"/>	4/23-4/30	<b>16th Annual Newport Beach Film Festival</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://newportbeachfilmfest.com">newportbeachfilmfest.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4/24-4/26 4-8 pm	<b>Annual Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.newporttoensenada.com">www.newporttoensenada.com</a>
<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"/>	Sun. 4/26	<b>March of Dimes</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.marchforbabies.org">www.marchforbabies.org</a>
<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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mon. 5/4 2-4pm	<b>oASIS CPR Refresher Workshop \$20/person</b> Registration is required, please call 949-644-3244
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thu. 5/7 6-7 pm	<b>oASIS LECTURE: Functional Mobility FREE</b> Registration is required, please call 949-644-3244
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed. 5/13 11:30am-12:30pm	<b>Group Drumming</b> oASIS- 801 Narcissus Ave, CdM FREE
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