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

**TO:** Mayor Selich & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** May 8, 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: May 8, 2015

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### ***Building Safety Month***



The month of May is nationally recognized as Building Safety month - a time to bring awareness to help individuals, families and businesses understand the need to create safe and sustainable structures throughout the community. This week's theme is: Don't Get Burned.

In 2010, more than 362,000 residential fires caused 2,555 deaths, more than 13,000 injuries and more than \$6.5 billion in property damage costs. In most cases, the home did not have a working smoke alarm. A sounding smoke alarm gives you the extra seconds you need to get out of your home alive. Install and maintain a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Replace the battery every year. It's a simple way to help keep you and your family better protected 24/7.

### **Qmatic – Customer Queuing System**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Permit Center's customer queuing system, Qmatic was upgraded to simplify the intake and processing of customers at the counter. The upgrade also allows for better communication of customer needs with descriptive notes of their inquiries and status between the various divisions within the permit center. The system is capable of tracking average wait and transaction times, as well as the number of customers served.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### *Inspectors Participate in Design Build Competition*



Principal Building Inspector Paul Sobek and Senior Building Inspector Don Taylor participated in the annual Design Build Competition hosted by Home Builders Council. High school and community college teams



competed to build a mini home. The City of Newport Beach was recognized for its voluntary efforts in participating in the program.

### *Overgrown Vegetation*

The Code Enforcement Division regularly responds to concerns regarding overgrown vegetation impeding the public right of way. Overgrown vegetation may seem like a minor violation; however, addressing it early helps prevent major problems in the future. Branches and thorns hanging out over the sidewalk and/or street present a safety hazard that can easily be prevented with routine trimming. Not only is overgrown vegetation a site distance and safety concern, well-maintained vegetation is also an effective crime prevention tool. Vegetation that is not being cared for gives criminals the impression the property is



**After**



**Before**

unattended and may be an easy target. One recent Code Enforcement case at a large corporate facility within the City revealed multiple individuals had been residing in the dense overgrown vegetation on their property. The property maintenance supervisor was very thankful that the City had brought this area to their attention. A simple Notice of Violation assisted the owners in discovering a much larger issue on their property and facilitated a safe resolution. For more information or questions regarding property maintenance, you may contact a Code Enforcement

officer at 949 644-3215.



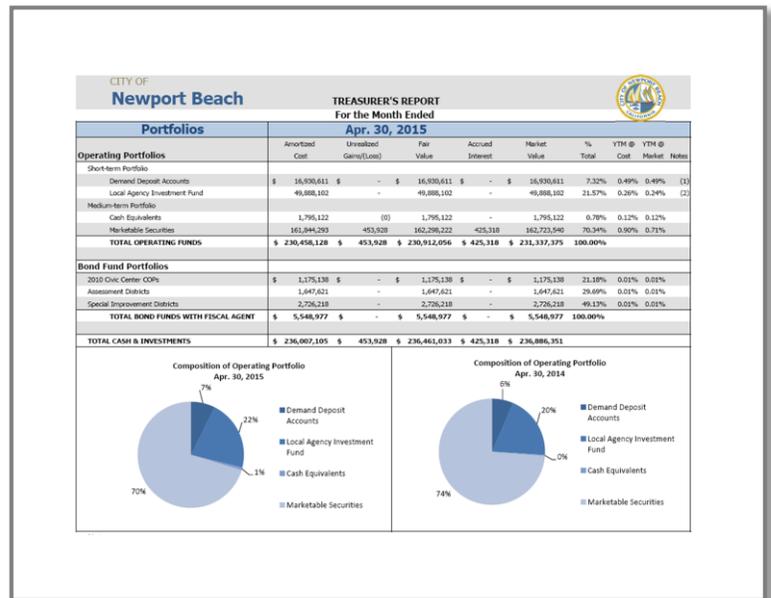
Date: May 8, 2015  
 To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
 From: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director  
 Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

**Treasury Report Update**

The March 2015 and April 2015 Treasury Reports are available on the City's website at: [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).

As of April, the City's portfolio totaled approximately \$237 million, from all sources. It is invested in broadly diversified high-grade securities with an average credit rating of AA.

Roughly \$65 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 (\$164.5 million) has a weighted average effective maturity of 1.79 years. U.S. Treasuries experienced selling pressure, driving their yields higher, as signs of improving global economic growth encouraged investors to move out of safe-haven government debt and into riskier fixed income asset classes. Most experts expect yields to begin improving in the next year or so. Yield-to-maturity is currently 0.90%. The total return for the medium-term portfolio for the trailing twelve months was 1.02%. This return compares favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index which returned 0.77%.



***BUDGET \$ BUDGET \$ BUDGET \$***

The Finance team would like to thank all of the department directors and analysts for assisting us with finalizing the Proposed FY 2015-16 budget. We are proud to announce that due to all departments continued focus on fiscal sustainability, we have a well balanced budget again! Budget books are available for viewing online at [newportbeachca.gov/budget](http://newportbeachca.gov/budget). The proposed budget will be reviewed at our May 11th Finance Committee meeting and the City Council will begin their review at the May 12th Study Session.

***eSAIL Milestone Celebration***

Last week representatives from Finance, Human Resources, Public Works and IT celebrated the completion of a major milestone in the implementation of the new ERP integrated finance/payroll system. These teams have been involved in process analysis, testing, and training for the new software system over the past year and are deserving of this recognition. The finance module of the software will be introduced to all departments starting later this month with an orientation to the new chart of accounts during June with end user training prior to the GO LIVE date set for July 1, 2015. Over the next two months, we look forward to introducing departments to the new system that promises to deliver stronger decision support (better and timelier information) and numerous workflow process improvements that will streamline and enhance workplace efficiency.



### ***Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations***

The Civic Center parking structure has three electrical vehicle parking stations located at the very top of the structure. Residents and visitors alike can charge at these stations 24 hours a day.



Each Chargepoint charging station has Level 1 and Level 2 options. Level 1 is a slower charge and Level 2 is a faster charge. Each station is capable of charging 2 vehicles simultaneously, one at each level. EV Drivers can check to see if the charging stations are available by going to [www.chargepoint.com](http://www.chargepoint.com) or downloading the ChargePoint phone app. Charging stations may be accessed by using a ChargePoint America card or calling ChargePoint, Toll Free: 1-888-758-4389 (24 hours a day). **Rates are \$0.20 per kWh.**



## Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: May 8, 2015  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **FIRE OPERATIONS**

#### **Orange County Marathon**

The Newport Beach Fire Department provided medical support to over 22,000 runners participating in the Orange County Marathon on Sunday, May 3, 2015. To ensure the participants in the 5K, Half Marathon and Marathon had rapid access to advanced life support, two additional paramedic units were staffed and placed strategically on the racecourse. Due to access issues created by the racecourse, the need to add two additional paramedic units was paramount in providing the service required by the number of participants in a very physically demanding endeavor.

We worked collaboratively with the Newport Beach Police Department, who was the incident commander for the Newport Beach portion of the course. One Battalion Chief, responsible for the Fire Department units, was located with the Police Department Incident Commander in the incident command post. The Fire Department also worked collaboratively with the Costa Mesa Fire Department to make sure there was a seamless transition in medical responses on the racecourse once the runners entered the Costa Mesa leg of the race.

Fortunately, there were no reported major medical issues on the racecourse this year. However, in years past we have had serious medical issues, such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, hypothermia and cardiac arrest. Last year's cardiac arrest victim was treated by Newport Beach Paramedics at the scene. Not only did he survive, but after he was resuscitated, he wanted to finish the race!

## LIFE SAFETY SERVICES

### Multiple Berthing



With the combined efforts of Life Safety Services and Harbor Resources, the marinas in Newport Harbor are patrolled three times a year, via a lifeguard vessel, to ensure the proper berthing of all boats. Each berth shall be arranged such that a boat occupying the berth can be removed in an emergency without the necessity of moving other boats. When a boat impedes the exiting of another boat, it is referred to as multiple berthing. Continuing to educate marina operators

has helped to reduce the amount of violators from 29 in 2005, to one so far in 2015.

### Vegetation Management is in Full Swing!

The Fire Department's annual vegetation management projects are up and running for the season, and not a moment too soon. With consistent rainfall during the months of January and February, followed by a very warm March, weed crops are ample and dry. The status of our three Fire Department programs aimed to reduce the impact of vegetation fires are:

- **Weed Abatement:** Most of the initial weed abatement inspections are now complete and the properties deemed non-compliant will receive notification letters in the coming weeks. The second inspections will start in June to verify that the properties are no longer a fire hazard. Weed reduction and thinning of city owned properties are currently in process and should be completed and inspected by the end of June.
- **Hazard Reduction:** This year's hazard reduction thinning will consist of 102 properties located in Morning Canyon, Big Canyon, and portions of Newport Coast. The inspections will begin around June 1, and 30-day non-compliant letters will be sent when the initial inspections are completed.
- **Fuel Modification:** Courtesy letters were sent last month to the 24 HOA's involved in the spring fuel modification thinning program. Vegetation thinning in the fuel modification zones is performed twice a year, in the spring and fall. The first inspections will start at the beginning of June, and the compliant/non-compliant letters will be sent out when the inspections are completed.

The fire department strives to reduce all vegetative hazards before July in order to provide the residents, businesses, and visitors a happy and fire safe 4th of July celebration!

## TRAINING SERVICES

This past weekend, firefighters from around the city were able to take advantage of training on two separate residential structures that were scheduled for demolition. Working collaboratively with the owner, contractor, and our own City Attorney's Office, the structures were acquired and released to us to train May 1-3, before demolition on May 4.

This training provided crews the opportunity to hone their skills at an unfamiliar location. Crews practiced laddering the structure, vertical ventilation, which includes using chainsaws on the roof and cutting holes to remove smoke and heat,



search and rescue drills, hose evolutions, and firefighter survival skills such as breaking through walls in the event of a firefighter emergency. It also gave our crews the time to talk to neighbors in the area and educate them on our tactics, and why we do what we do.



Training Services is currently working on securing a large commercial property for crews to train on in the coming weeks where similar training, but on a larger scale, will take place.

## MARINE OPERATIONS

### Lifeguard Statistics for April 2015

PUBLIC CONTACT	3,578
ENFORCEMENTS	234
REUNITED PERSONS	22
MEDICAL AIDS	156
PREVENTATIVES	3659
RESCUES	103
BEACH POPULATION	624,420

The Marine Operations Division recently purchased two Personal Water Crafts to aid in their rescue efforts. The PWC assists in rescuing victims in the surf line. They also provide water response when the rescue boats are not available.



## Corona del Mar Town Hall and Expo

On April 22, 2015, Lifeguard Battalion Chief Mike Halphide and Emergency Services Coordinator Katie Eing represented the Marine Operations Division at the Corona del Mar Town Hall & Expo. They provided residents with information on ocean safety and disaster preparedness.



You may have seen the news earlier this week, our beaches experienced 8-12 foot sets coming through, with up to 20 feet at the Wedge. Lifeguards added extra staff to handle the waves.

*Waves at the Balboa Pier Photo taken by Brent Jacobsen on May 4, 2015.*



On Sunday, May 3, a surfer was injured while surfing inside the channel entrance and had to be rescued by our lifeguards on the rescue boat. He was transported to the Harbor Department and then to the hospital by Newport Beach Paramedics.

We had 22 rescues and over 1,000 preventative actions over the weekend.

Lifeguard trainees have completed their third weekend of training in the Basic Lifeguard Academy (pictured at right).



*Pictured at right: Lifeguard Trainees practicing rescue techniques.*



### **Department Operations Center (DOC) Drill**

On Wednesday, May 13, 2015, Newport Beach will conduct a citywide DOC drill. The DOC drill will include Fire, Police, CDD, MOD and Public Works. During the drill, field personnel will be performing damage assessment surveys, practicing communications utilizing the 800 MHz radio system, and reporting to their respective DOC. The EOC will be activated with limited staff to respond to DOC's information and needs. The DOC's have been doing a great job getting their plans and facilities ready for the drill.



## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: May 8, 2015  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/HR Director  
SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

#### **New Videos for Police Department Applicants**

Human Resources recently teamed up with the Newport Beach Police Department to create three new videos for prospective Police Officer and Police Custody Officer applicants. These helpful videos walk candidates through the elements included in the Physical Abilities Test, an important step in the recruitment process.



Created by Mavericks Productions, these videos were filmed at the Orange County Sheriff's Training Academy in Tustin with Newport Beach's very own officers. Many thanks to Officers Michelle Kent, Kelley Scheafer, Sam Sa, and Beau Rains for their participation.

A separate video dedicated to providing techniques on the 6-foot wall element, one of the more difficult challenges for some applicants, is also available.

We hope all candidates and general viewers find these new videos helpful and informative.

To check out the videos, please visit:  
<http://www.nbpd.org/jobs/videos/default.asp>.





## Innovation/Improvement Incentive Program (IIIP)

The Innovation/Improvement Incentive Program (IIIP) Committee is thrilled to celebrate two employees who have stepped outside of their everyday responsibilities to suggest an improvement to an existing process that will both save the City money and provide improved customer service. Program Coordinator Jill Camille Ortiz presented Shining Light Awards to Community Development Department member Ruby Garciamay and Fong Tse of Public Works.



Ms. Garciamay's suggestion to label agendas to improve the presentation on the electronic bulletin board has been implemented City-wide and has already received positive feedback from the public.



Mr. Tse's suggestion to review City costs for vendors charging fuel surcharges and/or transportation fees has resulted in a revision to the City's Purchase Order form. This will prohibit vendors from charging extra for fuel or transportation. This suggestion was implemented January 1, 2015 and has already saved the City money.

The Innovation/Improvement Incentive Program (IIIP), officially re-launched September 2014, fulfills Council Policy (D-4) establishing a method for employees to submit suggestions and receive rewards for ideas that improve City business practices, achieve efficiencies and potentially generate the City money. Congratulations to Ms. Garciamay and Mr. Tse! We look forward to receiving more great suggestions!

## 1st Quarter 2015 Promotions and New Hires

Please congratulate our colleagues on their well-deserved promotions and welcome the City's newest employees!

### **PROMOTIONS:**

#### **Community Development**

**Makana Nova**, Associate Planner

#### **Municipal Operations**

**Dustin Damato**, Utilities Specialist

**Kevin O'Campo**, Sr. Utilities Specialist

### **NEW EMPLOYEES:**

#### **Community Development**

**Steven Ebalobor**, Student Aide

**Rick La Bare**, Building Inspector II

**Marshall Shelton**, Building Inspector II

**Sean Vo**, Student Aide

#### **Human Resources**

**Marissa Sur**, Department Assistant

#### **Recreation & Senior Services**

**Brett Argersinger**, Recreation Leader

**Monique Gallardo**, Recreation Leader

**Felicity Giddings**, Recreation Leader

**Shannon Gulickson**, Sr. Recreation Leader

#### **Finance**

**Jeremiah Lim**, Accountant

#### **Fire**

**Ralph Gerardo**, Fire Facilities Coordinator

**Donald Sand**, Support Services Aide



## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



May 8, 2015

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

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

**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter

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## Library Services

### Staff News

Librarian Evelyn Rogers will be taking over the role of Branch Librarian at Balboa starting this week. Evelyn is excited about her new assignment and is looking forward to heading up the great team at Balboa. Evelyn's creativity, artistic ability, and great programming ideas make her an excellent choice for heading up activities at the Balboa Branch.

In other staff news, Librarian Allen Kesinger has taken a new position at another local library and Steven Short will be retiring as of May 16 after 20 years of service. Both have contributed greatly to our library and we wish them much success in their future endeavors.

### Gift of Literacy Luncheon

Last Friday, Literacy Services held the annual Gift of Literacy Fundraising Luncheon at The Pacific Club. Literacy coordinator Cherall Weiss and Francine Jacome coordinated the successful event and Mayor Ed Selich welcomed the over 140 guests who came to enjoy lunch, listen to author Ann Packer, bid on auction items and support the literacy program.



### What's Up Doc?

You can expect to see lots of kids, along with Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, at the Central Library and the Civic Center Green this Saturday when the second annual Bunnies and Books for Kids Festival gets underway. The festivities will begin with storytime in the Friends Room and then move out to the Library/Civic Center plaza for crafts, facepainting, a scavenger hunt, games and other activities. Initiated last May to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the library expansion, the Bunnies and Books for Kids was such a draw, it is now an annual event sponsored by the NBPL Foundation and the Friends of the Library. It is also an Imagination Celebration of Orange County event this year.



## Cultural Arts Services

### Call for Entries for Newport Beach Art Exhibition

The first round of acceptance letters for artwork submitted for entry into the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition were sent out last week. We are still accepting entries in the categories of paintings, mixed media, photography and sculpture until the May 29<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Art Exhibition Committee met this week to discuss display, music, marketing, and reception details.



### Art Exhibit in Library

The art exhibit of works by the City's first "Artist Laureate," Raymond Otis, went up in the Central Library on Wednesday. Mr. Otis is well known for his watercolors of City landmarks and scenic spots around Newport Beach and Corona del Mar, so there are many familiar scenes to view, such as "Pavilion Pelicans," "Pavilion Sailboat," "Herron Over Back Bay" and his Centennial Award winning painting "Heading Out, Ensenada Yacht Races." There are also scenes from Catalina, Morro Bay and Provence in his exhibit titled "Seaports and Harbors."



## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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May 8, 2015

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

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### What's New in MOD?

Please join us in acknowledging the following MOD team members:

- **Jonathan Garrett**, Senior Utilities Specialist, recently passed his California Water Environmental Association Grade 2 Wastewater Collection Certification exam.
- **John Gemme**, Landscape Maintenance and Operations Worker, recently passed a required Business/English course for his Associate of Science Degree in Ornamental Horticulture.
- **David Ichikawa**, was promoted last week to Maintenance and Operations Specialist, and will be working in the area of streetlights and facility generators.
- **Rick Scott**, was promoted last month to Facilities Maintenance Supervisor.
- **Scott Kolodge**, **Lawrence Jones**, and **Tom Diaz**, were reclassified in March from their former positions of Electrician (Scott and Lawrence) and Irrigation Specialist (Tom) to Maintenance and Operations Specialists.
- **Patrick Piersall**, Utilities Specialist, transferred in February from Waste Water Division to Water Maintenance and Repair Division.
- **Kevin O'Campo**, was promoted in January to Senior Utilities Specialist.

Congratulations, and thank you for your hard work!

### Look Out Point Beautification

Recently, Parks Maintenance crewmembers Harold Link, Danny Tovar, Mark Moritz, and Dan Hill re-landscaped the area on the Corona del Mar bluffs at Look Out Point. Plant selection included drought-tolerant agaves and aloes, keeping water conservation in mind.

*Before*



*After*





## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

### Weekend High Surf Event

Last week, the NWS in San Diego sent out a "High Surf Alert". The high surf kept staff busy for four days pumping flooded areas and building berms in locations that were not expected to flood.

In preparation for the weekend, crewmembers from Field Maintenance Division built berms around the Balboa Pier to prevent flooding as a result of the high surf. Waves exceeded 20' at the Wedge.



Water was trapped from 9th Street to Medina Way, forming a huge lake between the homes and the ocean water. The lake was approximately 1/2 a mile long and up to four feet deep in certain locations.



Storm Drain crewmembers were also notified Sunday evening that the surf was approaching 15 feet. The on-call staff member called in additional crewmembers for potential flooding along the east end of the Peninsula from a 6.6' high tide, coupled with the surf that was to peak at 9:31 PM.



Four large pumps were loaded onto trucks, and staff set up at bayside street end locations across from the flood-prone Balboa Pier area, preparing for the surf to breach the sand berms. At 9:30 PM the surf came through at 7th Street (which had not occurred in recent memory) and flowed across Balboa Boulevard at 9th Street to Bay Avenue. Three pumps, pumping at a total of 2,250 gallons per minute, were set up at that location, and pumped for two hours to protect private property.



## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

### Water Meter Shut-off Valves Replaced



Over the last 12 months, the Water Maintenance and Repair Division has replaced 150 water meter shut-off valves throughout the City. These valves, found directly in front of the water meter, turn on and off the main water service line to the homes. Valve replacements are necessary when they are leaking, breaking, or are no longer shutting off completely. Residents sometimes request this valve to be shut-off in order to make repairs to their side of the property.

### Tide Valve Replacements



*New and Old Tide Valves*

In late April, the Storm Drain Crew took advantage of the low tides to replace one 18” and five 12” tidal valves on Balboa Island and Newport Peninsula. These valves are installed in various bayside street ends to prevent high tides from intruding into City streets.



*Before and After – Catch Basin Box*

For the majority of its useful life of 15 years, tidal valves are submerged in salt water until they are removed from the catch basin box at time of replacement. Valves are opened and closed an average of 20 times a month. On a monthly basis, Storm Drain crewmembers inspect, lube, and, if necessary, replace worn out parts to ensure proper operation. The tidal valves range in size from 6” to 36”.



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

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

DATE: May 7, 2015

**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **NBPD NARCOTICS DETECTIVES HONORED**

On Thursday, April 30, the California Narcotic Officers' Association held an awards dinner for Region 5, which includes officers working in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. At the dinner, our narcotics detectives were honored with a prestigious award: the Street-Level Case of the Year for 2014.



The case that garnered this award originally began as a marijuana sales investigation but, through the tireless and thorough work of our narcotics detectives, it expanded into a large-scale human trafficking investigation. While surveilling a suspected drug dealer, detectives observed the suspect pick up and drop off several women at various motels throughout Orange County. Months of additional inquiries and surveillance confirmed that the suspect was engaged in a lucrative human trafficking enterprise. Their investigation eventually identified four victims of human trafficking and lead to the arrest of the suspect involved.

Please join me in congratulating the Narcotics Section on an exemplary investigation and their well-deserved award.

### **JOIN US FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DAY!**

On Sunday, May 17, the Newport Beach Police and Fire Departments invite everyone in the Community to join us for Public Safety Day. This family-friendly event will be held at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be a barbeque and refreshments, displays and activities for all ages, and opportunities for Middle and High School students to earn community service hours for their graduation requirements. We have also prepared a series of live demonstrations that will begin at 1:00 p.m.

**2015 Resolution Challenge**  
NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

**5** Join us for  
Public Safety Day  
on Sunday, May 17  
at the  
Newport Dunes.

If you can join us, there's an added bonus: you have already completed May's Resolution Challenge! Click [here](#) for more information and to enter the contest.

**NEWPORT BEACH POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS**  
INVITE YOU TO



**PUBLIC SAFETY DAY**  
Sunday, May 17, 2015  
11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.  
at  
NEWPORT DUNES  
A WATERFRONT RESORT & MARINA



**ENJOY BBQ & REFRESHMENTS**  
**LEARN MORE WHILE VIEWING LIVE DEMOS FROM YOUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Middle and High School students can earn community service hours for graduation requirement.



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## NOTABLE ARREST



Shortly after 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, Officer Paul Riscalla was patrolling near the intersection of Coast Highway and Dover Drive when he spotted a black truck with several Vehicle Code violations. Officer Riscalla stopped the truck, which was occupied by a male driver and a female passenger.

The driver was identified as Harold William Acker; he was driving on a suspended license and had previously been arrested multiple times for theft and possession of stolen property. Both he and the passenger, Ashley Ann Lowy, had numerous recent arrests for drug charges in Newport Beach.

Officer Riscalla found that Acker was in possession of narcotics paraphernalia and a number of burglary tools including disposable gloves, numerous vehicle keys, flashlights, files, and tools.

Officer Riscalla also determined that Lowy was carrying another woman's driver's license. He contacted the proper owner, who stated that her ID was stolen during a vehicle burglary in Lake Forest last month. Lowy was also in possession of multiple debit cards that she had acquired in the victim's name. Additional documents listing credit card numbers, a large envelope of shredded financial documents, numerous gift cards, and a pair of bolt cutters were also linked to Lowy.

Based on a thorough field investigation and the totality of the evidence at the scene, Officer Riscalla arrested both individuals: Acker for Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia and Possession of Burglary Tools; Lowy for Identity Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, and Possession of Burglary Tools.

Although this incident began as a basic traffic stop, it resulted in two repeat criminals being taken into custody. I commend Officer Riscalla for his keen observation skills, his interview and investigation technique, and his dedication to duty.

## PIPER'S STORY

As police officers drive through their assigned beats in the early morning hours, they are keeping their eyes open for anything that looks suspicious: broken windows, burglars, drunk drivers, etc. Luckily, Officer Dallas Lopez was on duty and on alert last Sunday to make a difference in someone's life.

Just before 3:30 a.m. on May 3, Officer Lopez was driving through the Port Streets of Newport Beach with his headlights dimmed when he saw a coyote with something large in its mouth. As Officer Lopez drove closer to the coyote and activated his spotlight, the

coyote dropped its prey and ran away. The "prey" was Piper, an 11-year-old orange tabby cat. It was later discovered that Piper is the beloved pet of Kelsey Whitmer and her family.

Officer Lopez could tell that Piper was severely wounded; he was bleeding a lot and part of his jaw was hanging at an improbable angle. The Officer approached Piper slowly and touched him to see if the cat would lash out and bite or if he would accept help. Piper, exhausted and in pain, just lay down in the middle of the street. With the help of Officer Travis Cooke, Officer Lopez gently picked Piper up off the asphalt and moved him to the waiting patrol car.

Piper was transported to Central Orange County Emergency Animal Clinic, where he received immediate care and treatment. Later that morning, Animal Control Officer John Nelson transported Piper to AAA Animal Hospital in Huntington Beach. Staff determined that Piper suffered a broken jaw, some broken ribs, and several deep wounds along his back. One laceration was so deep that it punctured Piper's abdominal cavity and caused internal bleeding. Despite these terrible injuries, Kelsey and her family received the good news that her beloved pet was expected to make a full recovery.

The Newport Beach Police Department is elated to report that Piper is on his way to a full recovery. He was released from the Animal Hospital on Tuesday and is recuperating at home.

Kelsey now has a new nickname for her cat: "Piper the Wonder Cat". We could not agree more.





To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director  
Date: May 8, 2015

### **WATERWISE GARDENING**

On Thursday, April 23 the City hosted a free class for Newport Beach residents in Waterwise Gardening at the Civic Center.

Instructed by Laura Bard through the Metropolitan Water District, residents learned ways to make their gardens more California friendly. Attendees were introduced to a holistic approach to gardening, learned how to plant the right plant in the right place, how to use rainwater as a resource and all about managing irrigation.

If you were unable to attend, Newport Beach TV filmed the entire class. It is now available on the City's website at the link below:

[www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1256](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1256)



*Watershed Conservation Specialist  
Shane Burckle welcomes attendees.*

### **CORONA DEL MAR POCKET PARK**



The City of Newport Beach entered into a contract with Clean Cut Landscape to construct a Pocket Park on East Coast Highway between Larkspur and Jasmine Ave in Corona del Mar.

The proposed improvements consist of minor grading and earthwork, construction of a retaining wall, installation of five new benches, a trash receptacle, light fixtures and installation of new drought tolerant landscaping, irrigation and drainage systems. The park area is approximately 1,300 square feet. When completed, the project will aesthetically enhance the area and provide a place for patrons to enjoy the scenery along Coast Highway.

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-June and will be completed in September 2015.

## **BAY AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION IS ALMOST COMPLETE!**

Public Works is finishing the final phase of construction on the Bay Avenue Pavement Reconstruction Project from 8th Street to Palm Street. This project consisted of removing and reconstructing the existing concrete pavement and deteriorated concrete sidewalks, curbs and driveways, and upgrading all curb access ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards.



In addition to the roadway work, the project also included installing fiber optic conduit along Bay Avenue within the project area. This section of conduit will allow for future extension of the City's traffic signal Fiber Optic communication network to the Main Street and Palm Street traffic signals, as well as the Balboa Library branch and Fire Station 1.

The Contractor is working on punch list items and installing the final striping. Pending two Southern

California Edison vaults scheduled to be adjusted to grade in the third week of May; all work should be completed by the end of next week, well ahead of the Memorial Day rush.

## **BALBOA BAY WAY GETS ITS OWN STREET NAME SIGN**

When driving on Coast Highway, did you notice anything different about the traffic signal near Balboa Bay Resort (formerly Balboa Bay Club)? It was the only signal on Coast Highway without a street name sign. Resort staff reached out to the City to add an internally illuminated street name sign on the traffic signal citing that resort visitors often missed the turn or were unable to locate the facility.

Facilitating this request, the City worked with Caltrans (this traffic signal is operated by the State) and the resort to determine the proper name, equipment and configuration. Upon agreement of Balboa Bay Way as the new roadway name, the City officially adopted it. With the limited resources at Caltrans, the City assisted in procuring and installing the street name sign last week.



## **NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T! MARINA PARK OVERHEAD UTILITIES REMOVED**

The City has been working closely with Southern California Edison, AT&T, and Time Warner Cable to underground the overhead utilities that bisect Marina Park, from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street. We are pleased to announce that the overhead lines and utility poles within the new park site have been removed making a significant improvement to the “Window to the Bay”. This is a major milestone as the site is now cleared for the balance of the park improvements.

For more information about the project, please visit the Marina Park website at [www.newportbeachca.gov/MarinaPark](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/MarinaPark)

## **CALIFORNIA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE EXAMPLE**



*A great example of some California friendly landscaping!*

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: May 8, 2015



### **Trainees Get Water Safety Certified**

During the weekend of May 2, the Department had 15 new pool swim instructor trainees head to the pool to complete the first part of their academy training. The trainees learned the information and techniques they would require in order to receive certification as a Water Safety Instructor. This certification provides the candidates with the tools necessary to effectively educate the community on safety around the pool and proper techniques for teaching the American Red Cross "Learn to Swim" programs. The candidates' next step will be to attend and pass a Lifeguard Training course being held next weekend. Those who successfully complete both

trainings will move on to become Swim Instructors or Pool Lifeguards this summer for our swim program. Good luck to them all!

### **OASIS Holds CPR Refresher Workshop**

On May 4, OASIS staff held a CPR/AED Refresher Workshop for the public. Participants learned the new American Red Cross guidelines for breathing, choking and heart emergencies in adults, children and infants. Participants were also able to practice on mannequins and each other to help build their confidence in responding in an emergency.



### **The Secrets of the iPhone Unlocked**

The OASIS is excited to offer a three-day workshop entitled *iPhone Tips & Secrets Part 1* taught by instructor Jake Jacobs. The class will meet Thursdays, May 7-21 and cover topics such as basic phone controls, control center, keyboard tips, contacts, calendar, Siri, texting and email. The class is full at 55 participants (registration is required to attend). This is part of a series of iPhone classes which will take place throughout the summer including *Introduction to the iPhone* and *iPhone Tips & Secrets Part 2*.

## **OCCA Tradeshow**

The Orange County Concierge Association (OCCA) held its annual tradeshow on Monday, May 4. The Recreation & Senior Services Department was on site promoting City of Newport Beach summer programs. Representatives from the three approved surf companies were also available to help answer questions about private surf lessons. At the booth, concierges were able to watch the new surf commercial, pick up brochures, and enter a raffle to win a City of Newport Beach towel. The partnership with the OCCA continues to be an effective way to reach the many Newport Beach visitors year-round, and provide them with safe and fun recreational experiences.



To check out the new surf marketing video, visit [www.newportbeachaca.gov/surf](http://www.newportbeachaca.gov/surf).

## **Seniors Learn About: “The Authentic Self: A Work in Progress”**

On Thursday, April 30 author and educator Lynda Zussman presented The Authentic Self: A Work in Progress to 20 OASIS seniors. Lynda covered the topic of overcoming the obstacles brought on by grief, loss, illness and other life challenges. The lecture included a journal writing activity and the opportunity for participants to share their own personal experiences. Lynda will return to present a similar topic in workshop-form later this year.

## **Stars & Stripes Line Dancing**

The OASIS will hold a Stars & Stripes Line Dancing Social on Saturday, May 16. Line dances will be led by Carolyn Cragun and Suzy Hazard. Tickets are \$5 and include light refreshments. Join us for a boot scootin' fun time!



## Something to Ponder

“A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.”  
-Walter Winchell



# Things To Do In Newport Beach:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 5/9 10am-3pm	“Saturday on the Green” Lawn Bowling open House For more information, please call 949-640-1022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed. 5/13 11:30am-12:30pm	Group Drumming oASIS- 801 Narcissus Ave, cDM FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thu. 5/14 6:30-7:30pm	Sample class: Strength into Stretch FREE Preregistration required, for information call 949-644-3244
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thu. 5/14 9am-Noon	Buck Gully Habitat Restoration in Big Canyon FREE Registration is required, visit: <a href="http://letsgooutside.org">letsgooutside.org</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	5/14-5/17 9 am-Noon	Newport Boat Show Visit <a href="http://www.newportinwaterboatshow.com">www.newportinwaterboatshow.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 5/16 1:30-2:30pm	Marine Protected Area Hike “Marine Mamas” Meets at Little corona Lifeguard tower FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 5/16	Stars & Strips Line Dancing oASIS - 801 Narcissus Ave, cDM \$5/person
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 5/16 Noon	6th Annual Field of Honor Castaways Park - Dover Dr & 16th St
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. 5/17	Balboa Island Art Walk For more information visit: <a href="http://balboaislandartwalk.info">balboaislandartwalk.info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 5/22 9 am-Noon 1-4 pm	FREE Hearing Screening Peter & Mary Muth Interpretive Center FREE
<input type="checkbox"/>	5/29-5/31	Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Jazz Festival For more information, <a href="http://festivals.hyattconcerts.com">festivals.hyattconcerts.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 5/30 9 am-Noon	Monthly Beach Clean Up Big Canyon FREE
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