CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Dixon & Council Members

FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager

DATE: January 22, 2016

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: January 22, 2016

New Assistant Planner

The Community Development Department is happy to welcome new Assistant Planner Chelsea Crager to the CDD team. Her role as assistant planner will be assisting customers in the permit center, providing zoning information, reviewing plan checks, and processing discretionary planning applications. Chelsea holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Masters of Urban and Regional Planning, both from UC Irvine. Prior to joining us, she worked as an intern and Assistant Planner for the City of Costa Mesa. However, Chelsea is not new to the City team. From 2011-2014, she worked as a Marine Naturalist Interpreter and currently is a volunteer with the City's Marine Protection and Education unit of the Recreation Department. She grew up in Palm Desert and now lives in Costa Mesa with her cat, Stella. Chelsea enjoys playing volleyball and attending music festivals.

Newport Beach Memory Care Grand Opening

Community Development staff attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new memory care facility located on Halyard in the West Newport Mesa area. The project was approved by the Planning Commission in February 2014, and construction began in June 2014. The facility is designed to serve the needs of individuals living with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of memory loss. The facility includes 42 beds and is staffed 24/7 by licensed professionals.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

New Code Enforcement Division Student Aide

We are pleased to introduce student aide David DeLeon, who will be assisting full-time staff with water conservation projects. David comes to us from Downtown Escrow in Santa Ana where he also works as a notary public.

In his free time, David is very active in his community. He is a volunteer with the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana, the PTA, and he coaches baseball in the Santa Ana Pony League. When you get a chance, please drop by Bay D and say hello to David.

Neighborhood Improvement Program

Beautiful landscapes, clean, safe, healthy areas, and attractive well-kept homes are a few of the qualities that attract residents and businesses to our thriving City. Most Newport Beach property owners work hard on the upkeep of their homes that include beautiful landscapes and design elements. But sometimes encouragement from the City is needed when properties are not properly maintained, and that is where Code Enforcement comes in.

Code Enforcement is a community-oriented and customer service friendly division that strategically works with homeowners in recognition of the realities of each unique situation. These photos show one such success from our Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Date: January 22, 2016

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Welcome Caleb and Lia - New Student Aides!

Lia Morales is currently attending Fullerton Community College and is looking forward to transferring to Cal State Fullerton to pursue a career in nutrition and business management. Lia enjoys outdoor activities, such as hiking and running on the beach.

Caleb Baumann is completing his Bachelor's degree in Human Development with a minor in Communications at California State University Long Beach, where he is a member of the honor society. His plans for the future include pursuing a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Health Care Administration or Public Policy at CSULB. Outside of school and work, Caleb enjoys going to the gym, being active in sports including various outdoor activities, and also loves traveling.

Year-End Tax Developments

Our auditors, White Nelson Diehl Evans, notified us of some tax legislation that was approved by President Obama in late December. The IRS then issued certain related rulings, notices, and announcements. To follow is a summary of the developments that affect the City:

Extension of Time to File Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns

Notice 2016-4 covered the following ACA Information Returns for the calendar year 2015:

- Form 1095-C, "Employer Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage" (a form provided by the employer to each individual employee). These forms were originally due to employees by February 1, 2016, but the deadline has been extended two months to March 31, 2016.
- Form 1094-C, the Transmittal Form sent to the IRS with all Forms 1095-C. The City files these forms electronically and the original due date to the IRS was March 31, 2016. That has now been extended to June 30, 2016.

Human Resources and Finance are working with a vendor to help us prepare the required forms related to ACA, and while the additional time is helpful, employees need their 1095-C information in order to file their income tax returns, so we are still trying to meet an early February distribution.

Cadillac Plans Tax Delayed for Two More Years

The ACA imposed a 40% excise tax on high cost, employer-sponsored health plans. These plans are referred to as "Cadillac Plans." The current City offered health plans are sponsored by CalPERS and none of the CalPERS plans are currently considered Cadillac Plans, nor does CalPERS intend to provide Cadillac Plans. Nonetheless, Human Resources and Finance monitor the CalPERS plans annually to make sure they are not considered Cadillac Plans. The Cadillac Plans tax will now go into effect for the tax years beginning after December 31, 2019.

2016 Parking Permit Sales

One of the busiest times of the year for Finance Department cashiers occurs during the annual parking permit renewal period. The three most popular parking permits are valid for a full calendar year from January 1 through December 31. This creates a purchase rush at the beginning of every year. The chart below shows that there is a slight increase in permits sales over last year and the sales across permit types remains steady. Nearly half of the entire year's total sales happen in these few months, with about 30 percent of all sales happening the first two weeks in January. Most customers choose to purchase permits over the counter as opposed to online. Next year, we hope to have a new software system that will encourage more online sales.

Permit Type	Sold before 12/31	%	Sold after 1/1	%	Total sold
2016 Master	204	47%	228	53%	432
2016 Annual	475	39%	741	61%	1216
2016 Balboa	25	52%	23	48%	48
2016 total	704	**41.5%**	992	**58.5%**	1696
2015 Master	143	42%	197	58%	340
2015 Annual	545	42%	746	58%	1291
2015 Balboa	19	63%	11	37%	30
2015 total	707	**42.5%**	954	**57.5%**	1661

Permit Type	Sold Online	%	Counter Sales	%	Total sold
2016 Master	126	29%	306	71%	432
2016 Annual	473	39%	743	61%	1216
2016 Balboa	15	31%	33	69%	48
2016 total	614	**36%**	1082	**64%**	1696
2015 Master	139	69%	201	31%	340
2015 Annual	532	41%	759	59%	1291
2015 Balboa	13	43%	17	57%	30
2015 total	684	**41%**	977	**59%**	1661

Newport Beach Fire Department
Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: January 22, 2016

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

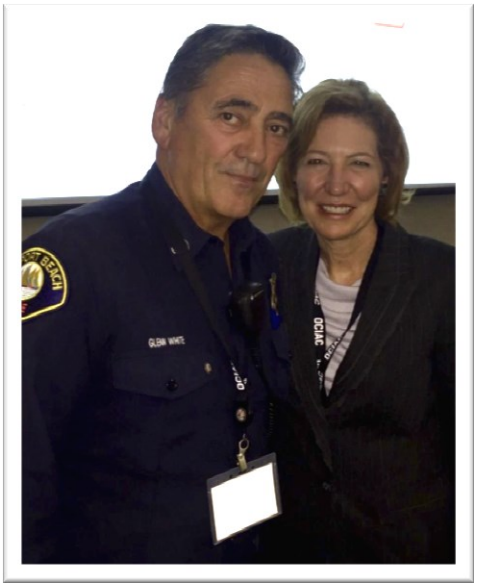
FIRE OPERATIONS

Newport Beach Firefighters Extinguish Fire in Truck

The Newport Beach Fire Department extinguished a fire in a mobile document shredding truck Tuesday, January 12, temporarily shutting down Camelback Street. The fire started in the rear compartment of the truck, which contained approximately 5,000 pounds of shredded paper. The entire contents of the truck had to be emptied in order to completely extinguish the fire. Due to the rapid response and decisive actions by the firefighters, the truck was able to be saved.

Thanks to the assistance of the Municipal Operations Department, minimal damage occurred and the roadway was cleared with normal traffic able to resume within only three hours of the incident.

Newport Beach Fire Captain Recognized



Newport Beach Fire Department Captain and Fire Investigator Glenn White, pictured with Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens, was given the "Directors Special Recognition Award" from the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center recently at their Annual Symposium attended by 300 local and federal agency representatives. The award was given to Captain White for his dedication and service to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) as the Fire Department's Terrorism Liaison Coordinator.

The Newport Beach Fire Department is one of several fire agencies that work with OCIAC to ensure the safety of the citizens of Newport Beach and the rest of Orange County. Captain White has been involved with OCAIC as a Fire investigator and Terrorism Liaison Officer for the past 10 years, including five years as the President of the Orange County Fire Arson Task Force.

MARINE OPERATIONS

Lifeguard Stats for January 1-20, 2016

PUBLIC CONTACT	446
ENFORCEMENTS	134
REUNITED PERSONS	3
MEDICAL AIDS	16
PREVENTATIVES	121
TOTAL CALLS	785
BEACH POPULATION	225,450

Junior Lifeguard of the Year

At the January 12, 2016 City Council meeting, Aaron Clarke was presented with the Junior Lifeguard of the Year award. He received a proclamation from the Mayor, a plaque from the Fire Department, and $250 scholarship check from the California Surf Lifesaving Association. Aaron was chosen as the Junior Lifeguard of the Year because he adhered to the three R's: Respectful, Responsible, and Representative. He is always respectful of himself and others and is a responsible representative for the City and the Newport Beach Lifeguards. Aaron's most prominent qualities are his dedication, eagerness to learn, and work ethic. He is enthusiastic to engage in any and all water activities.

Aaron's impact on the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Program is tangible and contagious. His presence in the program unquestionably improves the learning experience of his peers and contributes to the positive energy of the program.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: January 22, 2016

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Barbara J. Salvini, Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

4th Quarter 2015 New Hires & Promotions

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

NEW HIRES

CITY ATTORNEY

Andrew Maiorano – Deputy City Attorney

CITY MANAGER

Carol Jacobs – Assistant City Manager

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Christine Fugate – Student Aide
Alyssa Murakami – Student Aide

FINANCE

Caleb Baumann – Student Aide
Davnette Librando – Accountant
Lia Morales – Student Aide

FIRE

Kristin Thompson – EMS Division Chief

LIBRARY

Sarah Emmerson – Library Assistant PT
Jessica Jelley – Library Clerk
Terry Sanchez – Library Assistant PT
Isabel Stevens – Library Assistant PT
Thomas Trinh – Library Page

POLICE

Nicholas Lopez - Police Cadet

RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

Regina Cannon – Sr Services Van Driver
Aleya Cotton – Recreation Leader
Jena Delgado-Sette – Recreation Leader
Vanessa Goodman – Recreation Leader
Reena Khilawan – Marketing Specialist
Alfonso Perez – Facilities Maintenance Worker II
Nikole Ramirez – Recreation Leader
Raymond Ruvalcaba – Facilities Maintenance Worker II PT
Rachel Schiller – Recreation Leader
Amber Stoner – Recreation Leader
Jessica Velasco – Recreation Leader

PROMOTIONS

FIRE

Justin Carr - Fire Battalion Chief
Thomas Van Andel –Fire Captain

RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

Brason Alexander – Recreation Supervisor
Brian Cordeiro – Recreation Supervisor
Mary Craig – Office Assistant PT
Neal Hall – Senior Recreation Leader PT
Jonathon Harmon – Recreation Manager
Zack Jezulin – Senior Recreation Leader PT
Chloe Lee – Senior Recreation Leader PT
Alyson Luman – Senior Recreation Leader PT
Caitlin McCourt – Recreation Leader PT
Melissa Torres – Recreation Coordinator

PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING

On Thursday, January 21, seventeen City of Newport Beach employees attended a training entitled “Public Service: Understanding Roles and Responsibilities of Public Employees”. The three-hour workshop covered topics including local government and personnel systems, public and private sector differences, responsibilities and ethics of public employees, and the perception of government employees. Attendees received instruction on how to perform their job duties appropriately, ethically, and respectfully.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library – Cultural Arts

January 22, 2016

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Tim Hetherton, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Library Services

Credit Union Grand Opening

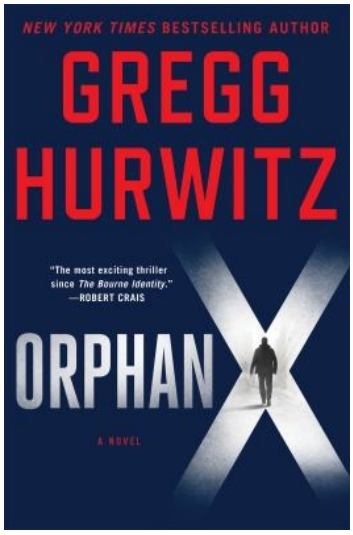
The Credit Union of Southern California held a Grand Opening celebration in front of their new branch at the Central Library last Wednesday. Representatives from the Library, City of Newport Beach, Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, and Orange County Board of Supervisors were on hand for the ribbon-cutting festivities. In addition, Dave Gunderson, CU SoCal President/CEO, and Michelle Hunter, CU SoCal Senior Vice President of Marketing and Development, presented a donation of $2500 to the NBPL Foundation. We really appreciate their support of the Library and think the Credit Union is a great addition to our services.

Witte Lecture Series

The 2016 Witte Lecture Series begins Friday, January 22 and was sold out to "Downton Abbey" fans months ago. The guest speaker, Jessica Fellowes, is the author of the companion books to "Downton Abbey" and niece of the creator of the famous TV series. It's a great way to kick off the distinguished series which has an incredible lineup of speakers to follow through the year.

Literacy Services

Newport-Mesa ProLiteracy recently launched an online Tutor Training Course developed by the California Library Literacy Services. Our program is one of 20 programs statewide selected to test this new online tutor training course. We are hoping that it will encourage more volunteer tutors due to its convenient online accessibility. Literacy Services recently held both learner and tutor orientations. Over 20 individuals seeking to become learners attended, whereas only 10 prospective tutors attended, so it is apparent, especially with a one-on-one program, that we train interested tutors quickly and easily so they can be assigned to one of the many adult learners on the program's waiting list.



In other Literacy Services news, Cherall Weiss, Literacy Coordinator, recently announced that the annual Gift of Literacy Luncheon has been set for June 3, 2016. The guest speaker will be Gregg Hurwitz, author, screen writer and comic book writer. If you haven't heard of him you will soon; the movie rights to his new book "Orphan X" were recently purchased by Bradley Cooper for a Warner Brothers production.

Cultural Arts Services

Sunflower

A bright new sunflower is blooming in Civic Center Park and it is quite a sight with petals turning in the wind. The sculpture, by artist Patricia Vader, is part of Phase II of the Sculpture in Civic Center Park Exhibition that was celebrated in September. The piece required some refurbishment which delayed installation but we are very happy to see it take its place along with the other 19 works of art.

Sunflower is a unique sculpture and fits in the park setting beautifully. It is a wind-driven kinetic metal sculpture that supports eight windmills representing the petals and heart of the flowers. The windmills are custom-made bicycle wheels with powder-coated aluminum disks and they spin in different directions (clockwise and counter-clockwise) at any given time.

The artist, Patricia Vader, states that it is her “whimsical tribute to the native North American wildflower that was first domesticated into a single headed plant by the American Indians.” She notes that “As its French name “Tournesol” conveys, the sunflower tracks the motion of the sun, in its bud stage. To keep cool it faces east once the flower opens up. This is why fields of sunflowers, with the flowers all facing in the same direction, are so spectacular.”

Joan Irving Brandt

The City Arts Commission has been busy preparing for the Centennial Celebration of Joan Irving Brandt. The art exhibit, curated by art historian Gordon McClellan, will be installed on February 16 and remain at the Central Library until March 31. The special presentation is set for Saturday, March 5.

Arts Management

Interviews for the arts program management position began this week. We are looking forward to selecting an experienced and qualified arts program professional to plan, implement and manage the City’s art-related programs and other cultural activities.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

January 22, 2016

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: George Murdoch and Mike Pisani, Directors

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

Storm Clean Up

Each year, the Field Maintenance crew installs a log boom in the Upper Bay adjacent to the Newport Aquatic Center. During storms, this device captures debris from the San Diego Creek and prevents the material from reaching the harbor. Last week, crews removed 30 tons of debris from the boom after the recent storms. Staff will continue to check on the log boom and remove debris as needed throughout the winter.

Storm Drain Staff Provides Support for Water Line Replacement Project

Storm Drain staff recently provided water pumping support to the Utilities Maintenance and Repair Division (M & R) during the water line replacement project on Newport Boulevard. In order to flush the water line, M & R staff opened strategic fire hydrants to provide sufficient water flow once contractor TE Roberts made service line connections off of the water main. The flushing of these lines occurred during high tide when the tidal valves were closed. Storm Drain staff pumped the excess water until the flushing was completed and the tide valves were opened when the high tide subsided.

Street Flooding

At construction sites, contractors are required to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) that ensure construction site run-off and debris does not enter the storm drain system on non-rainy days. These measures include covering storm drain catch basins with filter fabric that are held in place with sandbags. If these BMPs are not removed prior to a rain event then street flooding can occur. It is the responsibility of

the contractor to remove the BMP's prior to a storm. During the last rain event, street flooding was discovered by Storm Drain supervisor Tom Miller, on 16th Street due to a contractor's BMPs remaining in place. Tom immediately went into action and removed the BMPs from two catch basins to allow the water to drain off the street.

Municipal Operations Department Crews at City Council Chambers

Last weekend, the Field Maintenance crew worked on the south patio of the City Council Chambers to address poor drainage and flooding problems. A new drain was installed at the south side entry/exit door, which will minimize the puddles of water that were occurring at the door and seeping inside during heavy rainfall.

Sewer Root Foaming Complete for 2015

Dukes Root Control recently completed the annual root foaming project in the City sewer system. This project aids in the maintenance of the main lines by helping control root intrusion into the lines throughout the City. Their main focus this year was in the Corona Del Mar area. Almost 15 miles of sewer lines were treated for roots.

Emergency Sewer Repair

The Asphalt crew recently revealed a void in a sewer line when repairing a low spot in the asphalt on 45th Street. The Wastewater crew responded with a CCTV truck to examine the line to see what had caused the void. The crew discovered that the line had collapsed and was partially blocked. In order to make the repair, the Wastewater crew installed well points for dewatering due to tide levels in this area. Once the lines were installed, staff was able to replace 10 feet of the 8 inch mainline and had the excavation ready for the Asphalt crew the next day.

Job Well Done!

MOD received a letter from one of our customers:

> My name is Frank, I live in Newport Coast. On the day after Christmas, a giant tree fell off on top of my house. It was disaster everywhere and broke some of my rooftop. This giant tree was not planted by us but city. Luckily, Michael McGill (Field Maintenance) was able to jump on it and have it removed from my backyard.
>
> Thank you all for helping us to expedite the problem! I just want to acknowledge an excellent job that Michael done for us.
>
> Sincerely,
> Frank Kuo

NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay Johnson, Chief of Police

DATE: January 22, 2016

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL RUN & OUR NEWEST NBPD OFFICER

On Wednesday, January 13, members of the Orange County Sheriff's Regional Training Academy Class 218 participated in their final group run before graduation, which is designated as the Fallen Officer Memorial Run. The purpose of the Memorial Run is two-fold: to honor the memory of a fallen officer (who is selected by the class members) and to celebrate the accomplishments and growth of the students as they complete their last run together.

Newport Beach Police Recruit Gary Abrahamyan ran alongside his classmates as well as some members of our Department.

The next day, Recruit Abrahamyan graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Police Academy to become our newest police officer. Throughout the academy, Gary had the overall highest academics score. At the graduation, he was presented with the prestigious top academic recruit award.

Let me share some background information about Gary with you: Gary was born in Armenia and raised in Palm Springs. After graduating from high school, he received his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Master's degree in National Security Studies from California State University, San Bernardino.

Gary currently lives in Tustin and enjoys working out, watching movies and spending time with his family. He will be assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.

Please join me in welcoming Gary to the Newport Beach Police Department.

NOTABLE ARREST

On Monday, shortly after 1:30 a.m., an officer conducted a routine traffic stop on a silver Acura sedan near Ocean and Marguerite. The vehicle had three occupants: a male driver (later identified as Matthew Hennacy) and female passenger (later identified as Candace Hughes) in the front seats, and a male passenger (later identified as Douglass Fluor) lying down in the back seat underneath a black jacket.

Hennacy appeared very nervous, and could not produce his vehicle registration for the officer. Fluor also acted strangely and would not make eye contact with the officer. While the vehicle occupants looked for their registration, the officer observed multiple items of narcotics paraphernalia throughout the vehicle and multiple injection sights on Hennacy's arms, consistent with intravenous drug use.

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed several items of interest. Officers found heroin, numerous prescription drugs, used syringes and a narcotics pipe in various parts of the interior. They also located multiple burglary tools including bolt cutters, gloves, pry tools, wire cutters, a hammer, porcelain spark plug chips (used to quickly break car windows during vehicle burglaries) and a set of two-way radios (used to

communicate with accomplices during residential burglaries). Several items in the vehicle appeared to have been stolen: a Driver's License, multiple small electronic devices (including two iPods and six cell phones), laptops and checks.

Hughes was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Prescriptions Drugs without a Prescription and Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia. Hennacy was arrested for Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia and Misappropriation of Property. Although Fluor initially provided a false name, the officer eventually identified him and discovered that he had an outstanding no-bail warrant for narcotics charges. He was arrested for the same charges as Hennacy, plus the warrant.

Given the lateness of the hour, and the darkness and lack of traffic on these streets, it is not difficult to imagine that this arrest prevented a vehicle burglary or residential burglary in the area that night. I am proud of the keen observation skills and vigilance of our officers, who continually find—and arrest—the criminals who target our community.

Public Works Department

City Manager's Newsletter

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director

Date: January 22, 2016

$4 million Investment on Newport Blvd. and 32nd Street Set To Begin Soon

In the coming weeks, Public Works will begin the reinvestment and reconstruction of Newport Boulevard between 30th Street and Via Lido. In addition to the beautification features, the project will include new pavement, storm drains, street lights, and:

- One additional northbound through lane from 30th Street to 32nd Street;
- One additional southbound through lane from Via Lido to 32nd Street which terminates as a right-turn only lane at 32nd Street;
- New Public Parking lot at Newport Blvd and 32nd Street;
- Bike lanes on both sides of Newport Boulevard will be extended from Via Lido to 32nd Street;
- Raised landscaped medians, parkway trees;
- Replacement of traffic signals at four intersections

Newport Blvd and 32nd Street as it looks today, prior to construction. The former Bank/Blockbuster building at the corner will become a new Public Parking Lot

Lane closures will be necessary during the construction and accommodations are planned to reduce lane closures in the morning peak hours.

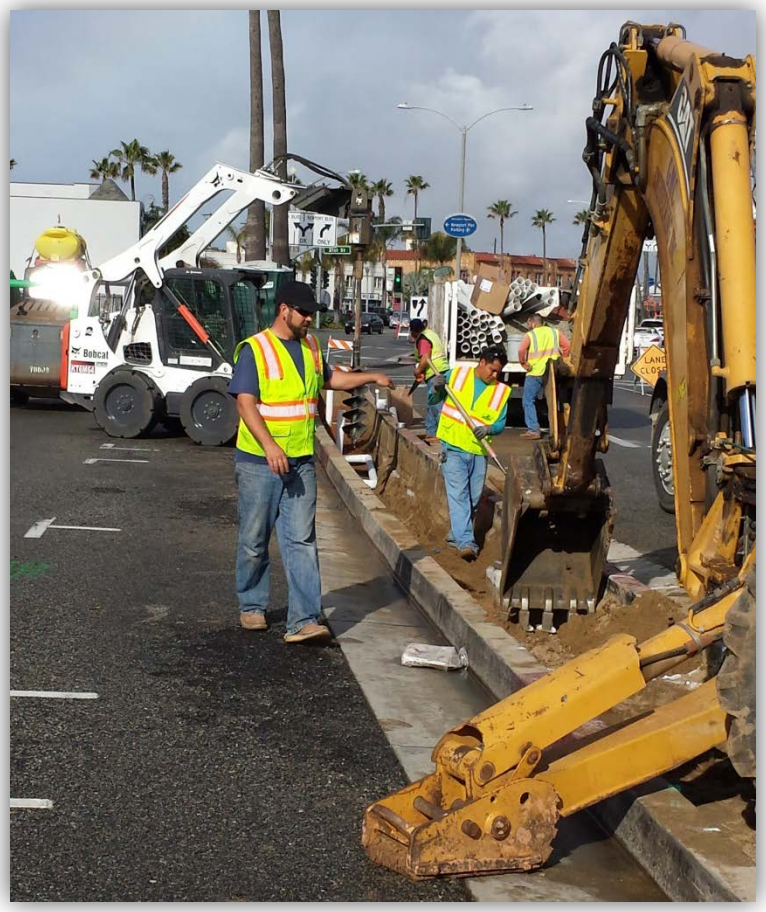
Park Avenue Bridge Replacement Project is "Out to Bid"

The replacement of the Park Avenue Bridge is out for contractor bidding. The construction contract approval is planned for February and construction is expected to start in March/April, beginning with the construction of the temporary bridge on Balboa.

Semeniuk Slough Dredging Project Milestone - Coastal Commission Application Deemed Complete

The dredging of lower Semeniuk Slough passed a major milestone recently at the Coastal Commission. Construction is planned for Fall of 2016.

Balboa Blvd and 15th St. Construction Ramping up



Construction crews are in full construction swing at Balboa and 15th Street working feverishly to reconstruct and beautify the area prior to summer. Limits include W. Balboa Boulevard between 12th and 21st Streets and 15th Street.

Capital Projects – Measuring Up with Good Results

CIP Performance Measures

FY 2015-16 1st Half Completions

14 Projects

	Goal	Actual
On Schedule		
Completed within 2 months of base schedule	85%	**93%**
Within Budget		
Includes approved contingency	90%	**100%**

The New Fernleaf and East Coast Highway Curb Ramp is Complete

PW Quik-Pix

Another barrier removed on Fernleaf and East Coast Hwy!

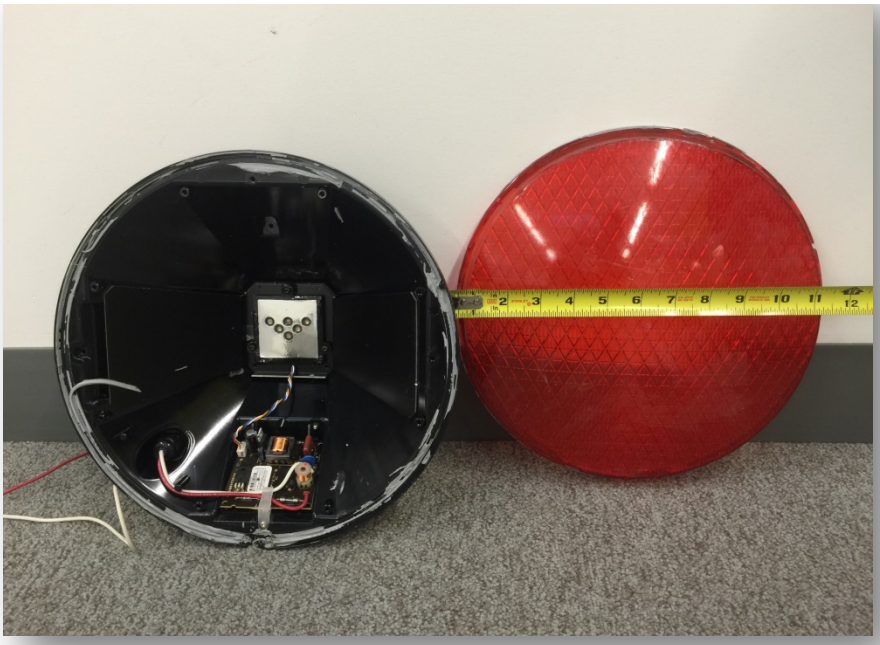
PW Quik-Pix

Traffic Engineer Bryan Loo finally retires his 1990's "work-horse" truck (complete with holes in the roof to check if it's raining).
If a signal is not working properly – it's Bryan and his horse that get out there to fix it!

PW Quik-

PW Fun Fact! – How big is a traffic signal head?

A typical traffic signal head is 12-inches wide and current models contain only 6 LED "bulbs" in each head.



RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Direc

Date: January 22, 2016

Community Days Are So NOT Last Year!

Already in this new year, numerous visitors have gone on the exciting adventure of attending Community Day. Free to the public, Community Day is a great interactive way for the Natural Resource Team to teach about protecting our environment, explain interesting facts about local wildlife, and enlightening the community about the work the City of Newport Beach and other agencies and what they are doing to preserve our environment. Visitors are ecstatic to take part in various activities such as catching plankton from the dock, using binoculars to get a glimpse of local birds, and touching marine animals such as sea anemones, sea cucumbers, and even sharks!

There are activities and learning opportunities for all ages. Come out to the Back Bay Science Center on Sundays and touch a leopard shark, explore plankton under a microscope, and watch an octopus change colors in front of your eyes!

Community Day is held every Sunday at the Back Bay Science Center located at 600 Shellmaker Road from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, please email marineeducation@newportbeachca.gov.

OASIS Speed Dating

OASIS is hosting its first ever Speed Dating Event on Wednesday, February 17 from 5:30-8 p.m. Speed dating is a fun, and lively way to meet like-minded singles one-on-one without commitment. Staff is drawing upon the experience of other Senior Centers around the country that have done this event. If you know a gentleman who would enjoy this social event please send him our way! The 15 spots for women are full but men are still needed. Participants must be 65 years of age or older. We are thrilled to share this experience with our seniors and anticipate a very exciting night.

Marina Park Classes Are Up and Running!

The first classes at Marina Park kicked off the week of January 11! The facility has been busy with lots of happy customers,visitors and participants. Some of our more popular classes incude gymnastics, Playball, Jedi Hip Hop, How to Work Your Iphone, sailing and fitness! It's not too late to register, enroll today!

Stay Fit With Lap Swimming

2015 was a year dedicated to health and wellness at the Marian Bergeson Aquatic Center (MBAC). Lap swim attendance saw an increase of nearly 20% compared to 2014. Eight participants showed their dedication to staying physically fit and reached the goal of attending at least 100 lap swim sessions throughout the year. Year 2016 can be your year to incorporate this fun and healthy trend! Lap Swim is offered at the MBAC at Corona del Mar High School and runs Monday-Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday/Sundays from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

ACE Registration Now Open

Registration opened on January 18 for the winter session of the After Class Enrichment Program (ACE) and numbers are strong right out of the gate. Classes began to fill just three days after registration opened online and numbers continue to rise across all the different school sites which include Harbor View Elementary, Mariners Elementary, Newport Coast Elementary, and Newport Elementary. ACE classes allow students to sign up for a variety of recreational activities held on campus right after school dismissal. Winter classes begin February 1.

2nd Annual Mayor's Egg Roll

The Recreation & Senior Services (RSS) Department is gearing up for the 2nd Annual Mayor's Egg Roll. This event was held for the first time last spring and brought joy to many families as hundreds of people gathered to enjoy the fun activities.

This year's Mayor's Egg Roll will be held on Saturday, March 19 on the Civic Center Green & Community Room. From 10:00 a.m. to noon, children will enjoy sack races, a bounce house, games, face painting, train rides, and most importantly, the egg races across the lawn. RSS staff will be handing out popcorn, cotton candy, and goodie bags. Spring pictures with the civic center bunny will be provided as well! This is a fun and free family event, so mark your calendars and come out to enjoy the fun!

Senior Housing Assistance Repair Program (SHARP)

The Newport Beach SHARP Program aims to help low income seniors in need of critical home repair or modifications due to accessibility needs, safety concerns, health and wellbeing, or citation received by Code Enforcement. This program is co-sponsored with Habitat for Humanity of Orange County and funded through the City of Newport Beach affordable housing fund. For more information, please contact Jen Sisoev at 949-718-1822 or Susie DiGiovanna at 949-718-1825.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Newport Beach homeowner currently living in the home that is in need of repair
- Age 60 and older
- At or below the 50th percentile of the median income of Orange County with net assets not to exceed gross household income for 18 months
- Home repair is of critical nature
- Applicant must currently live in housing that is unsafe or otherwise in poor condition
- Applicant must be unable to perform the repairs themselves
- Applicant must be unable to afford to pay a market rate contractor to complete the repairs
- Applicant must be willing to work with Habitat for Humanity of Orange County and City staff
- Applicant must be willing to provide a nominal financial contribution to the project
- Project approval is at the discretion of program staff

Tuesday Night Topics (TNT) – Hiring a Contractor; Does Yours Measure Up?

On Tuesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. at OASIS the Contractor's State License Board will present important information for anyone considering hiring a contractor. Come learn how to hire a contractor so you are not overcharged, coerced, or scammed. Learn about the scammers' tactics, latest home repair scams, and the rights you have. All ages are welcome at our TNT lectures. For more information, please contact OASIS at 949-644-3244.

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Things To Do In *Newport Beach:*

☐	1/18-1/31	Newport Beach Restaurant Week For more information, dinenb.com
☐	1/22-2/21	NTAC - "Steel Magnolias" For more information visit: www.ntaconline.com
☐	Sat. 1/23 2-4pm	Marine Protected Hike "Changing of the Tides" FREE Meets at the Little Corona Lifeguard Tower
☐	Tues. 1/26 7pm	OASIS Lecture: "Hiring a Contractor" FREE OASIS-801 Narcissus Ave, for more info call 949-644-3244
☐	Wed. 1/27 6pm	OASIS Lecture: "Maintaining Brain Health As We Age" FREE OASIS-801 Narcissus Ave, for more info call 949-644-3244
☐	Sat. 1/27 7pm	Beyond the Canvas - Auguste Rodin + Camille Claudel FREE Central Library -1000 Avocado Ave
☐	Sat. Feb 6 9am-2pm	Library Used Book Sale Central Library -1000 Avocado Ave
☐	Sat. Feb 6 1-3pm	Marine Protected Area Hike "Love on the Rocks" FREE Meets at Little Corona Lifeguard Tower
☐	Sat. Feb 6 3:30-5:30m	Buck Gully Upper Loop Evening Hike Newport Coast Cmty Cntr lot - 6401 San Joaquin Hills Rd.
☐	Mon. Feb 8 8am	Registration Opens for Youth Track Meet of Champions For more info, visit www.newportbeachca.gov/sports
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Something to Ponder

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best." -Duke Ellington