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

**TO:** Mayor Muldoon & Council Members

**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**DATE:** March 24, 2017

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



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The illustration shows a red trolley with a white roof. The front of the trolley has a sign that reads "BALBOA PENINSULA TROLLEY FREE SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS". The side of the trolley has a sign that reads "BALBOA PENINSULA TROLLEY FREE SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS". Above the windows, there is a sign that lists the stops: "BALBOA PIER", "NEWPORT PIER", "PARK AT HOAG", and "MARINA PARK". The trolley is shown from the front and side, with a background of a beach and palm trees.

Historic documents indicate that a shuttle has been recommended for the Balboa Peninsula for over 25 years. Well, with the dedication and hard work of the Balboa Village residents and business owners and funding from Orange County Transportation Authority, the City is going to make it happen this summer. Beginning on June 17th, a shuttle will operate on weekends until September 3rd, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Four shuttles, with one as backup, will loop between the Hoag Hospital Lower Parking Lot and Balboa Village with 20 stops along the way. An important part of the program's success is its look. With the support of a marketing consultant, several schemes were developed and a community survey was conducted. The respondents liked "Boardwalk Memories" which is reminiscent of the red car from the early 1900s. Look for it this summer!



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### *Lido House Hotel*



Construction continues at the former City Hall site. Framing of the second floor is well underway. The project is moving forward quickly and is on schedule to open later this year.





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### ***AERIE***

Construction of the AERIE project at the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Carnation Avenue in Corona del Mar continues with framing of the roof nearly complete. The end is almost in sight for Rick Julian of Advanced Real Estate Services, the owner and developer.



### ***Ebb Tide***

Project photos show the model units in the Ebb Tide project located at 1560 Placentia Avenue. Ebb Tide consists of single-family dwelling units with the model units opening in May.





## Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: March 24, 2017  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Chip Duncan, Acting Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: **CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

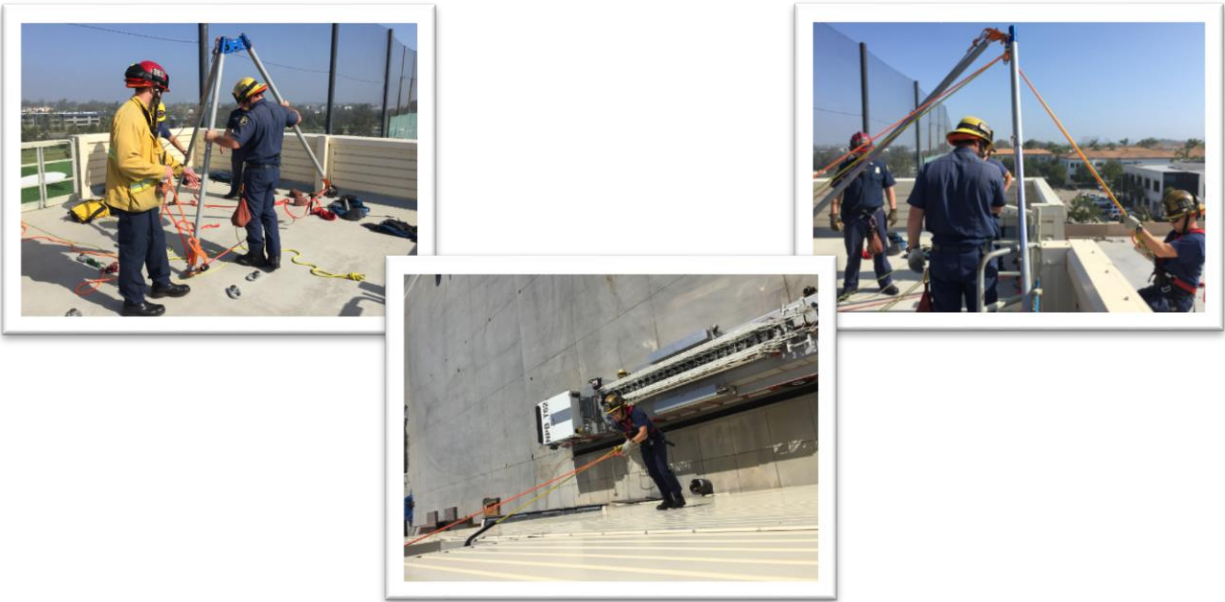


Newport Beach Firefighters participate in the First Annual public safety challenge between the Police Department, Lifeguards and Fire Department. This year's competition was a sand castle building contest. As simple as it may sound on the surface, the contest challenged our public safety personnel in ways that pleased the crowds. The sand had to be delivered to one spot after crawling under barrier tape in the sand, running over a steep sand berm, filling sacks of sand with small shovels, doing five squats while holding the sand, then running back over the sand berm, back under the barrier tape only to deliver the sand in order to begin the shaping process. Our Firefighters (pictured from left to right) Alex Radas, Peter Garcia, Erin Brown, Jeff Terzo and Adam Levins, built a fire helmet complete with an axe and a ladder. Although we didn't win the competition, we look forward to next year's challenge.

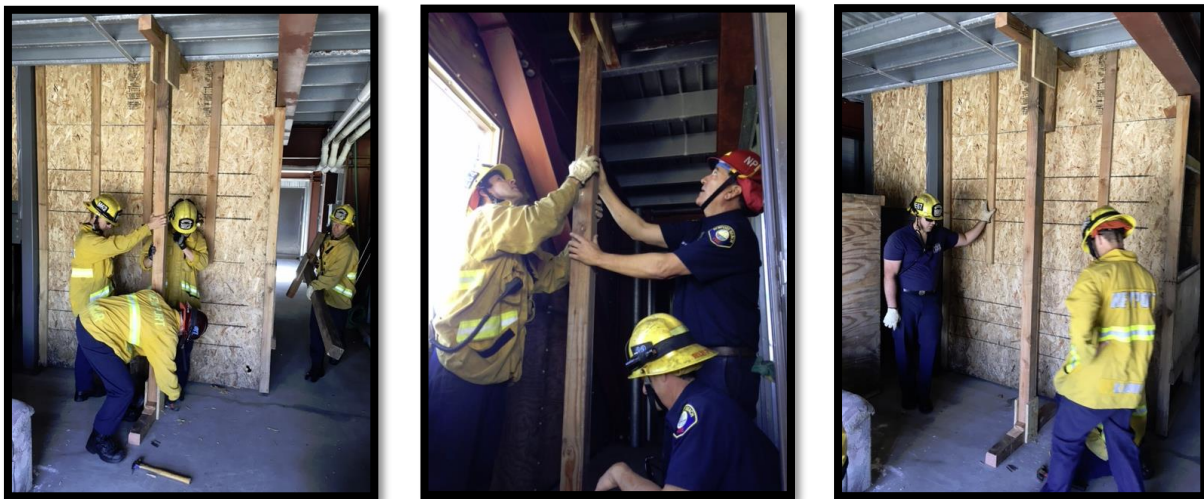


## FIRE TRAINING

NT62 and NT63 recently received Arizona Vortex training. We have used this device in the past on our USAR rig (which no longer exist) with annual confined space drills required by Cal-OSHA; however, there has never been an official class given to the crews. NT63 now has a brand new Vortex and hopefully NT62 will secure one soon. The Arizona Vortex is defined as a "portable anchor" and is used as an artificial high directional (AHD). It is very beneficial in any type of rope rescue, whether in low angle rescue in the brush down coast or in high angle rescue on top of a high rise. The truck crews are learning how to properly use the Vortex in two of its many configurations, as a tripod with an easel leg and as a sideways "A."



NT63 held our first of four shoring classes for C-Shift. The crews involved were NE62, NE64 and NM67. They were tasked to construct two different vertical "T" spot shores. These are temporary shores constructed with wood components that can be installed quickly in unstable areas. All of the wood and equipment used to construct these shores are stored on our Truck Companies. The shore collects the load at the top, delivers it into the post/struts, and then distributes it safely into the supporting structure below.



## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

### CERT Mandatory Re-certification classes

On Wednesday, March 15, the Fire Department hosted the third of seven CERT Mandatory re-certification classes from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Newport Beach Central Library Friends Room. To date, over 180 CERT volunteers attended one of the first three re-certification classes. The re-certification classes are required for all CERT volunteers who would like to stay active with the program. The next CERT mandatory re-certification class will be held on May 17.

### CERT Booth at WINN event

On Thursday, March 16 the Fire Department's CERT program participated in the WINN (Women in Newport Networking) event at the Civic Center Community Room.



*Pictured are CERT Volunteers  
Danielle Rivas and Susan Laird*

### CERT Volunteer Marilyn Broughton

It is with great sadness that we report the unexpected passing of Newport Beach CERT volunteer Marilyn Broughton this past weekend. Marilyn and her sister Evalie were affectionately known as "the twins" with CERT volunteers, City staff and the Newport Beach community (even though they were actually triplets with sister Ardith, also a CERT volunteer). Marilyn donated over 10,000 volunteer hours over the past several years assisting with the CERT program, disaster preparedness outreach and teaching American Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid classes to both the community and City employees. Marilyn was always giving back to the Newport Beach community and was dedicated to teaching others CPR and first aid so that they could help others. She will be greatly missed by her family, her extended CERT family and all personnel of the Newport Beach Fire Department.



In honor of Marilyn and all of her accomplishments, her family will be holding a Celebration of Life in her honor. All Newport Beach CERT volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend and per the request of the family to wear their CERT green vests. The information on the event is listed below:

**Marilyn Broughton Celebration of Life**

Friday, April 28 at 11:30 am  
Calvary Church  
1010 N. Tustin Avenue  
Sana Ana, CA 92705



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**Teamwork Saves A Life**



On March 9, off-duty lifeguards responded to the scene of a person down on the beach. The patient had been surfing and was found floating face down in the inner tidal zone near bystanders who brought the patient up on the beach and called 911. When on-duty lifeguards arrived, they found off-duty lifeguards Alexander Brandt and Dan Moody performing CPR on a patient. Lifeguards Brandt and Moody had been surfing nearby and responded to the incident. Newport Beach Police Officers Tony Yim and Kevin Monsoor also responded to assist with the call until crews from NE62 arrived with Captain Zaccaro, Engineer Reideler and Firefighter Levins, and NM62 with Paramedics Carter and Olivas. Due to the efforts of all involved, the patient was transported to the hospital awake and breathing on their own.

**American Heart Association CPR Training**



Newport Beach paramedics are training to be certified instructors in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The paramedics recently took classes so they can teach the American Heart Association CPR to fellow City employees.



## **MARINE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

March has brought clear skies and foggy weather to Newport Beach. Monday, March 20, was the first day of spring and the weather was clear and warm - a great way to welcome spring breakers. March is the start of Spring Break for many schools throughout the country and many people will visit our fine beaches.

### **Lifeguard Stats for March 1 – March 20**

ANIMAL CALLS	298
PUBLIC ASSISTS	1,766
BOAT CALLS	53
ENFORCEMENTS	52
MEDICAL AIDS	58
PREVENTATIVES	805
RESCUES	5
TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS	3,138
Beach Population	514,200



On Sunday, March 19, lifeguards responded to a bike fire at 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Lifeguard Jason Aigner came across the bike fire and reported it into dispatch. Apparently, the battery to the newly purchased electric bike started to spark with noticeable flames. While waiting for Newport Beach Fire units, the bike battery started to pop and send projectiles dozens of yards. Lifeguard Aigner had anyone in the area to stay away until fire units arrived. Newport fire unit put out the fire. The couple who owned the bike was safely transported back to their home on Balboa Island by lifeguards.



On Wednesday, March 22, Newport Beach Lifeguards completed their required skills testing on musculoskeletal injuries and patient assessment trauma in order to maintain their EMT licensing, as well as provide excellent service to our community.

## Junior Lifeguards

The last swim test for the 2017 program concluded on Sunday, March 19. Over the last three tests, the Junior Lifeguard staff and lifeguards worked from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., without stop, processing and passing 1,430 potential Junior Lifeguards. Several junior lifeguards passed their swim test in less than one minute.

All parents of passing junior lifeguards are encouraged to come to uniform try-on. The try-ons are at the JG Headquarters building located on the sand off A Street and Balboa Boulevard. The dates for the try-ons are March 22, 25, 27, and 28.



Registration for 2017 Returning JG Families: March 29-April 10, 2017

Registration for New Newport Families: April 13-25, 2017

Registration for all New non-Newport Beach families: April 19-25, 2017

All registration times open at 8 a.m. and close at 11 p.m.

Please visit the Newport Junior Lifeguard website for more information: [www.nbjg.net](http://www.nbjg.net)



## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: March 24, 2017

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Barbara J. Salvini, Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

### **LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES**

One-day Leadership Academies were held on Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 23 at Marina Park. Sixty (60) employees attended these Academies and completed the online DISC Styles Leadership Assessment to identify their levels of each of the four styles: Dominant, Influence, Steady and Conscientious.



This interactive workshop included several group exercises and covered the following topics:

- ❖ Communication & DISC Styles
- ❖ Components of High Performance Teams
- ❖ Secrets of Time Management





## **POWER TO TRANSFORM RELATIONSHIPS AT WORK**

Fifty-five (55) employees attended a half-day workshop entitled, "The Power to Transform Relationships at Work" on Thursday, March 16 at Marina Park. The purpose of these workshops was to help employees learn how to develop critical skills and behaviors to complement their technical expertise and improve their work life relationships. Camille Primm, a leading career and performance strategist who partners with organizations as a learning facilitator and motivational team coach from The Centre for Organizational Effectiveness, facilitated the training.

Employees were provided with a copy of the book Emotional Intelligence 2.0 by Travis Bradberry and Jean Greaves and completed an online self-appraisal to measure their level of emotional intelligence. Topics covered during the training included:

- ❖ What is Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and how you rate in this important skill set
- ❖ How to develop your EQ skills in real world settings and how to increase your interpersonal skills
- ❖ How to use EQ to build relationships, influence others and work as a team
- ❖ How to use EQ to resolve conflict with others





## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Library – Cultural Arts



March 24, 2017

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

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

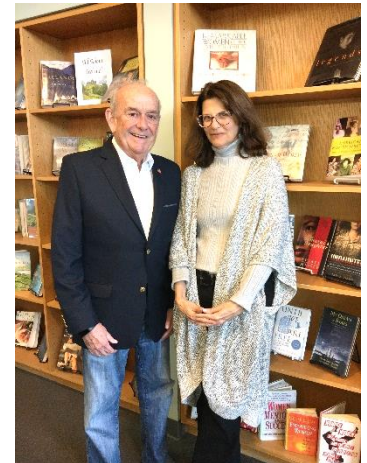
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## Library Services

### Gift of Literacy Sponsor

Literacy Coordinator Cherall Weiss just announced that C. Richard Hearn, president of StarCare Associates with ME StarCare Associates is the Platinum sponsor for the 10th annual Gift of Literacy luncheon. The luncheon raises needed funds for adult literacy in the community. This year's event will be on April 21st at the Newport Beach Radisson Hotel and features bestselling author, Lisa See. Other sponsors include - Gold Level: Ken and Carolyn Cosgrove, Silver Level: Helene Chaban and Bronze Level: Jan Oates. Many local businesses have joined in support of Newport Mesa ProLiteracy's mission by contributing items and services to the silent auction and raffle.



### Test Proctoring

Newport Beach Public Library will soon be offering a new service for test proctoring. Corona del Mar recently proctored our first test as a trial service. We are now refining the parameters of the service based on the lessons learned from that trial. We expect to have program details worked out in the next week.

### Practice Tests

Teen Services will host 35 students taking full-length Advance Placement practice tests this Saturday at the Central Library. The tests are presented for free by C2 Education of Newport Beach and will be given in five subjects: AP World History, AP US History, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, and AP Calculus AB. Results will be presented at a separate results program where representatives from C2 Education will explain test results and ways to improve. Additional practice tests for SAT and ACT are also offered during the year.

### Digital Signs

A large screen monitor with laptop will soon be added to the blue conference room near the Media Lab. Use of this room for meetings has increased significantly and this will enable web conferencing and viewing. Additionally, Admin is working with IT to implement digital signage, a new copier, printer and PC replacements in the CDM Branch.

### The Foundation's Little Artists

The NBPL Foundation's Making Memories for Children introduced a new series of "Art in the Spring" workshops for kids this March. An enthusiastic group of children, ages 7-12, participated in three Sunday sessions where an artist from Timree Art Studios used a step-by-step approach to developing art skills. Each child created their own painting on canvas to take home.





# Cultural Arts Services

## WINNers

Members of the Library Board of Trustees, NBPL foundation, Friends of the Library, Newport Mesa ProLiteracy, the City Arts Commission and the Arts Foundation hosted tables at last week's WINN (Women in Newport Networking) event to introduce community members to the library and arts programs in Newport Beach and encourage their participation as volunteers or commission members. There was a good turnout for the event. We appreciate all the support in spreading the word about our Library and Cultural Arts Services.



## Festival Ballet Theatre

The first of two outdoor dance performances sponsored by the City Arts Commission this year will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 12 p.m. when Festival Ballet Theatre sets a stage up on the patio in front of the Library entrance for a shortened version of the Don Quixote Ballet. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and their beach chairs for an action-packed hour of dance, music, history, and theatre. In the event of rain, the performance will be held in the Friends Meeting Room in the Central Library, but we are counting on the sun coming out for this unique dance event.



## New Exhibit

A new exhibit titled, "The Book, Reimagined," was installed this week on the upper level of the Central Library. The exhibit features "books as objects" created by students from winter quarter Artist Book studio at University of California, Irvine. The undergraduate art class encourages students to explore the relationship between image/text by creating handmade one-of-a-kind or edition book projects utilizing various techniques. The exhibit will be at the Central Library through April 2017, with art pieces rotating periodically.



## Newport Beach Art Exhibition

The Fine Arts Committee of the Arts Commission is busy planning for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition. The Call for Entries has been announced and submissions are being reviewed and accepted. Rack cards, banners, ads and other materials are being developed to promote the Exhibition.







## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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March 24, 2017

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

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### **Galaxy Park Parkways Re-done**

This month, Landscape Supervisor Paul Ramirez and Crew Chief Rich Trevino worked with Mariposa Landscape to give the parkways at Galaxy Park much needed upgrades. After spraying, grubbing out the grass and levelling the existing dirt, drought-resistant plantings were installed: Agave, Aloes, Salvia, Pennisetum, Aeonium, Caladringa, Cotyledon, Leonotis, and Crassula. Decomposed granite (DG) and mulch were added for a finishing touch. Also, some irrigation heads were capped to reduce water usage.



### **Log Boom Update**

The log boom installed in the Back Bay at the Newport Aquatic Center before the winter season has collected over 65 tons of trash this year. The log boom collects debris that flows down from the San Diego Creek during and after winter rain events. Removal of the log boom is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.



### **Letter of Appreciation**

The City received a letter of appreciation from a property owner who was working with his HOA and Mike Lynch, Wastewater Supervisor. Highlights of his letter are as follows:

**Dear Mr. Kiff:**

As I am sure the City gets plenty of complaints on multiple different levels, I have opted to go against the trend to take the time to highlight a very positive and encouraging experience I had recently which was spearheaded by Mr. Mike Lynch, the Wastewater Supervisor.

Though being only 36 years old, I am a long time resident of Newport Beach and am confident will always have ties to this City I love it so much. I own (with the bank!) my primary townhome near Newport Harbor High School and recently own a rental in Park Lido Townhomes near Hoag. This experience relates to the rental at Park Lido.

I received a call from my tenant right when I was boarding a plane at 8AM at LAX to go to Texas for a work trip. As my heart sank to hear that they found water coming out of the bathroom downstairs, I told them to quickly shut off the water and I immediately called a plumber who was able to make it out that AM.

After checking in periodically, Mike ultimately came to resolution of the issues, was very fair with his solution, and had the water back on for the tenants by mid-afternoon that day even if my nerves remained rattled for some days thereafter.

Once again, I am not the oldest, most experience homeowner nor landlord, but I have heard outright horror stories of working with associations, municipalities, tenants, and water issues in general. Though I have not met Mike in person, I can say without a shadow of doubt that he is a very standup, professional, and fair guy and I could not have been more blessed to have him through this very scary moment of chaos for me.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any further clarification.

A Very Grateful and Proud Resident,

  
Adam B. Connors

### **Back Bay Sewer Spill Avoided**

Last week, Facilities Supervisor Rick Scott alerted acting Wastewater Supervisor Chris Newton of a sewage spill in the area of the public restroom at 2401 Vista Del Oro. Crews responded and cleared the stoppage that was caused by roots by dragging 200 feet of hose between the houses to the nearest manhole. Due to the quick efforts by all, the spill was contained and cleaned up without anything reaching the storm drain or the Back Bay. Great job by everyone avoiding a possible Bay Closure!





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

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Jon T. Lewis, Chief of Police  
DATE: March 24, 2017  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### CONGRATULATIONS, VOLUNTEERS!

Last Thursday, we celebrated NBPD Volunteers at two events: the Volunteer Meeting and the WiNN Forum.

Thursday afternoon, I attended the Volunteer Meeting and presented two volunteers with service pins in recognition of significant milestones. Joel Gerson was honored for providing 4,000 hours of service to the Police Department and the City. Sandy Meadows, one of our original Volunteers from when the program began in 1999, was recognized for an incredible 8,000 hours of service—a new milestone for her *and* for the Volunteer Program.



Several hours later, I attended the second annual Women in Newport Networking (WiNN) Forum and watched as Michelle Steel, the Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, recognized our own Volunteer, Dotty McDonald, for her dedication to public service.

*Left to right: Michelle Steel, Dotty McDonald, Diane Dixon and I at the second annual WiNN Forum*



I am incredibly proud of the work our volunteers do on a daily basis to support the mission of the Department and to act as ambassadors in the Community. It is a pleasure to see them honored for their commitment and dedication.

## TEEN ACADEMY – APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED APRIL 1



The spring session of our Citizens' Police Academy is in full swing, but we are already gearing up for our next Academy: the Teen Academy. Each summer, dozens of teens participate in this program, which allows them to get a first-hand look at the inner workings of the Department's personnel, equipment and training. Topics include everything from teen-specific laws to the Canine Program to Narcotics. Students are also given the opportunity to engage in role-playing activities, tours and a ride along with a police officer.

The Teen Academy meets on Wednesday nights, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., from June 28 to August 9. This class is open to all teens in the City who will be enrolled in High School in the fall, and participants earn Community Service Hours Credit for school.

Applications (which can be found [here](#)) will be accepted starting April 1. More information on the Teen Academy can be obtained on our [website](#) or by calling Crime Prevention Specialist Erica Bloom at 949-644-3638.

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**

On Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., we will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at two locations: the Oasis Senior Center and Hoag Hospital's Sunset View Parking Lot. This event gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by removing potentially-dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs from their homes. Anyone with medications to dispose of can bring them to either of the designated locations for quick and easy drop-off. The service is free and anonymous; no questions asked.

**Got Drugs?**

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

*Drive through and drop off!*

**TWO LOCATIONS IN NEWPORT BEACH**

**Oasis Senior Center**  
801 Narcissus Ave., CDM  
(Main Entrance)

**Hoag Hospital,**  
Sunset View Parking Lot  
(Lower Campus, first left  
when entering from PCH)  
1 Hoag Road, NB

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



Last October, Newport Beach was one of nearly 5,200 sites throughout the country that participated in this event. Nationwide, the DEA and its partner agencies accepted 336 tons (over 731,000 pounds) of prescription drugs in October and a staggering 7.1 million pounds in all twelve Drug Take-Back events to date. These are medicines that were languishing in home cabinets, highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. The traditional methods of disposing of unused medicines—like flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—pose potential safety and health hazards, but National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is a safe and straightforward solution.

For additional information on this event, please visit the DEA's website at [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

## NOTABLE ARREST



Shortly after 5 a.m. on Tuesday, officers responded to the Peninsula in response to a call that suspicious subjects had been seen in the area. The caller reported that the men were carrying flashlights and were walking through residential areas, peering into parked cars.

An officer located a man on Channel Road, and nearby, a sergeant stopped a Ford Expedition for an equipment violation. The sergeant found that the vehicle was occupied by three other men involved in the reported suspicious activity. The pedestrian was released and allowed to go on his way, but the three men in the Ford ended up in the NBPD's jail that morning.

The driver (who was driving on a suspended license) and one of the passengers were dressed in dark clothes. They also had gloves and numerous burglary tools (including wire cutters, bolt cutters, shaved-down vehicle keys and screwdrivers) hidden within reach of where they were seated in the car. After a thorough field investigation, these two men were subsequently arrested for Possession of Burglary Tools. The remaining passenger was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

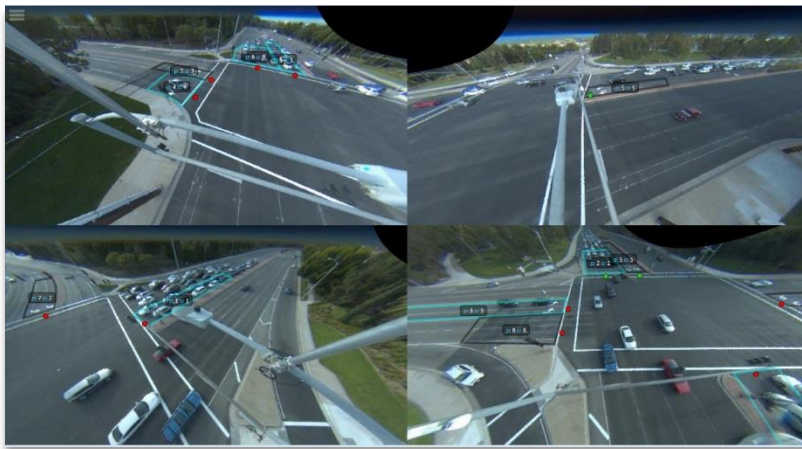
Thanks to a timely call from a resident, our officers were able to locate multiple suspects before they left the area, and (even better) before they were able to commit a vehicle burglary in our City. I applaud our Community for their partnership with the Police Department and our officers for their excellent observation and investigation skills.



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director  
Date: March 24, 2017

## **Smart Traffic Tool**

The Grid Smart Traffic Signal System is the newest tool in the City's Traffic Management Center to help keep traffic moving. It uses a single camera at an intersection to set up "zones" where vehicles can be recognized using video detection rather than traditional wired loops cut into the roadway. The zones are shown in the picture as blue boxes. The new Grid Smart



Traffic Signal System was used at the intersection of MacArthur and Bonita Canyon Drive during the repaving of MacArthur Boulevard to provide real time signal operation during critical periods of construction activity. This is the first time that Traffic Engineering staff has used the Grid Smart System. Based on the results, staff plans to expand the use of the system to other intersections in the city.

Traffic Engineering Division provides vital support for all capital improvement street construction projects. In addition to reviewing signing and striping plans and traffic control plans, Traffic Engineering monitors traffic flows and changes signal timing to address congestion during construction. During active projects, Traffic Engineering constantly views lane closures through CCTV cameras and works together with project managers and others to minimize impacts and promote safety.

## **Harbor Resources Boat Auction**

On Friday, March 10, the City auctioned about 40 SUPs, kayaks, inflatables and small watercraft. This was one of the largest sales in our auction history, bringing in nearly \$3,300. An increased number of small craft was found after this year's large winter storms. Lost vessels are held at the Harbor Patrol office for owners to claim. Boats that are not claimed are auctioned and boats that don't sell are destroyed. Auctions are typically held 2-3 times a year.



## **No Trash Newport**

The upside to winter rains includes getting a break from the drought and having green hillsides. The downside is storm water runoff carries a lot of trash into the Bay. Trash and debris can end up on our beaches, get tangled in reeds and pickleweed in Upper Bay, and pose a fouling problem for boat props. Trash and debris mats also carry bacteria, pesticides and other unwelcome pollutants. This past season, over 4,000 tons have been collected and removed from catch basins, storm drain system and waterway booms. Captured material is removed by Municipal Operations staff.

Because of this, the City has been at the forefront with implementing innovative programs to reduce trash from entering storm drains and waterways. Since 2002, improvements include catch basin inserts, storm system clarifiers and trash skimmers. Now in construction is the \$9.3 million Santa Ana-Delhi Regional trash collection facility. Our goal over the next ten years is to work with upstream partners to eliminate all trash entering the Bay.



*Log Boom at North Star*

*"...Over 4,000 tons has been collected and removed from catch basins, storm drain system and waterway booms."*

*This photo shows trash and debris captured in the North Star boom.*

## **Public Works Welcomes Kristine Estrada**

Kristine is a third year Civil Engineering student at Cal Poly Pomona. Kristine joins Public Works as its newest Technical Aide. When not studying or working, Kristine enjoys trying new coffee shops and watching basketball. She is also the aesthetics captain for the Concrete Canoe team and will be paddling at this year's regional competition. The National Concrete Canoe Competition is an annual collegiate contest of academic and athletic skill in which engineering students across the United States design, construct and race canoes built out of concrete. Kristine will be helping in the Development Services and Transportation Engineering division.

Please join us in welcoming her to the team!





## **Bug Be Gone in Big Canyon**

In January, the City's consultant biologist for Big Canyon Restoration Project discovered hundreds of willows that have been attacked by the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer, a hungry little beetle that somehow found its way to Southern California from South America approximately five years ago.

This beetle (see photo right), only an inch long, attacks hundreds of tree species including favorite native species like sycamores, oaks and cottonwoods. The adult female tunnels into a host tree (see tree trunk photo below), where it lays its eggs and grows fungi that it carries with it as its food source. The fungi cause a disease which interrupts the transport of water and nutrients in the tree. Once the beetle/fungal complex has killed the host tree, pregnant females fly in search of a new host. At this time, there is no native predator that finds this beetle appetizing and the chemical defenses of native trees are not reacting fast enough to the beetle attacks.



The total area of willows impacted within our project area is somewhat greater than an acre. As recommended, these willows have now been cut and chipped to pieces smaller than one inch. The chipped material has been stockpiled and covered with plastic and anchored with sandbags. The size of the stockpile is about 90' x 10' x 2.5'. The City will maintain the stockpile until the City's expert consultants confirm all beetles are dead. This could take three to six months. With confirmation that all beetles are dead, the stockpile would be removed and the material reused on-site as mulch.



Unfortunately, many acres of infected willows still remain downstream of our project area and cannot be cleared without permits from California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) and other regulatory agencies. Our revised restoration design, now under review by CDFW, proposes to substitute mulefat for willow. To provide an additional level of protection from the beetle for the new trees and shrubs that will be planted this Spring in the project area, the City will spray the new plants with a *compost tea* upon initial planting, followed by two additional spray applications performed on a monthly basis.

UC Riverside researchers are tracking this pest. These researchers have been notified of the infestation and a beetle and larvae taken from an infested tree have been sent to them. Additional information can be found at this website: <http://eskalenlab.ucr.edu/>

With a little perseverance, we will eradicate this critter from Big Canyon!



# RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: March 24, 2017

Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!

## RSS ATTENDS CALIFORNIA PARKS & RECREATION SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Representatives from Recreation & Senior Services (RSS) attended the annual California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) conference on February 28-March 3 in Sacramento, California. CPRS is an organization that provides education, networking, resources and is the public advocate for California park and recreation professionals. The statewide conference, held every March, provides RSS staff opportunities to improve their knowledge of park and recreation management, learn best practices, techniques, products and trends, and network with other professionals across disciplines and regional boundaries. This year's conference highlights included:

- Recreation & Senior Services Department staff attended over 50 educational sessions covering topics such as conflict resolution, public-private partnerships, strategic planning and innovative staff trainings
- Parks and recreation professionals marched to the state capitol building to share the message that "Parks Make Life Better!", the CPRS banner slogan advocating our essential community service
- Melissa Torres, Recreation Coordinator, presented "Toolbox for Effective Communication" during educational sessions
- Leslie Hardy, Recreation Supervisor, presented "Senior Health & Wellness – Preparing for the Next Generation" during educational sessions
- Anne Doughty, Department Assistant, was installed as Secretary for the Aging Section Board of Directors (state level)







## OASIS CELEBRATES ST PADDY'S DAY

On March 15, OASIS celebrated St. Patrick's in the Evelyn Hart Event Center. Tickets were \$5 and included corn beef, cabbage, green beer, and Irish tunes played by Dublin Up. There was no shortage of green and all of the guests were happy to celebrate this holiday early!



## GROOMING THE FIELDS

The Recreation & Senior Services Department recently purchased a new utility vehicle to assist with maintaining synthetic turf fields at Bonita Creek Park. The **Toro Workman GTX Utility Vehicle** will be used to assist with special events throughout the city and to sweep and groom the synthetic surface twice a week. Like a beach cleaning machine, the "sweeper" attachment helps pick up trash and debris, like the needles from the surrounding pines. The "groomer" redistributes and levels the rubber infill system, which in turn helps to straighten each blade of synthetic grass upright. This process makes for a superior playing surface each and every week and extends the life of the rug.





## MENTORING ACADEMY CONTINUES...

On March 9, the Department's Training Task Force Committee held the second class of four in the Mentoring Academy. The goal of the academy is to help prepare part-time staff to move up in their career in Recreation and Senior Services. This class, Speed Mentoring, was an opportunity for the part-time staff to have some one-on-one time with Supervisors and Managers in the department. The part-time staff was encouraged to come prepared with questions as they were given four minutes to meet with each mentor. Feedback from both part-time staff and mentors was very positive and everyone wished they could have had more time with each person. Not all of the staff gets to interact regularly and they enjoyed getting this one-on-one face time.



## RECREATION CONTRACT INSTRUCTORS CONTINUE TO FLOURISH

Our Recreation & Senior Services programs continue to be in high demand, thanks largely to the talented group of contract instructors serving the community alongside our internal team. Council Policy F-14 specifies written notice to City Council when instructor fees exceed \$120,000. Instructors are paid a contracted percentage of the revenues generated and the programming success has led to four instructors exceeding this threshold prior to their contract end date of 12/31/16:

Vendor Name	Contract Start Date	Fees to 12/31/2016
BADUM CATHERINE/CS DANCE FACTORY	01/01/2015	\$140,576
BENVENISTE BRENDA	01/01/2015	\$190,484
HANGTIME SPORTS	01/01/2015	\$149,601
SPORTS CAMP MGMT / BEACHSPORTS	01/01/2015	\$164,025

Kudos to all our great instructors!



# THINGS TO DO IN Newport Beach

RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun. 3/26 3pm	<i>Sunday Musicales - Trio Accento</i> Free Central Library - 1000 Avocado Ave, Newport Beach
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. 3/31 4pm	<i>Youth Track Meet of Champions</i> - in memory of Frank E. Anderson CdM High School, for more info visit <a href="http://www.newportbeachca.gov/sports">www.newportbeachca.gov/sports</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar. 31- April 30	<i>NTAC presents "How the Other Half Loves"</i> For more information and tickets visit. <a href="http://www.ntaconline.com">www.ntaconline.com</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. 4/7 6:30pm	<i>Movie in the Park "Finding Dory"</i> Free Marina Park - 1600 W. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 4/8 9am	<i>Mayor's Egg Roll</i> Free Civic Center Green - 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach