

# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Muldoon & Council Members

**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

DATE: November 9, 2017

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



To: From: Re: Date: City Manager Dave Kiff City Clerk Leilani Brown Monthly Newsletter November 9, 2017

# Did you participate in the Wise-Ways Challenge?



What was the Wise-Way's Challenge?

- It was a competition for **ONLY** City of Newport Beach Employees, which was tracked through a free APP (My Open Road). It lasted two weeks from October 2 to October 13.
- It tracked transportation via Cars, Bikes, Walking/Running, Bus Rides, Rail Trips, Electric Cars and of course Carpools.

Why did we do this?

- Did you know that we have to provide a report to the AQMD each year and, out of the almost 700 employees, only about 60 employees use alternative means of travel? That's only 8%!
- We wanted to find a fun way to get the rest of the 92% of the employees to help take carbon emissions off the road and maybe explore alternative means of travel... in a fun way!
- As a City, we need to show AQMD that we are actively helping to reduce emissions. If we all join in on the challenges, than we are showing that the City of Newport Beach is doing our part!

We are looking into hosting another challenge in a couple of months. Hope you will join us then!





# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

То:	Dave Kiff, City Manager
From:	Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Director
Subject:	City Manager's Newsletter
Date:	November 9, 2017

#### New Deputy Community Development Director for Planning



Please join me in congratulating Jim Campbell as the City's newest Deputy Director of Community Development for the Planning Division. Jim went to school at University of California, Santa Barbara and has a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies. Jim started with the City as a Senior Planner in January 2000 after working for the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Carson. His primary role for the City was to review new development projects and present them to the Planning Commission and City Council. He was the recipient of the Dorothy Palen Award in 2004. Jim was promoted to Principal Planner in 2009, and has been leading a team of planners with larger projects and various other planning programs. As Deputy Director, he will be leading the entire team of planners with both large and small projects. He will be the staff liaison to the

Planning Commission and he will be managing the upcoming

General Plan Update (more night meetings, sorry). We are excited for Jim and looking forward to his many future accomplishments (no pressure Jim). On a personal note, Jim enjoys mountain biking , volunteering with Little People of America, beer making and barbeque.

#### Administrative Support Specialists on the Move!

#### Jennifer Biddle

On November 13, 2017, Jennifer Biddle will be leaving the Community Development Department to start a new chapter in City Manager's office. Jennifer will be replacing Jenny Sudo as the Administrative Support Specialist to the Assistant City Manager, Carol Jacobs. For the past three years, CDD has benefited tremendously from Jennifer's positive attitude and hard work that she has brought to the job every day. As we are sad to see Jennifer go upstairs, we know she will be a wonderful asset to Carol.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### **Brittany Ramirez**

The Community Development Department would like to welcome a familiar face back to the CDD Admin Team. After two years of providing administrative support to the Public Works Department, Brittany Ramirez has decided to come back downstairs to replace Jennifer Biddle's position. Starting Monday, November 13, 2017, Brittany will assume all of Jennifer's responsibilities as the Administrative Support Specialist. We look forward to working with Brittany again and value all of the experience she brings to the team.



Congratulations to Jennifer and Brittany!

#### Newport Harbor Yacht Club

The Newport Harbor Yacht Club project is well underway with foundation in place and framing



commenced. The Newport Harbor Yacht Club is still open for business during their construction of a new 23,000 square-foot yacht club. They are utilizing trailers on-site for administration and cooking. Dining is aboard the Horn Blower Cruiser, which is docked in the bay.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### New Contract Building Inspector

We have a new part-time contract Building Inspector, David Reed. David is a certified ICC Residential Building Inspector. He also works part-time at the City of Westminster. On weekends, during the winter months, David is a volunteer certified (nine disciplines) ski patrol for Bear Mountain and Snow Summit. Stop by and say hello to David.



#### **CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER Finance Department



Date:	November 9, 2017
To:	Dave Kiff, City Manager
From:	Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director
Subject:	City Manager's Newsletter

### Treasury Report Update



As of September, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$237 million, from all sources. Roughly \$34 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 short-term portfolio (\$174 million) has a weighted average effective maturity of 1.83 years. As interest rates are on the rise, the total return for the short-term portfolio

is suppressed by unrealized losses from the declining market value of bonds (bond values move inversely to the direction of interest rates). Including these unrealized losses, the trailing twelve months total return was 0.68%. This return compares favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index which returned 0.24%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio is 1.58%.

The September 2017 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.

# California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission Webinar

Accounting staff recently participated in a webinar hosted by California Debt And Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) outlining the steps to submitting the Annual Debt Transparency Report (ADTR) required by Senate Bill No. 1029.

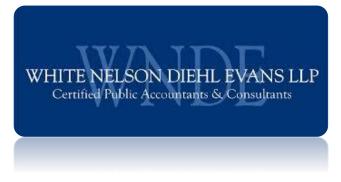
Senate Bill No. 1029, which became effective on January 1, 2017, amends California Government Code Section 8855 related to local government debt management. Among other things, SB 1029 expands the information that a municipal debt issuer is required to provide to CDIAC in order to increase debt issuance transparency for the public.



Under SB 1029, an ADTR must be submitted for a debt issuance for which a Report of Final Sale was submitted to CDIAC after January 21, 2017. The ADTR reporting needs to be submitted by January 31 each year, until that debt issuance is no longer outstanding and proceeds have been fully spent.

At this time, the City does not need to submit an ADTR since we have not issued debt after January 21, 2017.

# Auditors



This week our auditors, White Nelson Diehl Evans, LLC began their final phase of their test work on the Financial and Single Audit for the Fiscal Year 2017.

You may have seen them working in the Mariners conference room or asking questions.

Please assist them if they visit you with any

questions. Test work is expected to conclude by the end of next week, but may be extended if needed.

# **Newport Beach Fire Department**

Safety, Service & Professionalism

DATE: November 9, 2017

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Chip Duncan, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



### **FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

#### TRAINING

During the month of October, our Fire Captains received training on the Firefighter Bill of Rights. Our Human Resources Department in conjunction with the Law Offices of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore offered the training.

In recent weeks, the entire fire department has been going through City Operations training provided by our Assistant City Manager Carol Jacobs. The training focuses on educating floor personnel about how the City operates. Topics ranged from an organizational chart and budgeting to department responsibilities and workflow. We are thankful to Carol for providing valuable insight on how our City functions.

#### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

#### Fall 2017 CERT programs and CERT "Drill the Skills"

The fire department recently completed both Fall 2017 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs: a Tuesday and Thursday evening program and an all-day Saturday program. Both CERT programs culminated with a CERT "Drill the Skills"/graduation ceremony that was held on Saturday, November 4. Over 60 CERT volunteers and 38 new CERT volunteers officially graduated from both fall CERT programs and attended the "Drill the Skills" event. The CERT training program is a comprehensive 24-hour certification program that teaches Newport Beach residents how they can be better prepared for any unexpected emergency. The next round of CERT programs will begin in 2018 with a Thursday all-day class that starts on February 8 and an all-day Saturday program that begins on March 3. All CERT program information is available on-line at www.nbcert.org, through email at nbcert@nbfd.net or by calling (949) 644-3112.





### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) DIVISION**

The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Orange County hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes with Heart Awards Gala and Silent Auction. This year, the event took place on November 1 at the Anaheim Hilton. The TIP of Orange County presents Heroes with Heart awards annually and has given the Founder's Award five times in 22 years. This year, TIP of Orange County awarded two Founder's Awards, and this year, our very own Kristin Thompson, EMS Division Chief of the Newport Beach Fire Department, was the recipient of one, for bringing the program to Newport Beach. Fire Chief Duncan, Assistant Chief Boyles, Assistant Chief Williams, Administrative Manager Angela Crespi and Assistant City Manager Carol Jacobs attended the event in support of Kristin and the prestigious award.



#### **OCTOBER STATS**



Total Dispatches of All Types	1,003
Medical Aid Dispatches	750 = 75% of 1,003
Total Medic Transports to Hospital	515

#### **RECALLS OF KIDDE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Check your fire extinguisher - it may be on recall. On November 1, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a recall on more than 37 million fire extinguishers made in the past 44 years because the devices may fail to discharge and their nozzles may detach. There are two types of Kidde fire extinguishers affected by this recall:

**1.** Plastic handle fire extinguishers

2. Push button fire extinguishers.







Consumers who contact Kidde can

request a free

placement fire extinguisher by contacting Kidde toll free at 855-271-0773 or online at <u>www.kidde.com</u> and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

Animal Calls	254
Public Assists	2,499
Boat Calls	87
Code Enforcement	560
First Aid/Medical Calls	194
Preventatives	2,999
Rescues	106
Total Calls	6,699
Beach Population	934,000

Lifeguard Statistics for October 2017

### **MARINE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

#### Notable Events

Chief Lifeguard Rob Williams and Lifeguard Battalion Chief Mike Halphide traveled to Vancouver, Canada to attend the World Conference on Drowning Prevention. Battalion Chief Mike Halphide presented Newport Beach statistics and operational information regarding drowning prevention and rescues along the City's coastline.





On October 19, the Newport Beach Lifeguards hosted a visit from a Leadership Tomorrow group. During their visit, Lifeguard Battalion Chief Brent Jacobsen conducted a tour through the Benjamin M. Carlson Lifeguard Headquarters building and spoke about the role Newport Beach Lifeguards play in supporting the community as well as protecting and managing the City's beaches.





On November 1, the City of Newport Beach hosted the semi-annual meeting of the OC Drowning Prevention Task Force. The primary goal of the task force is to educate on and prevent the numerous avoidable drownings that occur in the United States and throughout the world each year. The Task Force is chaired by Chief Lifeguard Rob Williams.

On November 3, the Newport Beach Lifeguards hosted a group of high school students learning about careers in the marine environment. Battalion Chief Brent Jacobsen and Seasonal Lifeguard Jake Philpot gave the students a tour and covered topics such as the role lifeguards play in the community, and an overview of some of the key elements of beach safety.







### HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

#### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: November 9, 2017

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Barbara J. Salvini, Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

### HR Specialist Kateryna Glenn Joins the Human Resources Department Full-Time

We are very excited to welcome Kateryna to the HR Department, filling the position of full-time HR Specialist. Kateryna has been working in HR on an interim basis for the last few months so she may be a familiar face around City Hall.

Kateryna was born in Crimea, Ukraine and raised in Vancouver, Canada. She moved to the U.S. in 2016. Prior to working for the City, Kateryna worked in the restaurant industry while studying Human Resources Management. She plans to advance her degree while continuing to grow as a Human Resources professional here with the City.

While not working, Kateryna loves to hike with her husband, Colin. They recently adopted an orange tabby named Chachi who brings lots of shenanigans and joy to their home.

Please join us in welcoming Kateryna to the City.





### VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 11 HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. On June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day in order to honor veterans of all American wars. Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans and honors those who have died fighting as well as those who survived. Veterans Day acknowledges all those who have served in the military.

On Saturday, November 11, we acknowledge all those who served in the military, in wartime or peacetime, and honor the heroes who sacrificed their lives for the United States of America.

With Respect, Honor, and Gratitude... Thank You Veterans



**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION** 

City Manager's Newsletter

То:	Dave Kiff, City Manager
From:	Micheal Wojciechowski – IT Operations Supervisor
Date:	November 9, 2017

# **Increased Speed and Redundancy**

The Information Technology Division (IT) of the City is always looking for ways to increase network speeds and build redundancy into the City's Wide Area Network (WAN). The City has several facilities in Corona del Mar that have always had difficulty getting fast and reliable connectivity to City Hall at a reasonable cost. New rates negotiated by the State of California with AT&T now allows the City the opportunity to provide faster service at four (4) locations; the Community Youth Center(CYC), OASIS Senior Center, Corona del Mar Branch Library and Fire Station #5.

The new rates allow the City to take advantage of some newer technologies that AT&T has in place in regards to their fiber optic infrastructure. The goal of the project was to bring a new fiber connection into CYC and connect to the OASIS Senior Center, CdM Library and Fire Station #5 using point-to-point wireless technology. The IT Division ran into a couple of challenges with the solution that delayed the project.

When AT&T tried to bring the fiber optic cable into CYC we encountered our first difficulty; they discovered that the conduit going into CYC was completely blocked by tree roots and dirt. The second challenge was that the trees surrounding CYC are too tall to allow us to put an antenna on the roof to connect to the OASIS Senior Center.



Before - Old copper cable sticking out of the ground and the hand hole where the conduit should be, is completely covered.



After - Tree roots have been cut and dirt was cleared out to reveal the hand hole so AT&T could bring fiber into the building.



The Antenna had to be mounted low on the building to go below the trees in order to connect to OASIS Senior Center.

The results of the faster connection were better than expected. The old connection was a 3Mbps copper connection, and the new one is a 100Mbps fiber connection. To put this in perspective, with the old connection, it would take two minutes to open a 40MB file at CYC and now it takes 3.5 seconds. The new speed will improve staff efficiency and provide better service to the public.

#### Get to Know your IT Staff



Name: Ryan Stadlman

<u>Favorite Hobby:</u> Hiking and exploring nature. My family and I recently took a trip to Mammoth to do some hiking and off-roading. The scenery, as always, was incredible. My all-time favorite hiking experience was hiking The Narrows in Zion National Park with my wife about seven years ago.

Favorite High School Song: Black Metallic by Catherine Wheel

Family/Friend Highlights: I met my wife Kristy while she was working

here at the City. She worked as a part-time office assistant in Recreation before finishing school and becoming a teacher. We have been married for almost 10 years and have a beautiful six year old daughter, Addie.

How long have you worked for the City? 19 years

<u>What did you do before that?</u> I started working for the City right out of college. Before that, I worked at UPS unloading trucks and sorting packages and during high school worked at In-N-Out, "Would you like fries with that?".

Current Role: Sr. GIS Analyst

What you like about working here: I enjoy the diversity of the data and challenges I get to work on as my job touches all departments and issues around the City. Whether it's coming up with solutions to help the staff out in the field collect and maintain data using mobile devices or taking data that's been stored in a spreadsheet and bringing it to life on a map, I am always being pushed to come up with new approaches to things. I also work with a great group of coworkers in IT who are very supportive of each other.

<u>Interesting Fact about you:</u> The only year I had season tickets to the Angels was in 2002, the year they won the World Series. I was fortunate enough to go to every playoff and World Series game. Might be time to get season tickets again.







# LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Library – Cultural Arts

November 9, 2017

To: Dave Kiff, City ManagerFrom: Tim Hetherton, Library Services DirectorSubject: City Manager's Newsletter

# Library Services



#### OC Weekly Names NBPL "Best Library"

Already recognized for providing the "Best Library Story Hour" by OC Parenting Magazine, NBPL received another accolade as OC Weekly named us "Best Library" in their Best of 2017 issue. The article called the Central Library an "architectural marvel" and mentioned that we have "the best lecture series," a café, free Wi-Fi and lots of books and readers!

#### Trick or Treat at the Library

Super heroes, princesses, pirates and pumpkins filled the libraries last week for Halloween stories, crafts and treats. It was a busy week at all our locations. A Halloween Extravaganza with trick or treating at the Central Library ended the festivities.

#### The Sword Meeting Room

The Chares Sword Room is officially open for small group meetings. The room, which is upstairs in the Central Library, has a spectacular view of the ocean. Recently refurbished with a gift from the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation, groups of 6-10 can reserve the room for book discussions, presentations, committee meetings or study groups. The meeting room can be reserved for a maximum of four hours, up to four weeks in advance. There is no charge to reserve the room but customers must have a valid Newport Beach Public Library (NBPL) library card on file before using the room. Complete details and room policies are available on the website



www.newportbeachlibrary.org under Services/Study/Meeting Rooms.

#### **California Library Association Conference**

Several staff members attended the CLA annual conference in Riverside last Friday. They participated in a variety of workshops and programs depending on their area of expertise and interest. Librarian Liz Aaron noted that she attended the Keynote address by writer Lindy West who emphasized the library's role as keeper of truth and information. Liz said she "came away with a renewed sense of purpose in helping patrons find accurate information." Sessions on adult programming, grant writing, Google Suite, digital collections and other topics offered staff an opportunity to acquire new knowledge and share ideas for improving resources and service for the community.

# **Cultural Arts Services**

#### **Sculptures in Civic Center**

The City Arts Commission held a Grand Opening event for Phase III of the Sculpture in Civic Center Park Exhibition on Saturday, October 28. The Newport Beach Arts Foundation hosted a luncheon honoring the artists. UCI Professor Joe Lewis made a presentation of the exhibited pieces. Volunteers from Chuck Jones Center for Creativity hosted arts activities for children and a string quartet from Pacific Youth Orchestra played music for all to enjoy. Janis Dinwiddie and Dinwiddie Events did an excellent job coordinating the event. The City Arts Commission expresses its gratitude to City Council for their support of the project, and Arts OC, who managed the project.

#### Popsicles

The sculpture "Popsicles" was installed last week. This was a favorite among voters in the survey conducted by OC Arts before the final selection of art. The whimsical sculpture stacks three giant colorful popsicles in a pop art creation with a "feel good" attitude that fulfills the artist's goal, "to warm the creative soul and bring happiness to the heart." The steel, wood and stucco sculpture is covered in colorful epoxy that appears to be melting as it hits the warm concrete base.

A brochure describing the new sculptures and showing their locations is now available at the Central Library, City Hall and in the card racks in the Civic Center Park. The City's mobile app also has a walking tour of the Sculpture Exhibition.

#### **Chip Fesko Art Exhibit**

A new art exhibit by Chip Fesko called *Abstract Pixel Geometrics Patterns in Watercolors* was just installed at the Central Library. It will be on display November 6, 2017 through January 5, 2018. The exhibit will include fourteen watercolors created using up to 10,000 quarter-inch squares per painting, all bursting with pixel like squares of color. According to Fesko, "Each painting takes weeks and sometimes months to finish." The series on exhibit took five years to complete.

Inspiration for Fesko's artwork comes from many different directions. Awarded second place in the Watercolor Category at the 2017 Newport Beach Art Exhibition, Fesko's "The Power of Gold," was inspired by the accomplishments of Olympic athletes from the Summer

Olympics. Another work on display, "Tibetan Prayer Flags," is an abstract depiction of flags flying in the wind, representing the five elements: blue for sky, white for air, red for fire, green for water, and yellow, symbolizing the earth.









# MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

November 9, 2017

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

#### Park Maintenance Division Retirements – Announced



At the November 7 meeting, the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission honored three Park Maintenance Division team members who are retiring in December. Between them, they have over 100 years of experience and knowledge in the City's Parks Division. Congratulations to all – you will be sorely missed!

- **Paul Ramirez, Park Maintenance Supervisor**: His career started with the City in 1987 as a Groundsworker II, was promoted a year later to Crew Chief, and was promoted to Supervisor in 2010. He has a Certified Arborist License, Qualified Applicator License, and has taken several formal and informal courses in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Pesticide Application, Turfgrass Management and Irrigation. He has been in charge of the City donations process, providing assistance in Special Events, irrigation of parks and parkways, pesticides applications, development projects, hazard mitigation (weed abatement), NPDES, and 1/3 of the parks and facilities contracts and parks renovations. He is also a member of the YSC (Youth Sports Commission). He has shaped the look and direction of the Parks Division for over 36 years.

- Kim Pederson, Park Maintenance Crew Chief: His career with the City began in 1988 as a Groundsworker I, was promoted to Groundsworker II in 1990, and then to Crew Chief in 2008. During his career, he has taken formal and informal courses in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Pesticide Application, Turfgrass Management, Soil Science and Irrigation. He has a Qualified Applicator License. Kim has been in charge of all contracted areas of the Parks and Facilities, including the native habitats of Back Bay View Park, Castaways Park, Upper/Lower Buck Gulley, and Morning Canyon. One of the interesting things about Kim is that he has been a member of the City of Costa Mesa Parks Commission since 2007, and is currently the Chair. He also served on their Park and Recreation Master Plan Committee, their Urban Forestry Committee, and the Costa Mesa and Newport Mesa Unified School District Joint Youth Agreement Committee.
- Marty Colver, Groundsworker II: His career with the City started in 1981 as Groundsworker I, and promoted to Groundsworker II in 1985. During his career, Marty has taken formal and informal courses in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Pesticide Application, Turfgrass Management, Soil Science and Irrigation. He is an avid horticulturist with his own Palm, Cycad, Cactus and Succulent garden at his home in Costa Mesa. He has shaped many of the parks on the Peninsula, Mariners, and Corona del Mar areas with many innovative ideas on planting drought tolerant plant material, including Cycads, Palms, Cactus and Succulents.

#### New Tide Valve Protection Poles

The tide valve along Grand Canal on Little Balboa Island is located underground, and is accessed by MOD staff to close the tide valve in advance of high tide events. It is important that this is done in a timely manner, and poles surrounding it keep cars from parking over the access entry.

Recently, the protection poles were hit and knocked over by an unknown vehicle. Storm Drain Crew members replaced the poles, and instead of core drilling the poles back in place, they bolted them in place for ease of replacement in case they are hit again. Reflective tape was added to the tops of the poles to make them more visible at night. Safety chain was also added around the poles to finish the job.





# NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jon T. Lewis, Chief of Police

DATE: November 9, 2017

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

# ARREST MADE IN COLD CASE HOMICIDE

Last Thursday, District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and I held a joint press conference to announce the arrest of John Van Uden III for the 1994 murder of his mother. The text of our joint press release appears below.

I would like to thank every NBPD staff member who has contributed to this investigation over the last 23



years. We never gave up bringing Marjorie's killer to justice.

### PRESS RELEASE

### DANA POINT MAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOR 1994 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MURDER OF HIS MOTHER FOR FINANCIAL GAIN

SANTA ANA, Calif. – Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD) officers arrested a man today on a warrant for the 1994 murder of his mother. He was taken into custody without incident as he got off of his boat and was booked at the NBPD Jail without bail. John Henry Van Uden III, 70, Dana Point, was charged on Oct. 26, 2017, with one felony count of murder with a special circumstances enhancement for financial gain. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. in Department CJ-1, Central Jail, Santa Ana.

On March 3, 1994, Van Uden III is accused of murdering 76-year-old Frances Marjorie Van Uden ("Marjorie"), a mother of three who enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, by

striking her on her head with a blunt object. On Saturday, March 5, 1994, officers from the NBPD responded to Ms. Van Uden's home in the 1200 block of Keel Drive. Concerned neighbors reported they had not seen the victim in two days. The officers entered the home to conduct a welfare check and found the victim, deceased, in her living room. There was significant trauma to the back of her skull.



Investigators immediately began a homicide investigation. The Orange County Coroner's Office confirmed that Ms. Van Uden was killed on March 3, 1994, two days before her body was found. Throughout the course of the initial investigation, the victim's son, Van Uden III, was identified as a possible suspect. Over the course of the next 23 years, the NBPD Detective Division continued to conduct interviews, follow leads, and collect evidence in this case. The case file was reviewed, developed, and expanded by a number of detectives over the years whenever there was a chance to dedicate staff time to this cold case homicide investigation.

In 2016, the Newport Beach City Council approved contracts to hire two part-time cold case homicide investigators. Two retired homicide detectives were assigned to the Newport Beach Police Department Crimes Against Persons Unit to assist in investigating the NBPD's cold case homicides with no other case load. Over the next year, they continued to build on the strong foundation of evidence against Van Uden III.

In late October 2017, the Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA) filed a special circumstances murder charge and an arrest warrant for Van Uden III for the murder of his mother.

This is an open and ongoing investigation and no additional details are available at this time. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the NBPD Tip Line at 1-800-550-NBPD. They may also contact Supervising Investigator Kory Degraffenreid of the Homicide Unit at 714-347-8492. NBPD and OCDA remain committed to victims of cold case homicides and their families.

NBPD Chief Jon Lewis addressed the members of Ms. Van Uden's family: "Last week would have marked Marjorie's 100th birthday. But we at the Newport Beach Police Department, along with you, have never forgotten what happened in March 1994."

"Through decades of old school detective work, this morning we are delivering justice to a son who is charged with ending the life of the very person who gave him life," stated District Attorney Tony Rackauckas. "We will never forget, give up, or move on from investigations into the cold case homicides of Orange County."

# TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM GALA

Last Wednesday, the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) held their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes with Heart Awards Dinner. The Awards Dinner is a memorable event, and is attended by hundreds of public safety officials, elected officials, police and fire chiefs, hospital

personnel and community members.

Two employees from the City of Newport Beach were recognized at this gala: EMS Division Chief Kristin Thompson and Officer Kevin Monsoor.

Out of over 300 nominees, NBPD's own Officer Kevin Monsoor was selected as one of the 20 recipients of a 2017 Heroes with Heart award.



Officer Monsoor and EMS Division Chief Thompson (fourth and sixth from right), staff from the City, the Police and Fire Departments and TIP members

TIP gives this award to emergency responders and hospital personnel who have demonstrated extraordinary compassion to someone in the midst of a crisis. The nomination for Officer Monsoor came from a TIP volunteer, who commended Officer Monsoor for his empathy and his compassionate demeanor with a distraught man whose grandmother had just passed away.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Monsoor on his well-deserved award.



# CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Last Thursday, over 90 residents joined us for a Neighborhood Watch Meeting the Civic in Center's Community Room. After covering crime prevention techniques in the Area Commanders general, discussed crime trends in their specific areas of the City. Guest speaker Chris Kidd of Netgear also

gave a presentation on interactive security cameras. And, of course, everyone was encouraged to call us at 949-644-3717 to report any suspicious activity.

Upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings include:

- Newport Coast Residents: Thursday, December 7, 2017, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Newport Coast Clubhouse (6700 Ridge Park Rd, Newport Coast, 92657)
- Santa Ana Heights Residents: Thursday, December 14, 2017, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Fire Station 7 (20401 SW Acacia Street, Newport Beach, 92660)

I want to thank our residents for attending these meetings. Responsive and engaged community members are our best partners in addressing crime in Newport Beach.

# **SPECIAL DELIVERY!**

Last Thursday, while some of our staff were at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting, others were back at the police station welcoming a group of boys and dads from the Newport-Mesa YMCA. The group did not come empty-handed: they brought smiles, excellent questions... and lots and lots of pizza.

We are so grateful for their visit, and for opportunities like these to connect with our Community.



# SHERMAN BLOCK LEADERSHIP SUPERVISORY INSTITUTE GRADUATION

I am proud to announce that Sergeant Bryan Moore graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SLI) on Wednesday. SLI is a program designed to



From left to right: Deputy Chief Brouwer, Sergeant Moore and Chief Lewis

stimulate personal growth, leadership and ethical decision-making in California law enforcement front-line supervisors. Designed and implemented in 1988 through the efforts of California law enforcement professionals, along with top educators and trainers, SLI is an intense program based on experiential learning techniques.

Congratulations to Sergeant Moore on his outstanding accomplishment.

# **EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATES**

### ALERTOC NOTIFICATION DRILL

On Wednesday, October 18, Newport Beach joined 20 other local cities to conduct a test notification of the AlertOC Mass Notification System to our residents. AlertOC is Orange County's Emergency Notification System and would be used to alert residents during a disaster and/or emergency. A hotline was established at the Police Department to field residents' calls and questions during the drill.

All residents in Orange County are encouraged to sign up their cellphone numbers and e-mail addresses at <u>www.alertoc.com</u> to receive future alerts.



#### EOC Terrorism Drill

On Wednesday, October 25, the City's staff and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) were activated for a disaster drill, along with the County of Orange and 10 other cities. The scenario for this year's exercise was four simultaneous terrorist attacks in Orange County. While none of the "attacks" occurred in Newport Beach, EOC staff was tasked with setting initial actions, city priorities, public information, and policy decisions. The drill involved 60 key and management staff from all departments, as well as several outside agencies.



Public Works Department City Manager's Newsletter

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director

Date: November 9, 2017

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# Santa Ana Delhi Channel Regional Water Quality Improvement Project

The construction team has finished constructing a low flow diversion channel within the Santa Ana Delhi Diversion Channel. Back in July a sandbag blockade was temporarily erected to allow the removal of 120 feet of flood channel wall. The channel wall has finished construction and the sandbags removed.

When completed, the diversion project will remove all trash larger than 5 millimeters (about ¼ inch) along with grit suspended in the flow. A pump system will send dryweather flows to the sanitation district for processing and then sent to the Orange County Water District for purification and recharge into the groundwater basin.



# Join Us in Greater Newport Harbor!



Tonight, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Public Works staff will be one of the keynote speakers at an event focused on mitigating the negative impacts of pollution and trash from the headwaters that drain into the Newport Bay. The City of Newport Beach is inviting concerned citizens to begin a process of collaboration with Newport Beach city officials, ocean/water experts from UC Irvine and the environmental community.

#### **Event Details**

Location: Oasis Senior Center 801 Narcissus Avenue Corona del Mar, CA 92625

**Date:** November 9, 2017 **Time:** 7 - 9 p.m.



# San Miguel Drive Median Landscaping



Public Works contractor Diversified Landscape Management (DLM) has finished mulching and planting new plants along the San Miguel Drive median. Next week they will begin the transformation of San Joaguin Hills Road.

**Custom Name Signs around Fashion Island** 



Seven intersections surrounding Fashion Island have been given a fresh look with the installation of new custom street name signs on Newport Center Drive.

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#### Fire Station No. 6 Apparatus Bay Replacement is underway

Originally built in the 1950's the garage was sized to fit the rolling equipment of the time. Since then, firefighting technology has evolved and rolling equipment has become larger to the point where (60 years later) the new fire engine assigned to that Station is taller than





both front and rear garage openings. This project will construct a new and taller garage Bay with doors that will accommodate large pieces of equipment for many years in the future.

## Lido Village & West Newport Water Main Replacement

Construction for the Lido Village and West Newport Water Main Replacement project continues to progress. Since our last newsletter update in September, the contractor has completed water main replacements on West Coast Highway, water and sewer main replacements on Via Oporto and Via Malaga, and currently working on the new 12-inch water main on Lido Park Drive. This work will be completed early-December, after which the contractor will take a break for the holidays. In January, the contractor will start work on 30<sup>th</sup> Street to replace the existing 6-inch cast iron water main located between Newport Boulevard and Balboa Boulevard.



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# A Local Girl Scout Group Visits The Traffic Management Center



Bryan Loo entertains traffic signal questions during a tour of the Traffic Management Center to a visiting Girl Scout Troop.

### **Central Avenue Plaza Revitalization**



Construction on the Central Avenue Plaza Revitalization project is going well! The contractor is installing trees this week; four African Tulips (picture) and five King Palms. Furthermore, the contractor is finishina installing the specialty pavers and irrigation system. Next week they will be installing the remaining plants. Once the plants are installed, the remaining items including benches, trashcans, bike racks, signage, and lighting will be installed as they are delivered to work site.

It is anticipated the construction will be complete and the new public dock and plaza fully open to the public by the first week in December.

During plaza construction, access to the public dock will be limited to weekends, Friday afternoon to Monday morning.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Peter Tauscher – (949) 644-3316.

### Water Quality Monitoring Stations



The Public Works Environmental Section, with a lot of help from GIS, put together a map of all the bacteriological monitoring stations within Newport Beach. The monitoring program helps ensure the health protection of all beachgoers that visit Newport Beach each year. Every monitoring station (and we have a lot of them) is sampled at least weekly, except when it's raining, and the test results are available on the following website: www.ocbeachinfo.com

### Public Works Welcomes Adrian Rodriguez (Assistant Engineer)



Public Works is excited to add Adrian Rodriguez to its Public Works Traffic team. Adrian comes to us from RailPros, Inc. where he was a Traffic Signal Designer for three years and worked primarily on traffic signal designs near atgrade railroad crossings as well as railroad preemption operations. Prior to RailPros, Adrian attended and graduated from Cal Poly Pomona.



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: November 9, 2017



# OASIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

A three day celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OASIS Senior Center began on Thursday, November 2 and concluded with a concert in the courtyard on Saturday, November 4. The Center provides a great service to the community through classes, programs, social services, transportation, fitness center, gardening and more allowing for both a social and learning environment for the older adult.

The celebration, which included many social activities such as a Root beer Float Social, Pancake Breakfast and a historical presentation with the Friends of OASIS concluded with The *Concert in the Courtyard*, featuring the Tijuana Dogs. Community members enjoyed listening to great music and dancing the afternoon away.

With approximately 250 in attendance, we were fortunate to have many Council members, commissioners and department heads in the crowd joining us for this special event.

Please click the link below to enjoy a great article from the Daily Pilot on the celebration. <u>http://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/tn-dpt-me-oasis-20171106-story.html</u>



### KUDOS TO AL PEREZ AT MARINA PARK!

The City Manager's office received a pleasant phone call from a visitor, to tell his story of Al Perez, Facility Maintenace Worker's act of kindness. These types of phone calls are the best. Thank you to Al for going above and beyond in all that he does at Marina Park. Its little stuff like this that make all the difference.

From: Sudo, Jenny Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 2:04 PM To: Detweiler, Laura <<u>LDetweiler@newportbeachca.gov</u>> Cc: Kiff, Dave <<u>DKiff@newportbeachca.gov</u>>; Jacobs, Carol <<u>cjacobs@newportbeachca.gov</u>> Subject: "Thank You" From a Visitor to our City

Hi Laura,

A visitor to our City called our office wanting to express his sincere thanks to our City and employee AI Perez for going "over and beyond". He said that he visited Marina Park earlier in the week and forgot his brand new "very expensive" running shoes. He went back today to see if by some slim chance he could find them. He said that AI recognized him and asked him if he lost his shoes, and that he was holding them in the hopes that he would return to Marina Park.

The visitor is very grateful to AI, and he wanted me to relay his appreciation to Dave and AI's supervisor. I love these types of calls...warms my heart! ③

Thank you,

Jenny

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## OASIS HEALTH AND RESOURCES FAIR

On Saturday, October 21, OASIS Senior Center held its annual Health and Resources Fair. The event focused on giving community members, specifically older adults and their family members, access to resources that are available in the area. With over 70 vendors, the 400+ attendees were able to visit with financial, medical, assisted living, care giving, legal, insurance, medical equipment and non-profit groups to name a few.

Hoag Community Benefit offered free flu shots and

participants attended two lectures on preventing cognitive decline and eating for cognitive health. Those looking for a more interactive experience participated in a free yoga or Zumba class. The event ended with a free raffle drawing and boxed lunches. Special thanks to our event sponsors: Coast Hearing and Balance Center, Coral Tree In Home Care, Greater Newport Physicians and Linda K. Duffy, Villa Real Estate.

We look forward to next year's event!

### **BALANCE AND JOINT HEALTH LECTURE A SUCCESS**

On Tuesday, October 24, OASIS Senior Center welcomed Dr. Evan Osar and Jenice Mattek, creators of the Integrative Movement System based out of Chicago. Dr. Osar and Jenice spoke about the importance of creating healthy habits and focusing on the ABC's (alignment, breathing and control) in all of our daily activities. Over 60 participants attended and learned some tools they can start using immediately to help improve balance and joint health.





















#### HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

The *Spooktacular* was spectacular! Newport Beach came out for this first time event held at the Community Youth Center & Grant Howald Park. Over 1,200 kids and adults participated in the Halloween themed event that featured bounce houses, carnival games, *Trunk or Treat*, skate boarding demonstrations, face painting, photo opportunities, a Haunted Room and more.

The Trunk or Treat featured many of the City's contract instructors and an awesome Newport Beach Police car decorated as a spider that was unforgettable. Staff took over the Community Youth Center and created a truly spooky experience for all to enjoy. Everyone enjoyed laughs, smiles, a little cringe or two, and most importantly came together as a community at this great event.

A big thanks goes out to TK Burger, Pizzami, and Scooter's Italian Ice who provided food and desserts for the families, to the staff who made this event a success and to all those who came out to enjoy the *Spooktacular*.





	Things To Do In NEWPORT BEACH
Saturday Nov. 11 6-6:30pm	Buck Gully Upper Loop Evening Hike FREE   Distance: 4 miles Level: Moderate Age: 8yrs-Adult   Registration is required at www.LetsGoOutside.org   Newport Coast Cmty Cntr -6401 San Joaquin Hills Rd. N.B.
Sunday Nov. 12 2-4pm	Family Canvas and Paint Workshop \$25/person The whole family will spend a wonderful afternoon painting individual canvases, guided by an inspiration art instructor. Register online at www.newportbeachca.gov/recreation
Friday-Sat. Nov. 17-18 5-7:30pm	Fashion Island's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting FREE   A classic tree lighting tradition with host Mario Lopez, KOST 103.5   FM's Ellen K, a 25 minute live musical show, Santa and "snowfall."   Fashion Island - 401 Newport Center Drive, N.B.
Sunday Nov. 19 3Pm	Duo Deak de Castro: Viola & Piano FREE The Sunday Musicale will be featuring Pianist Zachary Deak and violist Virginie d'Aveza de Castera performing a classical repertoire. Central Library - 1000 Avocado Ave, N.B.
Wednesday Nov. 22 Noon-12:30	OASIS Thanksgiving Luncheon \$5/person A delicious Thanksgiving Lunch will be provided for the seniors along with live entertainment from Christopher Wooley. OASIS Senior Center - 801 Narcissus Ave, CdM
Friday Nov. 24 3-8pm	Newport Dunes Lighting of the Bay FREE Live chorale performances, crafts, an oudoor screening of "Arthur Christmas," and special guest Santa will light the bay. Newport Dunes - 1131 Back Bay Drive, N.B.
Satday Nov. 25 9am-Noon	Monthly Beach Clean Up - Buck Gully FREE Help keep our beaches clean and our oceans healthy! Buck Gully - Staging Location - OASIS Senior Center at the west side parking lot.
Friday Dec. 8 9am-Noon	Breakfast with Santa! \$15/child (2yrs+) \$15/Adult Come enjoy, games, a bouncer, a train ride, breakfast and a photo with Santa! Register before it fills, www.newportbeachca.gov/recreation Newport Coast Cmty Cntr - 6401 San Joaquin Hills Road, N.C.