



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Duffield & Council Members

FROM: Grace K. Leung, City Manager

DATE: September 7, 2018

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Grace Leung, City Manager
From: Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Director
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter
Date: September 7, 2018

Illegal Marijuana Dispensary

Even though California has made it easier to buy and sell marijuana, state law still allows cities to regulate certain marijuana-related activities in their jurisdictions. In 2015, the City banned marijuana dispensary operations, marijuana cultivation, marijuana processing, and marijuana deliveries inside the City's borders. However, even with these restrictions in place, we have seen an increase of marijuana dispensaries attempting to establish themselves in Newport Beach. Recently, the Code Enforcement team partnered with the Police Department and the City Attorney's Office to obtain a court order to shut down another illegal dispensary. This week, pursuant to the Court's order, the Code Enforcement and Police Department went to the dispensary, removed all patrons and employees from the unit, and changed the facility's locks to prevent the dispensary from operating against the Court's order.



Happy Retirement Don!

Don Taylor has retired after 17 years of service with the City of Newport Beach. He started in the Building Division as a Permit Technician and worked his way up to Senior Building Inspector. Don was recognized for his code knowledge and excelled in doing research on new materials or products that he encountered in the field. Don recently married and decided to move back to his home in Riverside to spend more time with his family.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Staffing Changes

Welcome Tiffany!

On behalf of the Community Development Department, we would like to welcome Tiffany Lippman to the administration team as our new Administrative Support Technician. Tiffany comes to us from the Police Department where she provided administrative support for Assistant Chief Birch. She has worked for the City since 2001 and we are excited to see the clerical experience she will bring to this position. Some



of her primary responsibilities will be Planning Commission support and executive assistance to the Community Development Director. Tiffany resides in Costa Mesa with her husband and two boys and loves to travel in her spare time.

Congratulations Patrick!

The Planning Division welcomes Patrick Achis as a Part-Time Planning Technician. For the past year, Patrick has proven himself to be a

valuable member of CDD's Administrative Support Team, including supporting planning staff with Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission hearings. As a result, Patrick has been exposed to a variety of planning projects and has gained career aspirations to become a professional planner. In the next year, he plans to enroll in a master's program for Urban Planning. Outside of work, Patrick's interests include volunteering and teaching yoga. Please congratulate Patrick as he begins a new chapter in his career

Harbor Pointe Senior Living Study Session

On September 13, the Planning Commission will have a study session on Harbor Pointe Senior Living facility. This project is a new 120 bed assisted living facility located at 101 Bayview Place. The purpose of the study session is to gain additional input from the public. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.





Date: September 7, 2018

To: Grace Leung, City Manager

From: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director

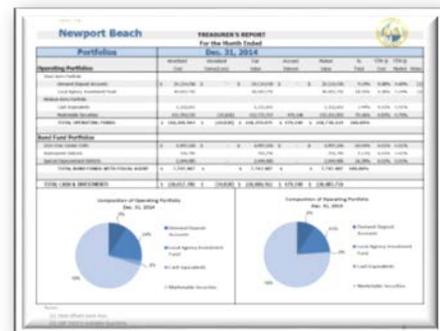
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Treasury Report Update

The [June 2018 Treasury Report](#) is now available on the City's website.

As of June, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$273 million, from all sources. Roughly \$39 million of this portfolio was highly liquid, meaning it was available for cash flows associated with day-to-day operations and cash funding of major construction expenditures.

The short-term portfolio (\$194 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.72 years. With interest rates on the rise, the total return for the short-term portfolio was 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 0.46%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 0.079%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 1.53%.



Newport Beach Fire Department

Safety, Service & Professionalism

DATE: September 7, 2018
TO: Grace Leung, City Manager
FROM: Chip Duncan, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION



Rescue from Newport Coast

On Tuesday, August 28, a bicyclist sustained an injury in the remote area of Newport Coast. Due to the nature of their injuries, an Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) helicopter responded to hoist the patient and transport to the hospital. Newport Beach firefighters were the first responders and collaborated with OCFA during the call.

Pavilions Grand Re-Opening

On Wednesday, August 29, the Fire Department participated in the grand re-opening ceremony for Pavilions Market on San Miguel. At the event, Mayor Pro-Tem Will O'Neill, accepted a \$2,500 donation from Pavilions to the Ben Carlson Foundation.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Are you prepared for the next disaster? The fire department offers four Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training programs- two in the fall and two in the spring. The Newport Beach Fire Department CERT program is a complete 24-hour FEMA certification program that trains participants in how they can help themselves, their family and neighbors following any unexpected emergency. This fall the fire department is offering a Tuesday-Thursday evening program that begins on Tuesday, September 25 and an all-day



Saturday program that begins on September 29. For information on the Fire Department's CERT program email nbcert@nbfd.net or www.nbcert.org.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018



PREPARE NOW LEARN HOW



September is National Preparedness Month

The Newport Beach Fire Department encourages all residents to join us as "Partners in Preparedness" to prepare yourself, your family and your neighborhood for any unexpected disaster. This month, the fire department is hosting and participating in many community outreach booths to promote personal, business and neighborhood preparedness. On Saturday, September 8, the fire department is hosting its 10th annual Disaster Preparedness Expo from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Newport Beach Civic Center green. The expo is being held in conjunction with the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce's Eco Expo. The expos and parking

are free of charge and all are encouraged to attend. The disaster preparedness expo is a great opportunity to learn about all of the potential disasters that might affect Newport Beach and to purchase the necessary disaster preparedness supplies.



On Wednesday, September 5, as part of its quarterly CERT "All Hands" meetings, the fire department hosted an "Earthquake Awareness Workshop" with Jason Ballman from the Southern California Earthquake Center as the guest speaker. Mr. Ballman presented on the southern California earthquake threat and the seven-steps that all California residents can do to be better prepared.

The 21st Annual Newport Beach Fire & Lifeguard Appreciation Dinner

The Commodores Club and the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce are celebrating the special recognition awards dinner on September 20, at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa.



Civilian of the Year
Matt Brisbois

Firefighter of the Year
Joseph Harrison

**Lifeguard Supervisor
of the Year**
Mark Herman

**Seasonal Lifeguard
of the Year**
Trent Cozza



Fire Safety Day



JOIN US FOR OUR FIRE SERVICE DAY

OPEN House

Sunday, October 7, 2018
Fire Station 7, 20401 SW Acacia Street
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Live Rescue Demonstration
- Station Tours
- Live Structure Fire
- Auto Extrication
- Kids Activities
- Fire, Paramedic & Lifeguard Displays



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
THE NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT AT (949) 644-3355**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) DIVISION

Notable Call

On August 25, crews from Engine 62: Captain Dall, Firefighters Keene and Stribling; Medic 62: Paramedics Kimoto and Janis responded to a medical aid for a premature delivery. Both patients were transported to the hospital and mother and infant were discharged as healthy from the hospital.



Customer Satisfaction Surveys

For the month of August, we rated at meets or exceeded expectations in multiple categories on 92% of the surveys returned. Here are some messages from the surveys we received.

“Thank you, NBF!!! So quick and helped to calm me as I was in shock and shaking. My husband arrived after & drove me to urgent care. Thank you for the many times you have helped my family and my neighbors! We all appreciate you so much!”

“The excavation was challenging and handled perfectly.”

“10+ truly the best – we are grateful and thank you!”

“Absolutely difficult situation – Rockstars!!”



August 2018 Statistics

Total Dispatches of All Types.....	1,203
Medical Aid Dispatches.....	886 = 74% of 1,203
Total Medic Transports to Hospital....	580



MARINE OPERATIONS DIVISION

The weather in Newport Beach has continued to be warm in August with temperatures in the low 70s. The water temperature has also been in the low 70s. Crowds have decreased with the start of the school year. After Labor Day, and with school back in session, lifeguards will resume normal fall staffing with less towers open mid-week and more staffing on the weekends through September and October.

August 2018 Stats	
Animal Calls	135
Public Assists	7,226
Boat Calls	846
Code Enforcement	2,718
First Aid/Medical Calls	503
Preventatives	25,410
Rescues	1,087
Total Calls	37,925
Beach Population	1,141,000

2018 Labor Day Stats	
Animal Calls	27
Public Assists	806
Boat Calls	131
Code Enforcement	517
First Aid/Medical Calls	52
Preventatives	1,556
Rescues	64
Total Calls	3,153
Beach Population	190,000

Notable Events

Lifeguard Operations

On August 15, Newport Beach Lifeguards recognized a dozen outstanding Ocean Lifeguards at their 13th Annual Awards Breakfast celebrating 95 years of service to the community. Captain Mark Herman welcomed and congratulated the lifeguards for their strong performance in protecting the 10 million plus beach visitors who come to Newport Beach annually. Lifeguard staff recounted heroic efforts and recognized the extra efforts of the recipients. Over \$5,000 in scholarships were awarded to five lifeguards based on achieving excellence in life saving and academic pursuits.



Junior Lifeguards

Graduation

On August 9, the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard program held the end of program graduation ceremony, which included a special appearance by Council Member Diane Dixon. The ceremony is held to celebrate JG participants and their accomplishments after seven weeks of hard work. "High Points Awards" were given to JGs who finished as the top competitors in their age divisions. Each instructor also handed out "Instructor Awards" to JGs who demonstrated excellent conduct, sportsmanship, and/or growth throughout the program.



The ceremony culminates with the “JG of the Year” award presented to a JG who is identified as best exemplifying the “3 Rs”...Respect, Represent, and Responsible.



This year’s winner was **Division A** JG Emily Park.

Thank you to all the Junior Lifeguard participants for another super epic summer.

Gray Lunde Ironman Memorial

On August 11, over 60 Junior Lifeguards competed in the Gray Lunde Ironman Memorial Event. This is an invite-only event, which included a 2.2 mile run to the Newport Pier, a swim around Buddy’s Buoy twice (400m), a 1.7 mile run to the Balboa Pier, a swim around Reenie’s Buoy twice (400m), a run to G Street, and back to the finish at the Balboa Pier for recognition. This year’s top finisher was **Division A** JG Chett Clark, with a finishing time of 56 minutes! A big congratulations to everyone who participated in this event!



After the event, the Junior Lifeguard program held its first ever JG beach clean-up! About 20 bags of trash were collected, with the most frequently found item being cigarette butts. Thank you for coming out to help keep our beach clean.





HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: September 7, 2018

TO: Grace K. Leung, City Manager

FROM: Barbara J. Salvini, Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

Join Our Team!



Check out the current job openings for the City of Newport Beach! Select a position for more details. The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- [Building Inspector II -P/T](#)
- [Department Assistant - F/T & P/T](#)
- [Fire Marshal-Civilian](#)
- [Harbormaster](#)
- [IT Analyst - Applications](#)
- [Police Cadet](#)
- [Police Mechanic](#)
- [Police Officer - Academy-Enrolled/Academy Graduate/Lateral](#)
- [Police Officer - Recruit](#)
- [Public Works Technical Aide - P/T](#)
- [Senior Fiscal Clerk - P/T](#)
- [Student Aide - P/T](#)

**APPLY ONLINE
TODAY!**



Quick & Healthy Chili Bowl Recipe for Fall

Ingredients (4 servings)



• 2 (14.5 ounce) cans no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained	• 1 can reduced-sodium dark red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
• 8 ounces chopped cooked turkey or chicken breast meat (Optional)	• ½ cup chopped green sweet pepper
• ½ cup chopped red onion	• 1 tablespoon chili powder
• 1½ teaspoons ground cumin	• ½ teaspoon salt & ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Prep Time: 10 minutes | Ready In: 40 minutes

1. In a large pot, combine tomatoes, beans, turkey, green pepper, onion, chili powder, cumin, salt and black pepper.
2. Bring chili to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to a simmer; cook 20 to 30 minutes.
3. Enjoy!

RISK MANAGEMENT

Ergonomic Tips for Avoiding Fatigue at Work

If you are feeling fatigued while sitting at your desk, take a moment to evaluate how you are positioned at your workstation:

- Is the weight of your head directly above your shoulders? *Adjust your head position so you are not craning your head and neck forward.*
- Are you slouching in your seat? *Move your chair close enough to your desk to avoid leaning and reaching.*
- Are your feet touching the ground? *Adjust the height of your seat so both feet are comfortably resting on the ground.*
- Are you straining your eyes when looking at your monitor? *Move the monitor so it is at least placed at an arm's length away.*

Making these minor adjustments will help you avoid feeling fatigued and increase your productivity. In addition to improving the ergonomics of your workspace, you can also fight fatigue by staying hydrated and taking micro-breaks throughout the day.



Employee News & Events

Tosha Sanchez Promoted to HR Specialist I



The Human Resources Department is very pleased to announce the well-deserved promotion of Tosha Sanchez to Human Resources Specialist I. Tosha began her career with the City in January 2017 as a temporary Department Assistant in the Community Development Department. She transferred to the Human Resources Department shortly thereafter and was appointed to full-time HR Department Assistant in April 2017. Tosha's hard work, willingness to assist with any task and enthusiasm to learn new functions makes her an asset to our department and we are thankful to have her. Tosha began her new role as HR Specialist I on August 18 and will focus on Human Resources Information

Systems (HRIS) support for the Tyler Munis Enterprise Resource Planning program and processing Personnel Action Forms. Please join us in congratulating Tosha on her new role!





LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Library – Cultural Arts

August 10, 2018

To: Grace Leung, City Manager

From: Tim Hetherton, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Library Services

Dr. Lucy Jones, The Big Ones

The library will be hosting Dr. Lucy Jones on Saturday, September 8 at 2 p.m., just following the City's Disaster Preparedness Expo. Dr. Jones will talk about "The Impact of World Disasters" and her book "The Big Ones," which seems even more relevant in light of this week's 6.7 magnitude earthquake in Japan and the 7.8 magnitude earthquake off Fiji. We are expecting a big turnout at the free program and hope to encourage residents to get prepared. CERT will be on hand with local preparedness information as well as earthquake kits.



Lucy Jones
PHOTO CREDIT: Helen Berger

International Literacy Day

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy will celebrate International Literacy Day with a special program on Thursday, September 13 at the Central Library. The event celebrates literacy achievements in the community and recognizes the contributions of the many volunteers and tutors who work in our local Literacy Program, as well as the learners who work so hard to acquire new skills.

The program will honor the recipients of the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award, an annual award given to a learner that exemplifies the spirit of the program with hard work and dedication to acquiring literacy skills. This year, in addition to recognizing a special learner that has achieved their personal goals, the program will also honor the first four graduates of Career Online High School.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

A library card is an essential back-to-school supply – not just for kids, for everyone. In an effort to make sure a City staff knows about the library and all its resources, the library invites all City staff to take a spin around the library from 7:30-9 a.m. on September 20. There will be coffee and doughnuts, along with information stations, staff assistance and prizes! We hope every comes and signs-up for an NBPL Library Card.

College Prep

Teen Services is working harder than ever to make sure that high school seniors are ready for the college application process. The library offers free PSAT, ACT, and ACT practice tests as well as a College Essay Workshop and workshops for the Common and University of California applications. The essay and application workshops are for students only, but parents may find the special presentations on "Paying for College" and "Finding the Best Fit College" in October of interest.



Cultural Arts Services

Concerts on the Green

This Sunday is going to be one of those nights – the summer finale for Concerts on the Green featuring popular Desperado. Founded in 2002 by lead singer, guitarist and keyboardist Aaron Broering, Desperado has become one of the best and most well-known Eagles tribute acts in the United States. They boast a line-up of five lead singers and multi-instrumentalists; who not only possess and rival the musical talents of the actual Eagles, but some of them used to play with members of the Hall of Fame band itself.



The concert begins at 6 p.m. but concertgoers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic dinner or purchase food and refreshments from Burger Monster food truck and the Bakery Truck that will be on site. Attendees should also bring low-slung beach chairs and blankets for the outdoor event. No alcohol, please.

Concert at Peninsula Park Set for September 23

Summer music keeps playing! The City Arts Commission is also sponsoring a Concert at Peninsula Park scheduled for Sunday, September 23. The concert will begin at 5 p.m. due to shorter daylight hours. Southland Sing's very talented, classically-trained singers will present a repertoire of upbeat contemporary and classic Broadway hits.



Art Exhibit by Iriet Peshkess

The Newport Beach City Arts Commission presents an exhibition of mixed media paintings and digital photography by artist Iriet Peshkess, at the Newport Beach Central Library gallery. The works capture the essence of life along the shores of Newport Beach.

Iriet Peshkess works in mixed media — digital, acrylic and fiber, and photography — moving back and forth between them. Her creative process always goes through the digital medium. At what stage and to what extent varies in each painting. She has shown her art at the Newport Beach Art Exhibition many times. In 2014 she received the Juror's Award for her work titled "Contemplation."

Iriet Peshkess was born in Israel and has lived in Orange County with her family since 1981. She is a California-inspired representational artist and a storyteller in paint and photography. Before embarking on her career as an artist over 15 years ago, Peshkess was a psychologist. People's stories have always moved her, and she strives to capture mood and story rather than detail. Her stories describe daily life in the California sun.

The exhibition will be on display during library operating hours, September 10 through November 2, 2018.





NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: Grace K. Leung, City Manager
FROM: Jon T. Lewis, Chief of Police
DATE: September 7, 2018
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) CONFERENCE

I am proud to share that NBPD's own Officers Bill Hume and David Spenser were selected to teach at the National IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) DRE Conference. The conference ran from August 13 to August 15, and was hosted in Nashville, Tennessee.

During the conference, Officers Hume and Spenser trained over 250 other Drug Recognition Experts from throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and China. Their topic was *The Use of a DRE in Vehicular Homicide Investigations*.

Being selected to teach on a national level is a great honor. Officers Hume and Spenser are very passionate about DUI and traffic enforcement, and we are proud that their dedication is being recognized beyond our Department. Both men were humbled to be invited to teach, and excited to bring their knowledge and training back to Newport Beach, where it will be used to support our commitment to keep our roads safe.

Please join me in congratulating Officers Hume and Spenser for being selected for this prestigious honor.

Officers David Spenser (left) and Bill Hume (right),
shown presenting at the IACP DRE Conference



DETECTIVES RECOGNIZED AT CNOA AWARDS DINNER



On Thursday, August 23, Newport Beach Police Department Detective Damian Shaddow was awarded the Region V Street Level Case of the Year at the California Narcotic Officers' Association Awards Dinner. This award stemmed from an investigation that started last year involving two convicted felons suspected of leading a busy heroin and cocaine sales operation.

Following a surveillance investigation that started in October 2017, Detective Shaddow was able to obtain a search warrant for the suspects' residence. During the search warrant, detectives located over eight kilograms of bricked heroin, over twenty pounds of marijuana, over a thousand rounds of ammunition and sixteen firearms, several of which were stolen from residential burglaries.

I am very proud of our detectives' investigative tenacity. Due to this investigation, narcotics, guns and two career criminals were taken off the streets. Since the arrest, both suspects have been convicted on multiple narcotic and firearm charges.



JOIN US ON THE CIVIC CENTER GREEN!

Tomorrow (September 8), the Green on the Green Eco Expo and CERT Disaster Preparedness Expo will take place at City Hall. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We hope you will stop by the NBPD booth for some crime prevention tips, and then see some of the other highlights, including free document shredding. Local businesses and organizations will be in attendance, showcasing "green" practices, products and innovations. There will also be tips on building your own disaster supply kit and on the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

A graphic for the event. At the top is the 'green on the green' logo with a stylized leaf icon. Below it is the text 'NEWPORT BEACH ECO EXPO'. A horizontal line separates this from the bottom section, which features the text '10th Annual' above the 'CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM' logo. At the bottom is the text 'DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO'.

Immediately following the Expo, Dr. Lucy Jones, who is considered America's leading earthquake expert, will be speaking in the Friends Room at the Central Library. She will be discussing her new book, "The Big Ones," and local earthquake information.

We hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S BICYCLE SAFETY

As Newport Beach children headed back to school this week, they may have noticed a few more smiling faces in NBPD uniforms along their route. Motor Officers, Traffic Detectives, Patrol Officers, Parking Control Officers and Volunteers were deployed to the areas around schools throughout the City. They reminded young bicyclists to buckle their helmet chin straps, encouraged drivers to travel safely in school zones, and provided parents and older students with information on sharing the road safely.

The Department has been promoting our [Parent's Guide](#) for children's bicycle safety and our [Bicycle Rider's Safety Contract](#) aimed at students and their parents to help kids understand what it takes to ride a bicycle safely. More general bicycle safety information is also available on our [website](#).

Please join us in our commitment to safely share the roads of Newport Beach.

DRIVERS

SAME ROADS, SAME RULES, SAME RIGHTS

LOOK OUT FOR BICYCLISTS

- *Bicycles are considered vehicles on the road. Bicyclists should obey traffic laws, signs and signals when riding.*

When near a bicyclist:

- Be patient and cautious
- Avoid honking your horn, unless it's critical



Look ahead:

- A bicyclist may quickly move further into the lane to avoid debris or car doors, to make turns, to be more visible, or because of narrow traffic lanes

When passing a bicyclist:

- You **MUST** give three feet of space between you and the rider
- If there is not enough room, slow down until you can pass safely. (*Bicyclists should ride as far right in the lane as safely possible.*)

Look for a bicyclist before:

- Opening your car door
- Backing out of a parking space
- Making a turn
- Coming out of driveway or alley

www.nhtsa.gov/bicycles

BICYCLISTS

SAME ROADS, SAME RULES, SAME RIGHTS

Bicycles are considered vehicles on the road. Always obey traffic laws, signs and signals when riding.

- Ride with traffic
- Signal all turns
- Safely stay to the far right
- Be visible when approaching intersections
- Stay out of a driver's blind spot

Look ahead:

- Be prepared to avoid obstacles in the roadway
- Ride an arm's length away from parked cars
- Avoid swerving into traffic

Be visible:

- Wear brightly-colored reflective clothing
- At night, the law requires you to ride with a white headlight and red rear light or reflector



Always:

- Wear a properly-fitted bicycle helmet

Newport Beach Police Department
Nonemergency 949-644-3717

Public Works Department

City Manager's Newsletter



To: Grace Leung, City Manager
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director
Date: September 7, 2018

Back to School Traffic Safety

Public Works and Police added a crossing guard, new this year, at Ensign Middle School.



15th Street Sidewalk Extension: The sidewalk along 15th street across the street from Newport Harbor High School was extended to provide a continuous path of travel for students and pedestrians. This work required coordination with property owners, Southern California Edison and AT&T to remove utility poles and underground electrical and communication utilities, at no cost to the City. Work was accelerated so that it would be completed before school started.



Irvine Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Construction Update

Just in time! Irvine Avenue from 16th Street to 20th Street/Highland Drive was repaved and restriped last week just in time before the start of the school year. Work on Irvine Avenue from 20th Street to Santiago Drive will continue until the end of the September.



West Coast Highway Landscaping Enhancement Efforts

Construction for West Coast Highway Landscaping Improvement project is on track. The contractor began work on June 21st and has already completed removals and installation of the new irrigation system for existing medians and portions of landscaping on each side of the parkways.

Currently, the grow-and-kill phase of the contract is underway and involves several weeks of watering the new soil, growing and killing weeds that appear. Next, the contractor will place boulders and install new trees and shrubs.



After the installation of the California drought friendly plantings, there will be a 90-day maintenance phase where the contractor will keep a watchful eye making sure all plants are adapting well and making any needed adjustments to the new irrigation system.

Library Kiosk at Sunset Ridge Park

With the help of the City's concrete crew and parks crew, including Ron, Quink, Ernie and Beto, a Little Free Library was installed at Sunset Ridge Park near the tot lot. Local residents provided the colorful kiosk which allows a passersby to take a book to read for free and either return the book when finished or place another book for others to enjoy. Maintenance will be provided by the donors.



Planter Renovation

Public Works Parks staff continues to replace old plant material with water saving succulents. Previous plant material in both the North and South end planters at Galaxy Park was replaced with Agave Blue Glows, Aloe Cameronii, Aeonium Arboreum, and other more drought tolerant plants to blend in with the theme of the park. This upgrade to the park was supervised by Parks Maintenance Crew Chief Daniel Tovar and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Anthony Petrarca. Please make sure to stop by and enjoy the park.



Newport Beach Water Quality Tour

Public Works recently hosted a half-day meeting with management and staff from the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (“Regional Board”) and provided a tour of the many existing and on-going projects around the City to improve water quality in the bay and ocean.



The pictures here are of the almost complete Delhi Channel trash removal structure located in the Santa Ana Heights neighborhood.

New “LOOK” Stencils Installed on Marine Avenue on Balboa Island



Emergency Storage Sheds – Ready When Needed!

Public Works has seven emergency storage sheds throughout the City, including Newport Coast Fire Station, Bowling Greens at CdM, and Santa Ana Heights Fire Station. These storage sheds house signage, traffic control devices and supplies for staff to use as a back-up in case of a major emergency event, or for emergency lane closures or spill cleanups by standby staff on the weekends and nights.



Maintenance staff regularly monitors inventory of emergency storage sheds and inspects equipment such as flashlights and batteries. Other items contained in the sheds are barricades and STOP signs, night traffic cones, ROAD CLOSED signs, detour signs, safety vests, caution tapes, leather gloves, absorbent material and empty sandbags.

California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA) Awards Landscape Beautification Outstanding Achievement Award to Newport Beach Contractor



The City's landscape services contractor, Mariposa Landscapes, Inc., recently won the CLCA Landscape Beautification Outstanding Achievement Award for Landscape Maintenance of a City Park throughout Orange County. The City currently holds two contracts with Mariposa, one for landscape services for parks and facilities of the City as a whole, and one specifically serving the landscaping of the Corona del Mar Business Improvement District.

Congratulations Mariposa, and keep up the good work!



Utilities Department

September 7, 2018

TO: Grace Leung, City Manager
FROM: Steffen Catron, Acting Director
SUBJECT: City Manager's Newsletter

High Tide Response

When high tides occur late at night, Storm Drain staff are on tide duty. Staff close, monitor, and once the tide level gets low enough, open the tide valves on the Newport Peninsula and Balboa Island. Also, during these late shifts, when traffic has dissipated, staff will patrol arterial roads, on the lookout to collect traffic control devices that have been left behind.





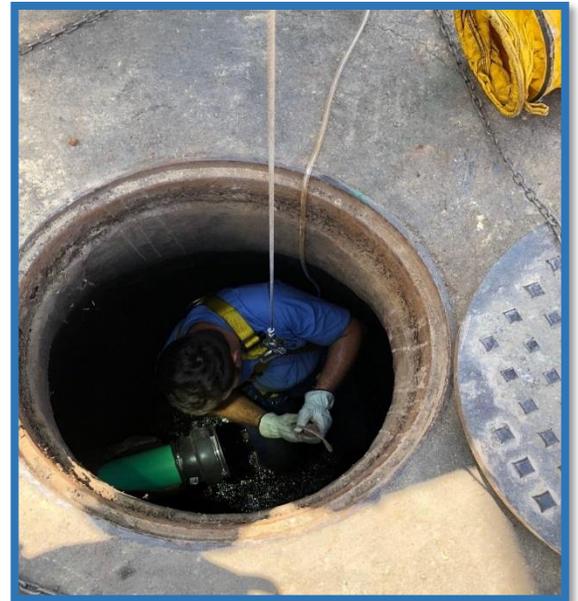
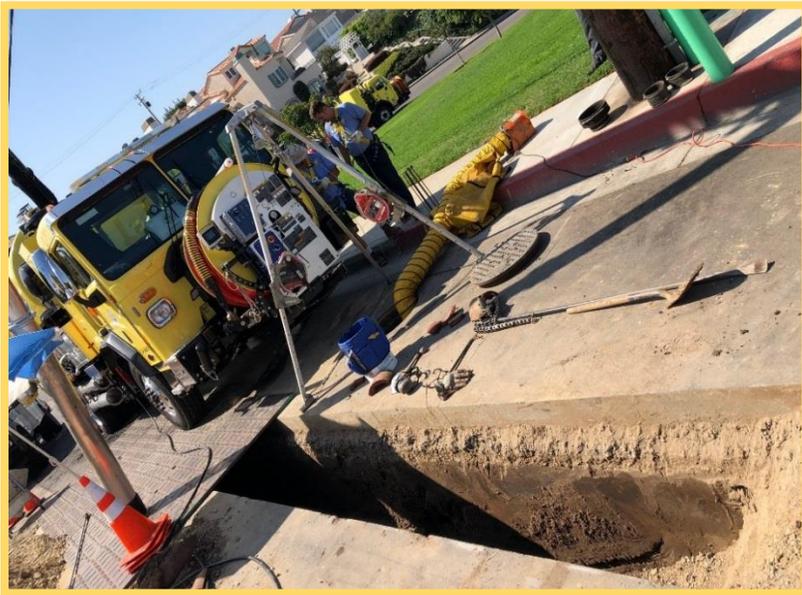
Mike Meadow (Wastewater Division)

No Interruptions

It is no surprise that power outages, even planned power outages, are inconvenient. However, sometimes, they are necessary for Southern California Edison (SCE) to maintain or upgrade equipment. The Wastewater Division jumps into action to deliver emergency power to our critical infrastructure location. Last month, the Wastewater Crew installed a portable generator at the Harbor Island Pump Station for a 6-hour planned power outage. The generator ensured that the power outage would not affect wastewater services or cause a wastewater spill.

Wastewater System Repairs

Last month, the Wastewater Crew made repairs on Carnation Avenue, and to do so, staff had to enter a manhole, which is considered a confined space. The Wastewater Crew followed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) requirements including a full-body harness, emergency escape equipment, and standby safety personnel. Following OSHA's standards ensures that our staff get to go home safe and sound. Way to go Wastewater Crew!



Patrick Piersall (Wastewater Division)

Water System Repairs

The Utilities Department is made up of five divisions, and they all have different responsibilities, but often work together to get the job done. Last week, the Water Maintenance and Repair (M&R) and Water Production Crews along with the contractor worked together to install two 18-inch distribution valves, an 8-inch mainline valve, and a new 2-inch air-vacuum release valve on Marguerite Avenue in Corona del Mar. These valves were old and needed to be replaced before the entire street is re-paved later this month.

On August 28, the crews excavated and prepared for the 18-inch valve and the 2-inch air-vac installations. The M&R Crew also removed the old 8-inch mainline valve and installed the new valve. On August 29, the contractor installed an 18-inch transmission main valve. Meanwhile, the M&R and Water Production Crews installed the 2-inch air-vac service line and valve and an 18-inch transmission main valve. Furthermore, they repaired an existing 2-inch valve and removed a deteriorating 1-inch air-vac valve.

The three crews worked together efficiently; they were able to accomplish a large amount of work in a short amount of time and all of the work was completed without disrupting the water service to any residents or businesses!

18-inch Distribution Valve

