



# The Week in Review

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## Upcoming Events

**Sat., May 4**  
**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**

Friends Meeting Room  
Central Library  
1000 Avocado Ave.  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Sat., May 4**  
**Lawn Bowling Open House**  
***Saturday on the Green***

1550 Crown Drive North  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Mon., May 6**  
**Harbor Code – Title 17 Review, Community Meeting**  
**Marina Park**

1600 West Balboa Blvd.  
6 p.m.

**Tue., May 7**  
**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
6 p.m.

**Wed., May 8**  
**Harbor Commission Meeting**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6:30 p.m.

## John Wayne Airport General Aviation Improvement Program (GAIP) Update

The Orange County Board of Supervisors (Board) is scheduled to consider the John Wayne Airport General Aviation Improvement Program (GAIP) on Tuesday, May 7. Depending on which project alternative the Board of Supervisors selects, there is a strong potential that the GAIP will generate more corporate and private jet traffic over our community. The City of Newport Beach supports project Alternative 3 and City Council and staff members continue to work with the community to raise awareness about the upcoming Board meeting and the City's overall concerns with this proposed County project.

On May 1, the JWA Airport Commission voted 3-1 to continue the GAIP item 30 days. Commissioners wanted more time for airport staff and the Commission to explore possible changes to project Alternative 3 that would better address the needs of light general aviation. Though the Commission continued the item, the GAIP was already scheduled to be on the May 7 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda. The Board will need to decide on Tuesday if it wants to continue the item or move forward and vote without a Commission recommendation.

We encourage Newport Beach residents to communicate their concerns via email to the Board and to attend Tuesday's meeting. More information is available at [www.newportbeachca.gov/gaip](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/gaip).

## Homeless Update

In January 2019, the County of Orange and a variety of non-profit groups, faith based service providers and community volunteers, completed the 2019 Point in Time Count. Over two days, January 23 and 24, volunteers canvassed the County of Orange and counted homeless individuals. They

Visit the City's website for a complete listing of meetings and events at [newportbeachca.gov/events](http://newportbeachca.gov/events).

**Thurs., May 9**  
**City Arts Commission Meeting**  
Central Library  
1000 Avocado Ave.  
5 p.m.

**Thurs., May 9**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
6:30 p.m.

**Mon., May 13**  
**Aviation Committee Meeting**  
Friends Meeting Room  
Central Library  
1000 Avocado Ave.  
4:30 p.m.

**Mon., May 13**  
**Harbor Code – Title 17 Review, Community Meeting**  
Marina Park  
1600 West Balboa Blvd.  
6 p.m.

**Tues., May 14**  
**Joint City Council/Finance Committee Mtg.**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
4 p.m.

**Tues., May 14**  
**City Council Meeting**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
5 p.m.

**Wed., May 15**  
**Balboa Village Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Marina Park  
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.  
3:30 p.m.

**Wed., May 15**  
**General Plan Steering Committee Meeting**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
6 p.m.

asked a series of questions to better understand their needs, circumstances and GPS location. This count is required to be completed every two years by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive federal funding for federal funds to help house those in need. Overall, the County has 2,899 individuals in shelters and 3,961 unsheltered individuals including veterans, children and seniors. You can read the entire report [here](#).

Newport Beach counted 64 individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. The City has allocated significant resources to address this problem including a dedicated, full-time police officer assigned to this subject matter, working with the County of Orange case management staff and contracting with CityNet to provide homeless outreach services. As a City, we work with each individual on a case-by-case basis to see if we can get them the services they may be eligible for, including moving them into housing, but most don't accept outreach right away. Multiple visits can be required before we can gain someone's trust to even have them start talking with us to work on their solutions.

The City Council is also forming a homeless task force. This taskforce consists of council members and community members and will work to develop a plan to reduce or eliminate homelessness that includes: strategies to integrate all services needed; developing a list of community partners willing to assist with addressing the issues; reviewing and considering temporary housing solutions; and developing metrics to monitor the reduction of homelessness.

#### **Treasury Report Update**

The March 2019 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).

As of March, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$273 million, from all sources. Roughly \$21 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 (\$214 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.73 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 3.06%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 2.72%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 1.89%.

#### **Summer Weekend Code Enforcement**

The Code Enforcement Division will begin working on select weekends during the upcoming summer months. This

**Thurs., May 16**  
**Finance Committee Mtg.**  
City Hall, Crystal Cove  
Conference Room (Bay 2D)  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
3 p.m.

**Thurs., May 16**  
**Zoning Administrator Mtg.**  
City Hall, Corona del Mar  
Conference Room (Bay1E)  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
3 p.m.

**Sun., May 19**  
**Police Department Open House**  
Police Department  
870 Santa Barbara Drive  
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

weekend enforcement will focus primarily on construction noise and parking, beach and sidewalk vending, commercial signage, and water quality. For more information on weekend enforcement, please call 949-644-3215.

### **Summer Parking Enforcement**

Additional residential street parking enforcement will begin in May and run through the summer peak season. AmeriPark is the City's parking enforcement vendor and they will provide one additional parking officer who will visit different parts of the impacted residential communities.

### **General Plan Update Steering Committee Updates**

Five proposals were received from consultants for the General Plan Update "Listen and Learn" phase. The proposals were distributed to the General Plan Steering (GP) Committee members, as well as the public for their consideration. The proposals are posted online [here](#).

At the May 1 meeting, the GP Committee members discussed the next steps and the process moving forward. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, and staff will have the proposals ranked by technical score and will work to schedule interviews with each qualified proposer. Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting at 6 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

For additional information, the Committee's page is found [here](#). You can also check out the General Plan Update webpage at [www.newportbeachca.gov/gpupdate](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/gpupdate).

### **AT&T Small Cell Use Permit Submittals**

AT&T has submitted their second batch of conditional use permit applications, pursuant to the terms of their Master License Agreement, which was approved by City Council on February 12, 2019. The eight small cell applications, for the Use of City-Owned streetlights for (Small Cell) telecommunication facilities, are for sites located on City-owned streetlight poles in the public right-of-way, and are located in Corona del Mar, Newport Center, and Eastbluff. Staff is reviewing the applications and will provide the applicant feedback to process the projects to the next step – a public hearing with the Zoning Administrator. With 13 applications in process, AT&T is working to fulfill the terms of the agreement and submit applications for no less than 20 sites within 90 days, or May 13, 2019.

### **Snowy Plover Management Plan**

Community Development and Recreation staff have been working closely with biologists from Glenn Lukos Associates

on a revised and improved management plan for the federally designated Western Snowy Plover (WSP) critical habitat located between B and G Streets. The goal of the plan is to preserve the beach and dune WSP habitat while maintaining public access to the sandy beach. The plan calls for the removal of the existing dune enclosures and includes parameters for beach grooming, trash pick-up, lifeguard operations, dune habitat restoration, public education and signage in and around the critical habitat area. A community meeting to discuss the plan is tentatively scheduled to be held at Marina Park on May 20 at 6 p.m. For more information, please visit the WSP website: <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/trending/projects-issues/snowy-plover>.

### **Meeting with Coastal Commission Staff**

Community Development and Public Works staff met with California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff in Long Beach on Thursday. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on current and upcoming City projects to facilitate collaboration between City and CCC staffs. Topics included City LCP amendments, potential City development projects within the CCC jurisdiction, sea level rise guidance and access to CCC project files.

### **Balboa Peninsula Stakeholders Meeting**

The Community Development Dept. along with Mayor Diane Dixon held the quarterly Balboa Peninsula Stake Holders meeting on April 29. This meeting included residents and members of the business community to discuss issues pertaining to the peninsula. Discussions focused on easing summer traffic, addressing impacts due to short-term lodging, and disorderly conduct from patrons of the surrounding restaurants.

### **Balboa Village Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Balboa Village Advisory Committee will be holding their next meeting on May 15 at 3:30 p.m. at Marina Park. Topics of discussion will be permit parking and Ocean Quest's concept for a parking structure at the Palm Street parking lot. Members of the community are encouraged to attend.

### **Median Landscape Turf Replacement – Jamboree Road from Ford Road to University Drive**

The Jamboree Road median starting at Ford Road to University Drive is now completely redesigned. This Public Works project removed nearly 55,000 square feet of existing turf grass and replaced it with attractive California friendly drought tolerant plants along Jamboree Road. Several plants were upgraded to 5-gallon plants and artificial boulders were also installed. Construction was completed on March 11 and MWDOC performed their final inspection on April 2. The project has now entered the maintenance phase. The Public Works staff were also advised that this project was eligible for a Turf Removal Rebate from the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and was awarded \$126,322 in grant funds.

### **Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road/Marine Avenue Improvements**

The Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road/ Marine Avenue Improvements project is nearing completion. This \$3.5-million-dollar Public Works project reconstructed aged pavement along Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road, modified existing striping to upgrade bike lanes, improved parking efficiency and constructed new landscaped medians. Construction began in December 2018, and will be substantially complete by mid-May 2019.

Remaining work includes decorative median striping for the non-landscaped portions of the road median. This enhanced striping will provide a visual contrast to an otherwise wide stretch of

asphalt. In addition, this striping will allow residents to use the median lane for turning into and out of their residences.

Along the Northside of Bayside Drive, adjacent to the Promontory apartment community, the city constructed a retaining wall and sidewalk to allow pedestrians safe access from the mid-block crosswalk to the Pavilions retail center.

New landscaping includes 30+ trees consisting of: King Palms, Coral trees and Magnolia trees and new landscaping for the medians and the bike/pedestrian promenade along the bay front.

Some of the challenges faced for this project included a very tight construction schedule, a heavy rainy season, and an 18" water main break in the middle of construction. Through it all, contractor GMC Engineering maintained their schedule, and will substantially complete the majority of work before Memorial Day.

For more information on this project, please contact Project Manager Patrick Arciniega at (949) 644-3347.

### **Newport Bay Conservancy awarded \$1,000,000 for Big Canyon Nature Park Renovation**

The Newport Bay Conservancy, our Public Works' partner for restoration and conservation of Big Canyon Nature Park, has been awarded \$1,000,000 by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for construction of 9.0 acres of habitat improvements in the Phase 2A eastern area of the park. The 60-acre Big Canyon Park is located on Back Bay Drive just north of San Joaquin Hills Rd.

### **2019 Arbor Day Event – Mariners Elementary School**

The 2019 Arbor Day Celebration was held at Mariners Elementary School on Thursday, April 25. Public Works staff planned the event with the assistance of School Principal Matt Broesamle and NMUSD Board Member Karen Yelsey. Landscape Manager Dan Sereno emceed the event and provided a presentation on the transformation of Newport Beach over the past 70 years, showing how it converted from an area with very few trees to one containing the vast and diverse urban forest it has today.

The 3rd graders displayed artwork, while some of the 3rd graders read poems they wrote in celebration of Arbor Day. After the ceremony, the students, assisted by the City Arborist Kevin Pekar with his crewmembers Harold Link and Brian George, and representatives from Great Scott Tree Services, planted trees at Mariners Park.

