



The Week in Review

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Upcoming Events

Mon., June 3
Corona del Mar BID Board
Special Mtg.

City Hall, Corona del Mar
Community Room (Bay 1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
9:30 a.m.

Mon., June 3
Civil Service Board

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

Mon., June 3
District 1 Town Hall

Marina Park
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Tues., June 4
Parks, Beaches & Recreation
Commission

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

Thurs., June 6
Planning Commission Meeting

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

Homeless Task Force

The City Council recently appointed a Homeless Task Force to do the following and provide recommendations to the City Council on this very important community issue:

- Develop strategies to integrate all services needed to address homelessness;
- Develop a list of community partners to assist in addressing homelessness;
- Review temporary housing solutions;
- Develop a metric system to monitor the reduction of the homeless population; and
- Periodically report findings back to the City Council.

The Task Force is comprised of three City Council Members and seven community members. The first meeting will be held on June 10, 2019, from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Crystal Cove Conference Room. This meeting will focus on reviewing the legal parameters of the homeless issue, educating the committee on the City's current homeless strategy and what potential temporary housing options, and funding sources, there may be in Newport Beach and surrounding communities.

Carol Jacobs, Assistant City Manager is the staff liaison to the Task Force; please contact her directly with any comments or concerns: cjacobs@newportbeachca.gov

Western Snowy Plover Management Plan Community Meeting

A community meeting was held on May 20, 2019, at Marina Park to provide an overview of the revised draft Western Snowy Plover (WSP) Management Plan for East Balboa Peninsula beaches to residents and interested persons. Approximately 50 community members attended.

Community Development and Recreation and Senior Services staff, and biologist Tony Bomkamp from Glenn

Visit the City's website for a complete listing of meetings and events at
newportbeachca.gov/events.

Mon., June 10
Homeless Task Force
City Hall, Crystal Cove
Conference Room (Bay 2D)
100 Civic Center Dr.
4 – 6 p.m.

Tues., June 11
City Council Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
4 p.m.

Wed., June 12
Harbor Commission Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
6:30 – 9 p.m.

Thurs., June 13
Zoning Administrator Mtg.
City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Thurs., June 13
City Arts Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
5 p.m.

Lukos Associates presented the goals and strategies of the revised plan. The underlying goal of the plan is to balance coastal access and shoreline maintenance activities with WSP and dune habitat protection in the federally designated critical habitat located between B and G Streets.

The plan calls for the removal of the two unpermitted fences and replacing them with a virtual fence consisting of regulatory and educational signage placed at strategic locations to delineate the critical habitat and inform visitors and residents about the WSP and the valuable native coastal dune habitat. The plan also includes educational outreach and continued implementation of best management practices by City lifeguards and maintenance crews that work in and around the critical habitat and the beaches from B Street to the Wedge.

Attendees provided informative feedback and City staff will be incorporating these comments and written comments into the plan. Public comments on the draft plan are welcome. Please email them to Gregg Ramirez, Principal Planner at gramirez@newportbeachca.gov

The next step will be to submit the draft plan to Coastal Commission staff for their review and at a future noticed public hearing before the Coastal Commission. Staff will provide updates as the process moves forward on the City's website at: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/snowyplover>.

General Plan Update Steering Committee

On Wednesday, May 29, 2019, the General Plan Update Steering Committee met to finalize a recommendation that the City Council hire Kearns & West to facilitate the first Phase of the General Plan Update called the "Listen and Learn" process. The recommendation will be provided to the City Council on June 25, 2019, where it will be asked to approve a professional services agreement. With guidance from Steering Committee and City staff, Kearns & West will first prepare an outreach program. The program will include a variety of workshops, stakeholder meetings, surveys, virtual town hall meetings, and other innovative techniques for outreach. The overall goal is for the community to express its vision for the community. At the end of the "Listen and Learn" process, the consultant will prepare a comprehensive summary of the process and articulate the community consensus of what is working, what is not working, and where we might go as a community. The summary will serve as a guide for developing an updated General Plan that meets current State requirements and the community's changing vision. 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.

CDD First Quarter Activity Report (January – March 2019)

The Community Development Department First Quarter Activity Report is now available at www.newportbeachca.gov/cdd. The report compiles operational statistics to illustrate the volume of business activity that the Department handles on a quarterly basis. The Building Division started the First Quarter of 2019 issuing 1,382 building permits (a 17 percent increase from last quarter) while performing over 11,436 building inspections (a five percent increase from last quarter). During this time, Code Enforcement increased their performance by responding to 92 percent of their caseload in three days or less, while the Planning Division maintained their service levels by reviewing and completing 81 percent of their plan checks at the public counter. Lastly, the Systems and Administration Division was busy supporting the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator while answering 5,100 phone calls with a live person and adding an impressive 86,000 plans and documents to the City's document management system. Past reports are also available at the website listed above.

City Engages in State Advocacy

The Community Development Department has entered into an agreement with California Strategies to provide state level advocacy. Their primary goal is to monitor state housing bills, and serve as advisory and facilitator to engage with the authors of proposed state bills. With the state's focus on affordable housing, California Strategies will ensure that the City has a voice at the state level when housing bills are considered.

Short Term Lodging Update

At the June 11, 2019, City Council study session, staff will be proposing changes to the short-term lodging ordinance for City Council's comments. The changes will involve reporting requirements by all web platforms. Additional changes will revolve around tighter enforcement to minimize impacts to surrounding residents. The public is encouraged to attend and provide comments. Staff will take the City Council's comments and incorporate them into a future update of the ordinance.

Mariners/Dover Shores Traffic Study

The City is currently studying the Mariners/Dover Shores Neighborhood to evaluate speed and cut-through traffic concerns of residents. To date, three neighborhood meetings have been held to discuss the issues. Traffic speed and volume data was collected throughout the neighborhood during the spring. The City met with residents on Thursday, May 2, 2019, to discuss the traffic data and to get feedback from the community relating to preliminary findings. At the next meeting, staff will outline possible improvements that can address the speed concerns.

Balboa Island Beach Sand Replenishment

The annual Balboa Island beach replenishment work began on May 23 and is estimated to be completed within 10 business days. The City's contractor is moving sand up from the low tide line to the high tide line with small tractors, therefore creating a usable, sand-fluffed beach just in time for summer. Many thanks to the Balboa Island Improvement Association for their assistance with planning and coordination.

Summer Beach Preparations

In preparation for the summer season, the Beach Maintenance Crew begins their work schedule at 5 a.m. in order to get a head start on cleaning the beaches before the crowds arrive. As part of the crews' daily routine, litter is picked up and fire rings are cleaned and maintained. Beach trashcans are emptied five days a week and the beach is cleaned six days a week. Street ends, piers, and boardwalk trashcans are emptied daily by our refuse contractor CR&R. To help keep

our team fully staffed, temporary laborers assist our crew on weekend shifts. We look forward to an eventful summer with our residents and visitors.

MSA Training & Trade Show

The Maintenance Superintendents Association (MSA) Los Angeles/Orange Chapter held their annual training and trade show in May. The event was held in South Gate where classroom and hands-on trainings were offered to local municipal maintenance workers, and provided a chance to talk to vendors about new supplies and maintenance techniques to better help them with their work activities. At the event, American Public Works Association (APWA) held a few safe equipment rodeo competitions for participants to show their skills on various heavy equipment operations. This year, Public Works Maintenance Worker Michael Martinez competed and won 1st Place in the skid steer loader competition, as well as 2nd Place in the excavator skills test. A perpetual trophy was gifted to the City with Michael's name embossed and will remain with the Public Works Municipal Operations Division for a year until he competes in the following year's competition to retain his titles. Congratulations Michael, and thank you for representing the City of Newport Beach!

