



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Muldoon & Council Members

FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager

DATE: February 24, 2017

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director

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Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

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Newport Harbor Yacht Club



The building permit was issued for the Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Located at 720 W. Bay Avenue, the new 23,000 square-foot facility will replace the current 97-year-old building. The project is expected to be completed by summer of 2018.

It is Official!

Stefan Chiose is officially joining the City of Newport Beach as a full-time Civil Engineer–Plan Check on March 13. He has been working as a contract engineer for the last few months, and we are happy to have him on the CDD team.

Please congratulate Stefan if you haven't done so already!





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Welcome Mariah!

The staff in Bay D and the Permit Center are pleased to welcome Mariah Stinson to the team. Mariah will provide administrative support to Bay D during the morning and concierge services at the Permit Counter in the afternoon. Her prior work experience includes working at a catering company and restaurant. Mariah also keeps busy with caring for her two horses, three cats, and six lizards. It is no surprise that she hopes to become a veterinarian someday. Please stop by and welcome Mariah to the City!

Construction Site Inspections



Every rainy season, Code Enforcement partners with Public Works and Building Inspection staff to ensure that the myriad of construction sites throughout the City have effective erosion control measures such as sandbags and fencing in place. With the amount of rain California has received this winter, these inspections are even more important to ensure that building materials, dirt, and debris are not washed into the City's

storm drain system. Each construction site that allows dirt or debris to enter the storm drain system ultimately contributes to these contaminates entering and harming waterways. It is important to the environment, as well as to the community, to implement best management practices and keep construction sites clean.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Permitting Software Vendor Presentations

Staff members from Community Development, Public Works, and Recreation participated in the first of three vendor presentations to replace the City's aging permitting system. From the proposals received from the Request for Proposal that was released in October 2016, the top three vendors were invited to present a "proof of concept" which is an opportunity to demonstrate how their product will meet the needs of the City's development services. Each vendor will be scored and evaluated on how well their software will make the permitting, inspections, and code enforcement operations more efficient, as well as provide more online services for residents. The presentations will conclude next month after staff evaluates all three vendor demonstrations and selects a finalist to advance to the next level.





Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

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

FIRE OPERATIONS DIVISION

Storm Preparations

Last Friday, a major storm impacted Southern California. In preparation, Newport Beach fire stations were provided with additional sandbags to distribute as needed. Like many other fire departments in Orange County, we also staffed additional personnel in preparation for the storm. The storm arrived as expected, and our call volume increased significantly in comparison to a typical response day. During the storm, we had an increase of 53% in our call volume. In addition to the normal call volume, we had 11 calls for downed power lines, 21 calls that were flooding and/or fire alarm related, two swift water rescue responses and one cardiac arrest. The fire department also responded to many downed tree calls and worked with the MOD staff to make sure that buildings were safe to occupy and streets were cleared.



Additionally, the fire and police departments tested their CERT volunteer radio capabilities (CERT Communicators) with the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services) during the storm. Over 35 CERT Communicators from over 20 neighborhoods in Newport Beach checked in on the Newport Beach HAM radio channels during the storm and followed all procedures and directions from RACES net control.



New Paramedic Van

Our new Paramedic van has been delivered to our city! It is currently having the finishing touches put on it at the city yard. You may recall, this is the unit we purchased with money donated from a citizen who lives on the east side of the city.

Special thanks to Ryan Bullock who created the flyer, at right, and was involved in this project from beginning to end. It has taken quite some time, but this one will be worth the wait!

CERT

Mandatory Recertification Training

On Tuesday, February 9, the Fire Department held the first CERT mandatory recertification class from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. at the Newport Beach Central Library Friends Room.

At the end of 2016, the Fire Department mailed letters to all CERT volunteers that have completed the program since its inception in 1999. The letter informed them that there would be mandatory recertification training starting in 2017. The February 9 class had over 80 CERT volunteers and was the first recertification class of seven being offered throughout 2017. The class covered all of the CERT program paperwork, how to contact the CERT program, and reviewed all of the CERT events for 2017. The class concluded with a review of how to control bleeding and how to properly use a tourniquet. The next mandatory recertification class will be held on Tuesday, February 28.

CERT "All Hands" Meeting

The fire department hosted the first quarterly CERT "All Hands" meeting on February 15 at the Central Library Friends Room. The meeting reviewed the upcoming CERT events, the new mandatory recertification classes, as well as upcoming CERT volunteer opportunities. Acting Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Boyles was the keynote speaker for the meeting. Chief Boyles reviewed the fire department's operational model, explained why the fire department runs calls the way that it does and went over many of the challenges that both fire and lifeguard responders deal with on a daily basis. Following his presentation, Chief Boyles engaged in a question and answer session with all of the CERT volunteers.

Preschool Presentation

Brett McAllister gave a presentation at St. Marks School to over 70 preschoolers. The children sat and listened intently as Firefighter McAllister presented safety information and showed them all of the safety gear in the fire truck.



MBFD FEBRUARY 15, 2017

ITS HERE!!!



Our unit at FireHouse World 2017
Leader used our unit as their show stopper.

Come by and take a look at the unit if you should happen to stop by the yard. The shop is working hard to get the final prep ready so we can start outfitting the unit for service.



- Better Branding
Larger fire rescue and Newport on the windshield now
- Full Door Seal
New cab fits the old door seal
- New Console Design
- User friendly design and no more MDC bouncing around

MARINE OPERATIONS DIVISION

Rescue at Dusk

Ocean conditions were especially dangerous due to the inclement weather this past weekend. On Saturday at 5:30 pm, a citizen called for help for a possible surfer in distress near Tower 22. Lifeguard Captain George Leeper immediately responded, heading out onto the pier with buoy and fins in hand. He scanned the water, but was unable to see anyone in distress. While Captain Leeper was searching the water, a nearby bystander informed him there were two people hanging on to the piling at the end of the pier. He located the victims on the second piling inside the pier and jumped off the pier into the water. When he reached the victims, he could see their paddle board leashes were wrapped around the piling. While he was disconnecting the female victim's leash, Lifeguard Officer Andy Matsuyama also jumped in to provide additional aid. After disentangling both victims, Captain Leeper and Officer Matsuyama began swimming the victims to shore. As they swam in, off-duty Lifeguard Captain Brian O'Rourke, who was surfing nearby and noticed what was happening, arrived on scene to help. As Captain Leeper and the female victim neared the shore, the rip current re-energized and forced Captain Leeper to carefully steer them through the pier to get to shore. Thanks to their quick actions and a strong team effort, all three lifeguards and the two victims made it safely to shore.

Seasonal Ocean Lifeguard Tryouts!



The 2017 Newport Beach Seasonal Ocean Lifeguard tryouts are quickly approaching! The application filing deadline is this Monday, February 27, by 5 p.m. Candidates who pass the application screening will be invited to a Lifeguard Trainee Competitive Test taking place on Saturday, March 4. For more information on how to join the world's best lifeguard team, visit the Jobs page of the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov.

Junior Lifeguard Swim Test

The first Junior Lifeguard swim test for the 2017 Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Program is Sunday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The NBJG Program is a youth-based program focused on educating children to recognize potential hazardous conditions associated with an ever-changing aquatic environment. The program is open to children ages 9 to 15 years old as of June 30, 2017, who pass a qualifying NBJG swim test. For more information and to sign up for the swim test, please visit the NBJG website at www.NBJG.net.



Lifeguard II Recertification

This Saturday, February 25, is our first Lifeguard II Recertification of 2017. Lifeguard II skills cover topics such as beach driving, dispatching, boat skills, mentoring and leadership, as well as other advanced lifesaving skills.

LIFE SAFETY SERVICES



Life Safety Specialists, Steve Michael and Raymi Wun, attended the 19th Annual CUPA (Certified Unified Program Agencies) Forum held February 6-9, 2017, in San Diego. The CUPA Conference provides professional training to improve consistency and coordination between governing agencies in subjects related to the regulation of Hazardous Materials.

Some of the subjects discussed were; Underground Storage Tanks (UST's), Aboveground Storage Tanks (AST's), Spill prevention and containment, what to do when an unauthorized release occurs, how to report spills to the Office of Emergency Services, etc. We also attended a field trip to learn about the environmental impacts of Sea World and how they comply with many regulating agencies. The Life Safety Specialists staff attended on a scholarship that was issued by Cal CUPA (State) and Orange County Environmental Health.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: February 24, 2017
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager
FROM: Barbara J. Salvini, Human Resources Director
SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources



LIFEGUARD TRAINEE TRYOUTS

Competitive tryouts for the position of Lifeguard Trainee will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Benjamin M. Carlson Lifeguard Headquarters at the Newport Pier. Tryouts will begin promptly at 9 a.m. The deadline to submit your application for this recruitment is Monday, February 27, 5 p.m.

Whether you're a participant or spectator, it's an exciting event to watch.
Come check it out!

CYBER-SAFE TRAINING - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

In December, the IT Department offered employees an informative training on Cyber-Safe best practices to protect our data from hacking and cyber-attacks which have escalated over the last few years. Many of the employees attended the training and were very pleased with the information and knowledge received. Due to the overwhelming positive response, we've brought back another session for those who were unable to attend the training in December.



**RSVP NOW for the CYBER-SAFE TRAINING SESSION
on MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

RSVP Link: [Employee Intranet](#)

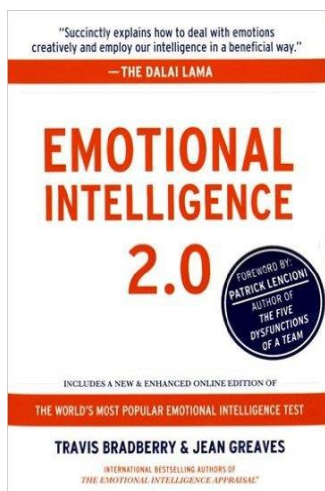
NEW workshop coming soon!

THE POWER TO TRANSFORM RELATIONSHIPS AT WORK

Do you want to learn how to develop critical skills and behaviors that will complement your technical expertise? Do you want to improve your work life and strengthen your relationships? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then this workshop is one you won't want to miss!

The Power to Transform Relationships at Work is a half-day workshop facilitated by Camille Primm, a leading career and performance strategist who partners with organizations as a learning facilitator and motivational team coach. She helps organizations and employees to develop skills they need to meet their goals. She is the author of *Learning the Ropes: The Insider's Guide to Winning at Work* and has worked with public and private organizations from start-ups to Fortune 100, coached all levels from new grads beginning their careers to executives. She's an upbeat and optimistic change agent who guides employees to increasing their performance and enhancing results, as part of a team and as an individual.

Employees attending this workshop will receive the book, *Emotional Intelligence 2.0* by Travis Bradberry and Jean Greaves, and will be required to complete the online self-appraisal with the access code provided in the back of the book. The self-appraisal will take approximately 10-15 minutes and each employee will need to bring their results to the workshop. Topics covered during the training will include:



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

We are offering two, half-day workshops at Marina Park on Thursday, March 16. The first workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the second workshop will be from 1-4:30 p.m. For questions, contact Rebecca Redy at ext. 3304.

* Attendance at the workshop will require your supervisor's approval.

57TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS & APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017



Stay tuned for more information...

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

City Manager's Newsletter



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Rob Houston, IT Manager/Assistant to the City Manager

Date: February 24, 2017

The IT Department is made up of three teams to meet the diverse needs of our City residents and staff. The Operations team focuses on hardware support, help desk response, network management and cyber security.



The Applications team focuses on software support and implementation project management. Our third team looks after all things "GIS". GIS stands for Geographical Information System and includes maps, but really focuses on capturing, sorting, manipulating and analyzing all of our City spatial data. Our GIS team's knowledge and mapping tools with over 400 layers of data make our group a leader in the industry. We are proud of where we are but strive to continue improving. In addition, our team has recently created a GIS strategic plan that outlines the goals for the team over the next several years. The plan is outlined below.

GIS Getting Strategic

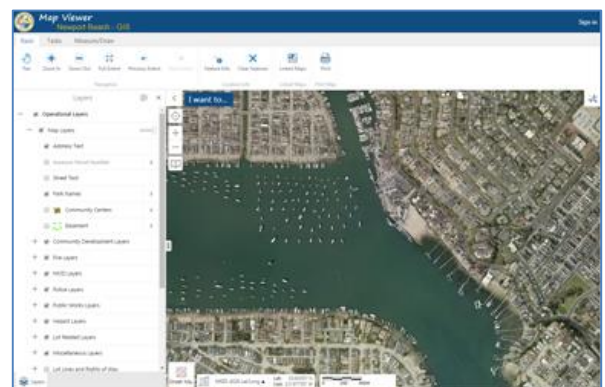
The GIS group recently put together a [GIS Strategic Plan](#) that defines a common unified vision and establishes standards and policies that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the city's use of GIS technology. Below is a list of Initiatives and Goals and Objectives highlighted in the plan that will be the focus of the GIS group over the next few years. Many of the items listed below will require the collaboration of staff as well as the public to ensure that we are effectively meeting our goals and we look forward to listening to your ideas and feedback.

Strategic Initiatives

- Expand the scope and range of GIS analytical and organizational capabilities.
- Standardize data in non-GIS databases to enable data integration and sharing of both spatial and non-spatial data with the GIS database and GIS applications.
- Ensure data is easily accessible to the public to ensure that the City is achieving its data transparency goals.
- Continue to promote GIS as the central repository for all spatial data.
- Continue to be a leader in innovative and new technologies in the GIS field.

Goals and Objectives

- Street Address Standards Across Enterprise Systems
- GIS Consideration and Input in City RFP's and Contracts
- Testing Environment for Software Updates and New Features
- Reorganization of the GIS data and directory structure
- Documentation of Procedures and Workflows



- Improve Inter-Departmental Communication as Changes in Data Occur
- Integration of Financial Data with GIS
- Training for City Staff on New Tools and Capabilities
- Outreach and Education of GIS Technology and Integration
- Explore New Ways to Engage the Public with GIS Data

Check out the [GIS Homepage](#) and [GIS Intranet Homepage](#) to utilize the many mapping tools and resources the GIS team offers.



LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Library – Cultural Arts

February 24, 2017

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Tim Hetherton, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Library Services

REFURBISHED STUDY CARRELS: Over 20 of our older study carrels have been refurbished thanks to funding by the NBPL Foundation. A blue tinted divider has been added to double-seated units which provides customers with a more private and focused study experience.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

We are currently reviewing our wayfinding signage and methods of visual communication in the Central Library. A committee, headed by Kim Crawford, Francine Jacome, and Helen Medina, has evaluated existing signage and presented recommendations for additional and revised signs throughout the library including the Media Lab, public computer area, Children's Room and lobby area.



LITERACY NEWS: Two of our literacy learners received awards in the Writer to Writer competition, sponsored by Southern California Library Literacy Network. The competition asks adult learners in programs around SoCal to write a letter to an author explaining how a book impacted them. We are very proud of Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy's, Grace Wang, who took first place in the Advanced category and Yoko Emori, who was runner up in the intermediate category. California State Librarian, Greg Lucas, will be recognizing the nearly 100 learners who participated in the Writer to Writer competition on Saturday at an awards brunch here in Newport Beach.

Congratulations to Literacy Coordinator, Cherall Weiss, who has been selected to serve as community representative on the Policy Council for Orange County Head Start. The OCHS Policy Council is responsible for the direction of Online Career High School, including program design and operation, long and short-term planning goals and objectives. Cherall's involvement with literacy and OCHS aligns well with Head Start's goals for educated and healthy families.

GENEALOGY SERIES

Newport Beach Public Library is launching a series of Genealogy Workshops beginning March 1 at the Central Library. The series, which includes eight classes progressing from an introduction to the library's genealogy databases, Ancestry and HeritageQuest, to more advanced research techniques with tips for exploring census data, immigration, land, probate and other government records, will be held in the Central Library Media Lab every other Wednesday from March 1 to June 7. The classes will be taught by Library Assistant Sarah Emmerson who holds a certificate from Boston University's Genealogical Research Program, in addition to 25 years of experience researching her own family tree.





MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

February 24, 2017

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

Introducing: Joshua Rosenbaum



The Municipal Operations Department welcomes Joshua Rosenbaum as our new Senior Management Analyst. Prior to joining our team, Joshua worked for the City of Huntington Beach as a Senior Budget Analyst and before that, as the Public Works Management Analyst for the City of Signal Hill. His experience includes budget development and oversight, CIP programs and funding, rate studies and Prop 218 hearings, solid waste management programs, as well as contract management (i.e. landscape maintenance, street sweeping) and oil pipeline franchises. He has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin and Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and History. Please join me in welcoming Joshua to the City team.

Recent Rain Storm Update

The latest storm occurred over the Presidents Day weekend and kept MOD team members very busy with more winds, trash and high surf to our beaches. The street ends and board walk received up to three feet of sand. Staff and crew members were scheduled around the clock to cover the phones and response both during and after working hours on Friday when the heaviest of the storm occurred. On Presidents' Day, staff and crew members came in and started the cleaning using heavy equipment and manual labor.



In addition, numerous large tree limbs fell and approximately 80 City trees and 20 private trees went down during the holiday weekend storm event. City and tree service contractor Great Scott Tree Service responded in a timely manner.



Last week's rainfall totaled 1.90", which has brought the total recorded rainfall at the Corporation Yard to 17.90" for the winter season. There were no reports of private or public property flooding. This week, MOD crew members have been staying on top of clean up efforts on the beach, street ends and board walk. The storm also brought in more trash to our beaches and heavy amounts of seaweed. At Balboa Pier, the eight-foot berms that were installed to minimize and prevent area flooding were washed away by the high surf. The high surf also exposed three broken pilings at the bottom of the pier that the contractor has been called to remove. We estimate at least five feet of sand was removed by the surf in order to expose the pilings.





NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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

JIM McDONNELL: DISTINGUISHED LEADER

Last Thursday, the Police Department was honored to host Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell at the Marina Park Community Room for the first talk of our Distinguished Leaders Series.

As the head of an 18,000-member organization, Sheriff McDonnell shared his insights on leadership, mentoring, personal growth, partnership with the community, and the challenges facing modern-day law enforcement agencies throughout the country. NBPD staff members from throughout the Department were invited to attend and benefit from the Sheriff's perspective and experience.



TRAGEDY IN WHITTIER

On Monday, Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer was tragically shot and killed in the line of duty. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at the Whittier Police Department, as well as all who knew and loved Officer Boyer.

Many of us watched the press conference that afternoon and saw the familiar face of Sheriff McDonnell as he stood alongside Whittier Police Chief Jeff Piper. The same thoughtful and passionate approach to teamwork from his earlier presentation to NBPD was echoed in Monday's message to the public: "You look at what our men and women out there face every day and, without the support of the community, of the media, and of our elected officials, we can't possibly do our job the way it deserves to be done... we can't serve the community the way the community deserves to be protected. So we all have to work together. Public Safety is a team sport."

NBPD joins law enforcement agencies throughout the county in mourning Officer Boyer. All of us have also been incredibly touched by the outpouring of support from the Newport Beach Community. We cherish every phone call, kind word, and note of appreciation.



EXPLORER GRADUATION



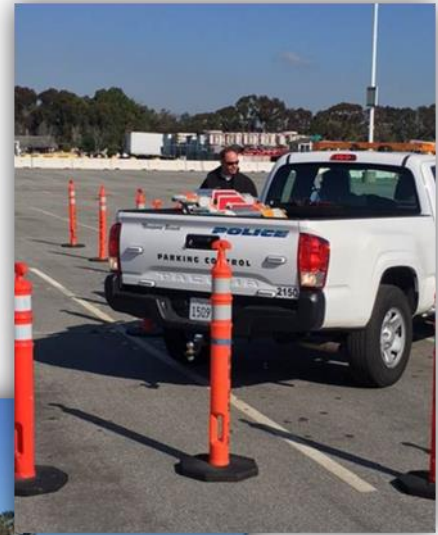
Earlier this week, we celebrated our two newest graduates from the Explorer Academy. The two teens completed an extensive five-day live-in academy, including Drill & Ceremony training from our own Officer Alex Maslin (pictured, far right).

Lieutenant Rachel Johnson, Sergeant Josh Comte, and Deputy Director Jonathan Stafford (also pictured) attended the graduation ceremony and congratulated the Explorers on their accomplishments.

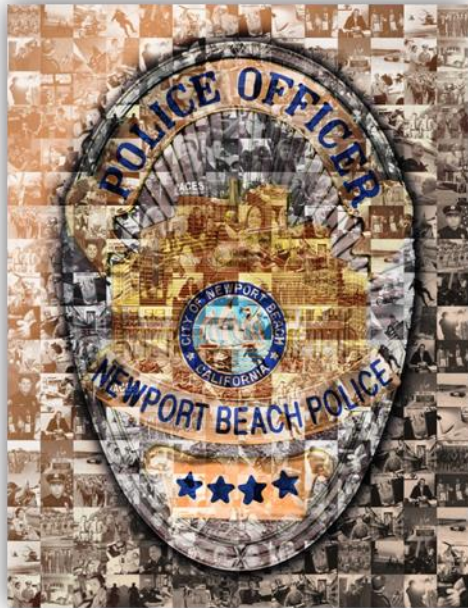
I am proud of the dedication that these two teens have shown throughout their training and I look forward to seeing their progress in the NBPD Explorer Program. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Police Explorer, please visit their website at www.nbpdexplorers.com for additional details.

ADVANCED VEHICLE TRAINING

Members of the Traffic Division have begun offering advanced vehicle training for NBPD staff. In January, Parking Control Officers were given the opportunity to cross-train on the various vehicles in their fleet, practice towing our electric sign boards, and go through a requisite cone pattern or two. Members of the Police Department often spend a large portion of their shift driving in the City, and this type of peer training is an effective and low-cost way to ensure that all members of our team have adequate instruction and practice with the equipment available to them.



POLICE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST PREPARATIONS



Each year, the men and women of the Newport Beach Police Department are honored at the Police Appreciation Breakfast, hosted by the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Commodores Club. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, at the Hyatt Regency. Police Department staff will join City Leaders and members of the business community for the presentation of several awards, including recognition for acts of Merit, Lifesaving and Valor for the previous year. The Volunteer, Reserve Officer, Civilian, Supervisor and Officer of the Year will be announced as well.

Over the past few months, nominations for the Police Department Annual Awards have been collected, discussed by committees, and submitted for final consideration. Other preparations include producing a video presentation (which will be shown during the breakfast), arranging static displays of specialized police vehicles, and writing numerous scripts and program materials.

The Police Appreciation Breakfast is a significant tradition for our department and a unique experience for all involved. Police Officers, Dispatchers, Animal Control Officers, Community Service Officers, Police Volunteers and other employees are seated alongside community leaders, business representatives and other sponsors, so they can interact throughout the event. It is an excellent opportunity for our personnel to connect with the community they serve on a daily basis. The ceremony is open to the public; anyone interested in attending may contact the Chamber of Commerce (949-729-4400) or see the [Chamber of Commerce website](#) for more information.



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

MacArthur Boulevard Paving Update

MacArthur Paving ahhrrrr...

This past week was the first week of paving and by Saturday, the contractor should hit the 50% paving mark. The intersection of Bonita Canyon Road and MacArthur Boulevard was especially difficult as this was the first day of paving. Three different Edison power outages also added challenges to the traffic signals. Behind the scenes, signal timing is adjusted "on the fly" to divert the 65,000 cars that use MacArthur every day. Our goal is to



consolidate and finish four weeks of paving into 2½ weeks. (Paving operations of rubberized asphalt requires daytime temperatures to achieve the best long term pavement.)

Moving forward, residents and commuters can expect:

- Grinding and paving operation will reach the 50% mark by Saturday and will continue for the next 1½ weeks.
- San Joaquin Hills Road at MacArthur Boulevard will be closed Saturday, February 25, 2017 for intersection paving from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Please use Jamboree Road, San Miguel Drive or Newport Coast Drive as alternate routes.
- Use your Phone or GPS, before you start your travel as it will divert you to the fastest route.



Thank you for your patience!

Muddy Work in Semeniuk Slough



The City's contractor works to remove the soft mud in Semeniuk Slough using these rubber-track carriers that allow work in low ground pressure conditions while still providing excellent traction.

Storm Induced Beach Sand Erosion Under Balboa Pier

The City promptly contracted with Marine Contractor to (once again) remove the protruding stubs to below the sand line after the February 17th/18th storm caused them to resurface.



Police Department Roof Update



With a break in the rain, the contractor is finally getting the base sheet down on the roof of the Police Department Headquarters.

Irvine Avenue Pavement & Median Rehabilitation Update

Work for the Irvine Avenue Pavement & Median Rehabilitation project has slowed down due to recent weather conditions. The contractor has completed all concrete replacements and is hoping for good weather in order to start installing rock and cobblestones in the center medians, as well as plantings of the new California drought-tolerant plants and shrubs. Other work on the horizon is the replacement of deteriorated guardrail posts along the s-curve and the installation of a new guardrail system barrier.



Lane closures between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. will be required to complete this work as efficiently and safely as possible. Public Works staff will monitor traffic conditions, phase work and adjust work hours and lane closures, accordingly.

Park Avenue Bridge Update

With the support girders in place, the Contractor (Meek) has been working long hours during the week and Saturdays to prepare for the next major task, pouring the concrete bridge deck. This concrete pour operation is scheduled to take place next week and is expected to last a majority of the day. Subsequent to the deck pour, the permanent utility lines will be installed and connected, the switch-back pedestrian ramps and stairwells will be constructed,



and the new bridge approaches and side barriers will “come out of the ground.”



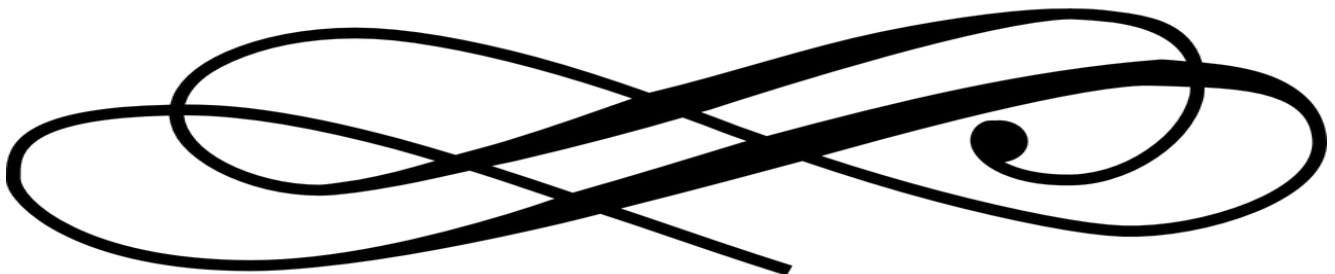
As with the rest of the City, after each storm, Meek had to pause to clean up the project site and make remedial work, as needed, before continuing with new construction. As such, the tentative substantial completion date is now late April. Once the new bridge is open to traffic, the rented temporary bridge across Balboa Avenue will be removed. The public dock at the East Balboa Avenue street-end will be reconstructed thereafter.

Poppy Avenue Street Reconstruction Project

A contractor retained by the City of Newport Beach (City) will soon begin work on Poppy Avenue between Coast Highway and Ocean Boulevard. The 16-week project involves removing the remaining Blue Gum Eucalyptus in order to remove and replace the street pavement and deteriorated sections of concrete curb, gutter and alley approaches. The contractor will also reconstruct the access ramps that connect to the streets to meet current Americans with Disability Act standards.

Weather permitting, during the week of March 6th, the contractor will saw cut and begin to remove concrete. The removal work will begin on the west side of Poppy Avenue (the odd-numbered addresses). After the concrete is removed from the west side of the street, the new trees will be planted. The contractor will then set the forms for the new curb, gutter and sidewalks and pour concrete. The work on the west side of the street will last approximately four weeks. During this time, Poppy Avenue will be closed to traffic during the day from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are excited that this project is finally coming to fruition and are very thankful for the community and Poppy Avenue residents' participation in the tree choices and landscaping for the "new" Poppy. While we all will miss the grandeur of the big Eucalyptus, the new look will be safer for residents, drivers and pedestrians – and we know it will grow on all of us.





RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: February 24, 2017



CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE?

The Department enjoys celebrating many facets of love for all ages through its programs, lectures and facilities and we would like to share a few of them with you.



The preschoolers of Preschool 101 at the Newport Coast Community Center and Mariners VJC Room wanted to spread the love by creating hearts & crafts. Their fun filled day included sharing creative art pieces with their parents, as they joined them for a Valentine's Day Potluck. The classes ended with the preschoolers enjoying the goodies that were brought in as they watched "A Charlie Brown Valentine."



Marina Park kicked off Valentine's Day celebrations with "Mommy and Me Tea with a Princess" on Saturday, February 11. The day was filled with family fun as participants met Cinderella and her fairy godmother! Participants were also treated to cookies and learned proper etiquette techniques by the OC Dance Productions staff. Marina Park will host another event on Sunday, April 30 where mothers and daughters can spend the afternoon painting a "Teacup, Teapot and Cake" on canvas. The class will be directed by Lisa Albert, an inspirational art teacher who will help, guide and instruct.

Thanks to an amazing waterfront location and great rental facility, Marina Park is a hotspot for events. The second floor event room is regularly rented out for birthday parties, weddings, corporate events and many other special occasions. One special couple decided to reserve the event room for their wedding on the most romantic day of the year, Valentine's Day. Due to Valentine's Day falling on a Tuesday, the wedding shared the facility with recreation classes for all ages including preschool, fitness, bridge and technology based programming. The wedding day went smoothly with City staff and the Lighthouse Café catering team working together to make the event a memorable one. Even the weather cooperated with a break from the storms and allowing for a perfect sunny day for the bride and groom. We were happy to host their special day!





In honor of Valentine’s Day, the OASIS Senior Center hosted a lecture on heart healthy foods by Nasira Burkholder-Cooley, DrPH, RD. Nasira shared some tips on how to reduce sodium, and increase your fiber and healthy fats. Nasira also showed attendees some great ways to incorporate more activity into their daily routine. Nasira has officially joined OASIS as a nutritionist and we look forward to the cooking classes she will be teaching.

Fun Fact: modest consumption of dark chocolate is associated with reducing the risk of heart disease.

STAFF MENTORING ACADEMY

On February 9, the Department’s Training Task Force Committee kicked off a new program called the Mentoring Academy. The goal of the academy is to help prepare part-time staff to move up in their career in Recreation and Senior Services. The program, which will meet four times, will highlight different topics including mentoring, organizing special events, interviewing and writing a resume. The first workshop kicked off with a discussion about career paths led by Department Director, Laura Detweiler and Deputy Director, Sean Levin.



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT CAUSE

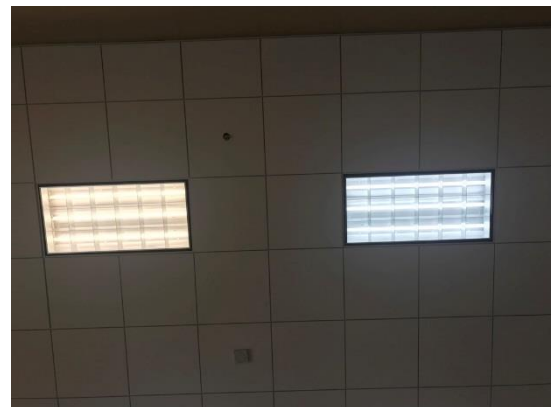
On Sunday, February 19, OASIS and Recreation Staff along with some family members and friends prepared and served lunch for close to 200 residents of the Orange County Rescue Mission’s Village of Hope. Lots of vegetables were chopped and cooked with ground meat into a giant stew. Both rice and large salads were also prepared and distributed among the adults and children who attended. The real fun began with the cleaning of the dishes and kitchen. Special thanks go out to all those who volunteered their time to assist with this special afternoon!



NCCC GOES LED

The Newport Coast Community Center (NCCC) was the happy recipient of the Southern California Edison Direct Install program having 200 light bulbs swapped out for a more energy efficient option. The new light bulbs were provided and installed at no cost to the City, a \$4,500 value. The new lights are estimated to last seven years without needing replacement, and will save the City another \$3,500 in energy cost.

The picture illustrated the difference in the lighting. The left side (yellow tones) with the old bulbs, the right side (bright white) with the new LED bulbs.



LOCAL SPORTS WEATHERING THE STORMS: SYNTHETIC TURF SAVES THE DAY

Southern California was long overdue for the elusive storms promised over the past couple years. The end of December kicked off a true rainy season for local sports, with nearly 30 rain-outs and field closure days over the course of the past two months. The long stretches of scattered downpours left our local youth sports groups searching for field space to carry them through the winter allocation period.



Bonita Creek Synthetic Turf Fields

Playable rain or shine, the synthetic turf surface at Bonita Creek has been heavily relied on by youth and adult user groups to round out fall season playoffs and launch into try-outs for the spring seasons. Our user groups logged over 400 combined hours of use at Bonita Creek during the six-week winter period. The bulk of the storms fell during our winter maintenance period when the majority of our grass fields were closed for major repairs and renovations. Though the rain wasn't ideal for playability, our grass has never been greener!

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Parks Division, the Recreation & Senior Services Department, Youth Sports Commission (YSC) members, and field maintenance contractors, we've been able to minimize field damage and provide local youth and adults with fields to play on.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES & REPAIRS

Despite the rainy weather, our City playgrounds continue to get upgrades and repairs. Here is a list of improvements from last month.

- Steering wheels at the Community Youth Center playground were refurbished.
- A new climber was installed at San Miguel Park.
- Several worn spots on the playground surfacing were resurfaced at Cliff Drive Park.

Regularly scheduled maintenance repairs and upgrades like these make a significant impact on our playgrounds aesthetics and safety for the user.



BEACH ECOLOGY COALITION ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

Staff from City of Newport Office of Natural Resources attended the 14th Annual Winter Meeting of the Beach Ecology Coalition ("Coalition") at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. The mission statement of the Coalition is "*To enhance ecosystem conservation and beach management to balance natural resource protection and recreational use*" in California. The Coalition is a collaboration of many local municipalities and non-profit organizations from the Southern California area. The topics of the meeting this winter were beach restoration, fish passage and breeding, drone monitoring of beaches, dune restoration, the current status of Western Snowy Plover and Grunion in LA area. These topics were presented by The Bay Foundation, California State Parks, CSU-Channel Islands, LA Audubon, Coastal Commission, and Pepperdine University.



Especially interesting, and of most relevance to our office, was the Bay Foundation's dune restoration program on Santa Monica beach. Here they are using erosion fencing as well as symbolic fencing to restore a highly degraded beach area back to its former dune habitat. The goal of the project is to "provide not only a scientific basis to develop guidelines and protocols but an integrated, locally-based program for increasing the usefulness of natural environments in a developed area. It will evaluate "soft" low-cost natural shore protection from sea-level rise and storms while providing public benefits and enhancing natural resource values." This area is within a federally delineated habitat area for the Western Snowy Plover and may, at some point, provide the perfect habitat for these small birds.

The Coalition meets twice a year in winter and spring and is a great opportunity to see what other cities and organizations are doing to restore California's natural resources.

HIKE ON OVER TO THE CAMP NEWPORT EXPO!

Coming on Sunday March 12, will be the Camp Newport Expo held at Fashion Island along with the Spirit Run.

The Expo is an opportunity to get a sneak peek of some of the City's best camps. Come out and collect stamps as you meet some of our talented instructors, play games, and enter instructor raffles to win a free week of camp. The exclusive campnewport.com tote bag will also be given out to those who attend this remarkable event.

This year, you can check out a live skateboarding demo (you might even get a chance to participate!) hosted by Skatedogs; take a swing with SCPGA at the giant golf dinosaur, flash a smile at our campy photo booth, complete the hunt for stamps by visiting instructor booths, make a tasty treat at the s'mores makin' station, and check out our custom campnewport.com Snapchat filter!

NOW HIRING

The Aquatics division is currently accepting applications for the position of Pool Swim Instructor/Lifeguard. This is a great way to stay cool this summer with a fun and rewarding job. The duties of this position consists of teaching swim lessons and serving as pool lifeguards at our local high school pools. Both seasonal and year-round positions are available with a starting pay for successful recruits of \$14.71/hour.

For more information about the positions, please visit newportbeachca.gov and click on "Jobs."



City of Newport Beach Recreation & Senior Services Department

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Starting at \$14.71 Hourly

Pool Swim Instructor

City of Newport Beach Recreation & Senior Services Department Parks Make Life Better!

Applications are currently being accepted online for **Pool Swim Instructor Trainee** until **March 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm.**

Candidates who have applied by this date and who pass the application screening will be invited to an oral panel interview tentatively scheduled for March 13 & 14, 2017. Successful candidates will be placed on an eligibility list and may be selected for the Pool Swim Instructor Training Academy where they will receive City-sponsored training toward obtaining certification as an American Red Cross certified Pool Lifeguard (LG) and Water Safety Instructor (WSI). Upon successful completion of the courses, training participants will be responsible for the American Red Cross certification fee of \$35 for each card. Applicants selected to become Pool Swim Instructor Trainees will be paid \$10.50 per hour during the duration of the training academy.

Successful trainees may be appointed to Pool Swim Instructor with a starting pay of \$14.71/hr.

Trainees MUST attend ALL training dates/times:

- Water Safety Instructor Training-Day 1:** Saturday, May 6, 2017 8am-6pm, Corona del Mar High School pool
- Water Safety Instructor Training-Day 2:** Sunday, May 7, 2017 8am-4pm, Corona del Mar High School pool
- Lifeguard Training-Day 1:** Friday, May 19, 2017 5pm-9pm, Corona del Mar High School pool
- Lifeguard Training-Day 2:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 8am-6pm, Corona del Mar High School pool
- Lifeguard Training-Day 3:** Sunday, May 21, 2017 8am-6pm, Corona del Mar High School pool

Apply online: www.newportbeachca.gov. Click on "Jobs"

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 UNPLUG AND CONNECT FACE TO FACE	 BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS & BECOME BETTER AT MAKING FRIENDS	 THINK WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS & LEARN NEW THINGS

IT'S TIME TO MAKE S'MORE MEMORIES!

Your Summer Adventure awaits! Grab your trail map and head on over to campnewport.com on March 4th at 8 a.m., where you'll navigate through over 400 summer camps and plan your next summer adventure! Register by May 8 and save 10% on most camps.

THINGS TO DO IN
Newport Beach
 RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

<input type="checkbox"/>	2/11-3/18 9am-Noon	<i>Citizen Science Academy-Voyager Program</i> For more info on program and cost, email mclemente@newportbeachca.gov
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 2/25 9am-Noon	<i>Monthly Beach Cleanup - Little Corona Beach Free</i> For more info, email marineeducation@newportbeachca.gov
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun. 2/26 3pm	<i>Sunday Musicales - Esther & Joanna Lee Free</i> Central Library - 1000 Avocado Ave, for more info call 949-717-3800
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. & Sat Mar 3-4	<i>The Witte Lectures : Joe Nocera - Inside the NCAA</i> For tickets and more information, visit www.nbplfoundation.org
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 3/4 8am	<i>Summer Camp Registration Begins</i> Visit campnewport.com to register for camps on March 4th.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thu. 3/9 8am	<i>Spring Registration Begins</i> Visit www.newportbeachca.gov/classes for more information.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. 3/11 9am-12:30pm	<i>Bridges of Buck Gully Hike</i> Registration required at www.letsgooutside.org .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun. 3/12 6:30-11:30am	<i>NMUSD Spirit Run & Camp Newport Expo</i> For more information, visit www.nmspiritrun.org/expo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tue. 3/14 6pm	<i>HOAG Lecture: Sinus Solutions</i> OASIS - 801 Narcissus Ave, for more info call 949-644-3244.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed. 3/15 5pm	<i>OASIS St. Patrick's Day Event \$5/person</i> For more information, call 949-644-3244.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. 3/17 9-11am	<i>Buck Gully - Flora and Fauna Hike (OASIS Shuttle) Free</i> Registration required at www.letsgooutside.org .

Something to Ponder
 "Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live."
 - Jim Rohn