



# The Week in Review

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## Upcoming Events

**Tues., Feb. 12**

### **City Council Meeting**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.

4 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 13**

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

Marina Park Sailing Center  
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.

6 p.m.

**Thurs., Feb 14**

### **City Arts Commission Meeting**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.

5 p.m.

**Tues., Feb. 19**

### **Board of Library Trustees Meeting**

Small Conference Room, Central Library

1000 Avocado Avenue

5 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 20**

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

Marina Park Sailing Center  
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.

4 p.m.

## Harbor Day School Redevelopment

Community Development staff is actively working with Harbor Day School on a potential redevelopment project of its campus at 3443 Pacific View Drive. The proposed project includes complete demolition of all existing structures and construction of an approximately 98,000 square-foot facility with larger classrooms, collaborative spaces, and innovative labs for science, art and music. While the structures may be expanding, there is no proposal to increase enrollment. Should the project proceed, construction times and phasing will be very important to ensure minimal interference with school operations and the surrounding neighborhood. Community Development staff is providing assistance to ensure a viable phasing plan is in place. It is anticipated the project will be heard by the Planning Commission in spring 2019.

## Koll Center Residences Study Session

The Planning Commission held a study session on the Koll Center Residences mixed-use project on January 31, 2019. The project consists of a mixed-use residential development of up to 260 residential condominiums, 3,000 square feet of retail use, a freestanding parking garage, a 1.17-acre neighborhood park to be built on the 13.16-acre surface parking lot, and common landscape areas of the Koll Center Newport Planned Community. The purpose of the study session was to provide the Planning Commission and general public with the opportunity to learn about the project. The Planning Commission did not take action at the study session but provided comments and directed staff to provide additional materials on the project for their consideration at a future noticed public hearing. Staff received extensive written comments from the general public regarding the proposed development and 41 persons spoke at the study session. A date for the public hearing at the Planning Commission has not been set at this time.

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

**Thurs., Feb. 21**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
6:30 p.m.

### **Uptown Temporary Occupancy Discussion**

City staff met with the construction teams for the Uptown Newport Apartment project, to discuss temporary certificates of occupancy (TCO) for the opening of its first 94 units in the South Tower. The Uptown Newport project is located at the intersection of Jamboree Road and Fairchild Road in the Airport Area. The 462-unit apartment project is located within the First Phase of the 25-acre Uptown Newport mixed-use development. The leasing office is anticipated to open by the end of February for the opening of the first units by end of March 2019.

The occupied areas in the South Tower will be independent of the North Tower construction site. Construction fencing will separate Fire Department access and construction parking associated with the North Tower. Public Works improvements (permanent traffic signal at the main entry) on Jamboree Road will be completed in April 2019, after the first release of the units due to material delivery issues.

### **CDBG Program – Funding Availability**

The Notice of Funding Availability for fiscal year 2019-2020 was published in January for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development each year to facilitate programs and services that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income (defined as households earning less than 80 percent of Orange County's median income). The Community Development Department will be accepting applications from non-profit organizations seeking to provide CDBG eligible public services or fair housing and landlord-tenant services. Additional information can be found on the City's [website](#). **Completed applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019, at the City of Newport Beach, Community Development Department located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.**

### **General Plan Update Community Meeting**

The Community Development Department would like to remind everyone of the first community Steering Committee meeting to be held at Marina Park, 1600 W. Balboa Blvd. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6 p.m. This will be the initial forum to provide an overview of the General Plan Update process and to get feedback on the draft request for proposals for consultant services.

## **Treasury Report**

The December 2018 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).

As of December, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$278 million, from all sources. Roughly \$24 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 (\$212 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.82 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 1.69%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 1.58%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 1.76%.

## **OC Public Safety Agencies Launch Text-to-911**

All Orange County law enforcement and fire dispatch centers are now equipped with Text-to-911. This service allows dispatchers to communicate by text message with members of the community who are hearing impaired, speech impaired, or those in emergency situations who are unable to make a phone call.

Remember: call if you can, and text if you can't. Calling provides a faster response time and better information for dispatchers and responding personnel. If you do use text messages to communicate in an emergency, the first information you should provide is your location, followed by whether you need law enforcement, fire response, or medical aid services.

Here is some additional information for residents to be aware of:

- Before texting 911, ensure that location services on your mobile phone are turned on.
- Type "911" in the "to" field of the text message.
- Provide your location and the type of emergency services you need (police, fire, or medical).
- Use plain text and refrain from abbreviations.
- Dispatchers cannot accept pictures, videos, or icons.
- Text-to-9-1-1 cannot be used in a group text.
- If your text does not go through, you should receive a message directing you to make a voice call.
- Calling or texting 9-1-1 when it is not an emergency is a crime punishable by up to a year in County jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

## **City's Water Master Plan**

The update of the City's Water Master Plan is nearing completion. Preparation of the 2019 Water Master Plan has been a huge effort for the Public Works Department, Utilities Department, and the City's consultant, Arcadis US, Inc. The previous Water Master Plan was developed in 1999 and subsequently updated in 2008. It is good practice to periodically revisit water master plans to confirm adherence to this planning document and address any new regulations. Some of the key components of the master plan include:

- 1) Analyzing water supply and demand,
- 2) Evaluating the City's Water System Infrastructure,
- 3) Developing a hydraulic model of the entire system, and
- 4) Recommending water capital improvement projects for the next 30 years.

Staff anticipates finalizing the 2019 Water Master Plan in Spring of 2019.

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

The Bayside Drive Rehabilitation Project is currently underway to reconstruct aged pavement along Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road, modify existing striping, upgrade bike lanes, improve parking efficiency and construct new landscaped medians. This project began construction in January 2019, and has a tentative completion date of April 2019.

Contractor GMC Engineering is currently renovating the traffic signals, ADA ramps, sidewalk curb and gutter at the intersection of Bayside Dr., Jamboree and Marine Avenue. Additional work along Jamboree includes rebuilding the retaining wall along the bluff overlooking Balboa Island and harbor. Work has been delayed slightly due to recent winter storms but GMC is still on track to complete all work by the end of April 2019.

## **Recent Storm Events**

During the City's recent wind and rain storm event, Public Works staff responded to over 30 storm-related tree issues. Issues included damaged or weakening City and private trees in addition to numerous limbs and branches obstructing the public right-of-way. As a result, 23 trees required removal. Crews and contractors responded quickly to remove debris and clear the right of way for the safety of the public.

Other various incidents were reported, including a landslide at Pirates Cove and windblown sand accumulation on beach boardwalks and parking lot areas. Crews responded and the areas were cleared.

## **Big Canyon Reservoir TLC**

Due to the recent rain events, weeds and vegetation have flourished at Big Canyon Reservoir. Public Work crews conducted mowing and brush clearing to keep the V-ditches clear of debris and vegetation. During this routine inspection, a severely leaning City Pine tree had to be removed.

## **Bolsa Park Landscaping**

As part of ongoing landscape work, Public Work staff has continued replacing old plant material with water saving succulents and updated the planters throughout Bolsa Park. Old shrubs and plants were replaced with newer, updated drought tolerant plant species. With a fresh coat of mulch to keep the weeds down, along with enhancing the planters, this park is looking great!

## **Fostering interest in Nature (FiiN)**

The Recreation & Senior Services Department is pleased to announce the inaugural year of Fostering interest in Nature (FiiN) program is starting on Tuesday, February 19 and will host its first class of thirty-five fifth graders. This kicks off the 10-week season that will host 350 Title 1 schools from Orange County for a four day, three-night science camp. Students will experience camping in tents, tide pool exploration at Back Bay Science Center, hiking the educational trails in Big Canyon, water safety with our lifeguards, a boat tour of the harbor and trying their hand at kayaking through the scenic and history-rich Newport Back Bay.

FiiN is set to run for the next 10 years, thanks to funds made available by the City of Newport Beach and the Lido House Hotel project. For many of the students, this will be their first visit to the beach in addition to the unique hands on activities we have planned for them. With an emphasis on marine ecology, the program promises to provide an outdoor experience they will never forget, and at the same time foster stewards of our precious resources.

A tremendous amount of teamwork has gone into providing these students with an experience they will cherish for a lifetime. Special thanks to our partners in Planning, Building and Fire Prevention for assisting us in preparing for the program.

If you would like more information on the FiiN program, please contact Derek Breaux, Recreation Supervisor at [dbreaux@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dbreaux@newportbeachca.gov).

### **Fishing for keys**

A student from the local high school recently dropped their automobile key into the storm drain inlet. Staff from our Utilities Department responded to the scene and using a special tool was able to get on site and “fish the keys out” before the next rain storm washed the keys down the pipe. In fact, our storm drain crews receive more than fifty calls each year, relating to retrieving objects (keys, phones, glasses, skateboards, etc).

### **Rain and tide pumping**

We had another round of early morning and weekend pumping for dozens of our Utilities and Public Works Department staff members with this past weekend’s rains and high tides. Special thanks to our City staff who deployed and pumped at two dozen different locations in a coordinated effort at the closed tide-valve locations over the last few days. Since last Friday, we have received a total of 3.48 inches of rainfall. This brings the season total (since the beginning of July) to 15.03 inches with 10.32 inches being the average through the end of February and 13.40 inches being the annual average. From a groundwater standpoint, all of the rainfall that can be stored is being stored, pumped, diverted, and saved for future reuse by our partners at the Orange County Water District.

