



The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung

April 5, 2019

Upcoming Events

Sat. April 6

**County Town Hall Meeting on
John Wayne Airport**

Civic Center Community Room
100 Civic Center Drive
10 a.m. - noon

Mon., April 8

**Books & Babies Storytime:
Library Board Trustee Doug
Coulter**

Central Library Children's Room
1000 Avocado Ave.
9:30 a.m.

Mon., April 8

**Harbor Code – Title 17 Review,
Community Meeting**

Marina Park
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
6 p.m.

Mon., April 8

**New Flood Zone &
Development Community
Meeting**

Marina Park
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
6 p.m.

Mon., April 8

**Pajama Storytime: Council
Member Will O'Neill**

Central Library Children's Room
1000 Avocado Ave.
7 p.m.

Community Meeting – Design Changes for Beachfront Properties in New Flood Zone

On Monday, April 8, at 6 p.m., Community Development Department staff will host a community meeting at the Marina Park Community Center to address the proposed changes to development and design standards affecting 166 beachfront properties between 24th Street and 48th Street that were recently mapped in a new flood zone. City staff will address some of the proposed changes to development standards for height, setbacks, projections, breakaway walls and elevation of first floor above base flood elevation. Property owners and other parties interested in information relating to impacts on design and development standards are encouraged to attend.

Homeless Task Force Applications Period Open

Applications are currently being accepted until noon on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. For more information please click [here](#).

Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) Walkabout

On Wednesday, April 17 at 2 p.m., the Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) will meet in Balboa Village to conduct a "walkabout." The walkabout will be focused on continuing a discussion from its previous meeting regarding a refreshed wayfinding signage program for the Village. The Committee will review locations of existing wayfinding signs and determine where improvements could be made to help visitors find long-term and short-term parking or the Balboa Island Ferry. This will also be an opportunity to see where efforts from the streetscape improvement program have been implemented and what may still need some attention.

The BVAC meets on an as-needed basis on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, check out the BVAC webpage [here](#).

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

Tues., April 9

City Council Meeting

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

Wed., April 10

**Books & Babies Storytime:
Mayor Diane Dixon**

Balboa Branch Library
100 East Balboa Boulevard
10:30 a.m.

Wed., April 10

**Toddler Storytime: Assistant
City Manager Carol Jacobs /
Fire Chief Chip Duncan**

Central Library Children's Room
1000 Avocado Ave.
10:30 a.m.

Thurs., April 11

**Preschool Storytime: Police
Chief Lewis**

**Central Library Children's
Room**
1000 Avocado Ave.
10:30 a.m.

Thurs., April 11

Zoning Administrator Mtg.

City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Thurs., April 11

City Arts Commission Meeting

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

Fri., April 12

**Songs & Stories Storytime:
Council Member Joy Brenner**

Central Library Children's Room
1000 Avocado Ave.
10:30 a.m.

General Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting

With the release of the request for proposals for community engagement related to a future General Plan (GP) update, the GP Update Steering Committee shifted gears to learn about some topical areas of the General Plan. At its meeting on Wednesday, April 3, the Committee was given presentations from staff on a few topics of interest. This included an overview of the General Plan Housing Element, as well as the upcoming Regional Housing Needs Assessment, and a discussion on some of the current General Plan mandates from the State. Additionally, Public Works staff discussed the Circulation Element and provided the basics on the City's traffic model.

While its tentatively scheduled meeting for April 17 was canceled, the Committee is scheduled to meet at least three more times on May 1, May 15, and June 5. 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.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update

At the April 1, 2019, Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee meeting, State Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff provided an update on the State's efforts to develop the RHNA for the Southern California region. Staff outlined the statutory objectives of RHNA: increase housing supply in an equitable manner; promote infill development; promote improved intraregional jobs-housing relationship including jobs housing fit; balance income distributions (more high income RHNA to lower income areas and vice-versa); and affirmatively furthering fair housing. It was highlighted that in the past, the RHNA focused on projected housing needs based on population projections; however, unmet existing housing needs will also be a significant factor in this RHNA cycle.

Southern California Association of Governments staff provided a presentation on the potential factors that would be considered to develop an equitable RHNA distribution methodology, including based on population, proximity to transit, jobs-housing fit, and opportunity indices. The use of a social equity adjustment was also discussed. The social equity adjustment ensures that jurisdictions with a higher amount of lower income households are proportionally assigned a higher number of moderate-income households so that the lower income households are not over-concentrated in certain areas. Both presentations and the complete agenda can be found at the following link: [RHNA Subcommittee April 1, 2019](#). The draft RHNA allocation will

Sat., April 13
Family Storytime: Library
Trustee Paul Watkins
Central Library Children's Room
10:30 a.m.

Wed., April 17
Balboa Village Advisory
Committee-Site Walk
Marina Park
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
2 p.m.

Thurs., April 18
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
5:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 18
Parking Impacts to
Construction Community
Meeting
City Hall Community Room
100 Civic Center Drive
6 p.m.

Sat., April 20
Special Olympics Basketball
Tournament
Newport Coast Community
Center
6401 San Joaquin Hills Rd.
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

be available in February 2020; the final allocation will be available in August 2020.

Orange County Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Community Development Department staff attends the Orange County Council of Government (OCCOG) Technical Advisory Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. These are especially important to keep staff up to date on regional issues and efforts such as RHNA and any upcoming legislation that impacts our local jurisdiction. At the April 2, 2019, meeting, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) staff provided a presentation on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Methodology Survey Packet. The survey requests information from local jurisdictions on local opportunities and constraints that might affect the methodology used to determine each jurisdiction's RHNA allocation. The packet includes the following surveys: 1) Planning factor survey; 2) Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing survey and; 3) Replacement need survey. The meeting provided an opportunity to clarify the information sought and how it may be used in the RHNA methodology process. The surveys are due April 30, 2019.

CDBG Program – Draft Action Plan Available for Review

Notice regarding the City's Draft Action Plan for fiscal year 2019-2020 was published on March 21, 2019, and is available for public review and comment through Tuesday, April 23, 2019, when it will be presented to City Council at a public hearing. The City receives federal funding each year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to facilitate programs and services that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. The Community Development Department received six applications from non-profit organizations seeking to provide CDBG eligible public services and fair housing and landlord-tenant services in the community. The draft Action Plan outlines the City's plan to allocate the funding amongst those applicants. Additional information and a copy of the Draft Action Plan can be viewed on the City's [website](#); it may also be viewed in person at the City Clerk's Office and Community Development Department at City Hall, located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, or at the Central Library, located at 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

April Planning Commission Meeting – Study Session on Two Development Projects

At the next April 18 Planning Commission meeting, two development projects will be presented to the Planning Commission at a study session. The first project is Vivante Senior Housing located at 850-856 San Clemente. The project consists of 90 senior housing units with nine memory care units. The second project is Ford Road Residential located at 4032 Ford Road. This is a proposed general plan amendment that will convert the site to allow 21 attached residential condominium units. Study sessions allow the Planning Commission and community to get an early look at the project. No decisions or official actions are taken during the study session.

Compost Giveaway

Postcards were sent out to Newport Beach residents informing them of the next Compost Giveaway event. The **postcard is their ticket** to receive two free 30-pound bags of compost. The event will take place on April 6, 9 -11 a.m., while supplies last, at 3300 Pacific View Drive, just outside of the entrance to the Big Canyon Reservoir in Corona del Mar. This is a popular event and the Public Works staff will be putting up signs directing residents to the top of Marguerite Drive.

Balboa Island Water Main Replacement – Phase II

Construction for the Balboa Island Water Main Replacement – Phase II project continues to progress. Since our last newsletter update in January, the contractor has completed water transmission main replacement on Park Avenue from the Collins Island bridge to Collins Avenue. The contractor is working very hard to make up for the lost days due to rain. The scheduled completion date for the project is early June.

Upcoming Public Works Project: MacArthur Boulevard & University Drive Pavement Rehabilitation

Construction for the MacArthur Boulevard and University Pavement Rehabilitation project is just around the corner! This project will bring a freshly paved road on MacArthur Boulevard, from Bonita Canyon Drive/Ford Road to State Route 73, and on University Drive, from Jamboree Road to the east City limit. Improvements will also include reconstructing deteriorated sidewalks, median curbs, curb and gutters, and pedestrian access ramps; adjusting utilities structures to grade; and installing new pavement striping.

Due to the proximity of the construction work to State Route 73 on/off-ramps at MacArthur Blvd. and University Dr., intermittent ramp closures at both locations will be required. Additionally, to minimize traffic impacts and comply with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requirements, the majority of construction will be completed at night.

Construction is scheduled to start in the month of May and will be completed in September 2019. Additional information and public notices will be provided prior to the start of construction.

