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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**  
**City Manager's Newsletter**

**TO:** Mayor Dixon & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** March 18, 2016

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director

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### ***City of Newport Beach Building Division Receives Building Department of the Year!***

The City of Newport Beach Building Division has received the California Building Officials (CALBO) 2015-2016 Building Department of the Year award. The award recognizes a jurisdiction's efforts to serve its community which includes community affairs and service, philanthropy, innovation and technology, education, and code development and legislative/government affairs.

CALBO stated that the Newport Beach Building Division has set itself apart in all of California as an innovative leader in a variety of ways. "Investing in their future, the Building Division introduced iPermits, a convenient way to obtain, pay, and schedule permits and inspections. Excelling every day in community affairs and services, Newport Beach ensures that eighty percent of all applications will be checked in the same day. Community members can also view online all active building, planning, and capital improvements in their community. The City of Newport Beach Building Division has accomplished many things for their community, their staff and building and code profession ion, thus earning the distinction as CALBO's 2015-16 Building Department of the Year."



Assistant Community Development Director/Chief Building Official Seimone Jurjis accepted the award on behalf of the City on Monday, March 14 in San Diego.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### ***Smart & Final to Open in Corona del Mar***

Smart & Final will soon be coming to Corona del Mar. Permits were issued on March 8, 2016 for the grocery store to take over the building formerly occupied by Albertsons and, more recently, Haggen Grocery at 3049 East Coast Highway. Construction is expected to finish this weekend, with a hopeful opening date of Wednesday, March 23, 2016.



### ***Water Conservation Staff***

The Water Conservation team is pleased to introduce its newest member, David Munoz. David is tasked with inspecting residential and commercial properties to ensure compliance with all aspects of the City's Level 3 Water Conservation Regulations. David previously worked with the County of Los Angeles as a property maintenance inspector and with the City of Baldwin Park as a Code Enforcement Officer.



Prior to his recent municipal experience, David served his country with honor and distinction as an Army Ranger for approximately ten years, and was deployed several times to Iraq and Afghanistan. On his days off, David spends most of his time planning his wedding, playing men's competitive softball, and riding his motorcycle.

### ***Wahoo's Fundraiser for City of Newport Beach Relay for Life Team***

The City of Newport Beach Employees' Relay for Life team, City Slickers, will be holding a fundraiser Thursday, March 24, 2016. The Wahoo's Fish Taco truck will be at City Hall serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.! The truck will be parked in front of the Community Room, which will be open for seating during lunch.

The menu will include Wahoo's famous #2 Combo – 2 tacos (choice of fish, chicken, or vegetarian), rice, beans, and a drink. Meals will be \$10 each, and a portion of each plate sold will be donated to the team's fundraising efforts.



City of Newport Beach employees interested in joining the team can contact Lauren Wooding at (949) 644-3236, or visit the team's website: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=74140&pg=team&team\\_id=1986814](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=74140&pg=team&team_id=1986814)

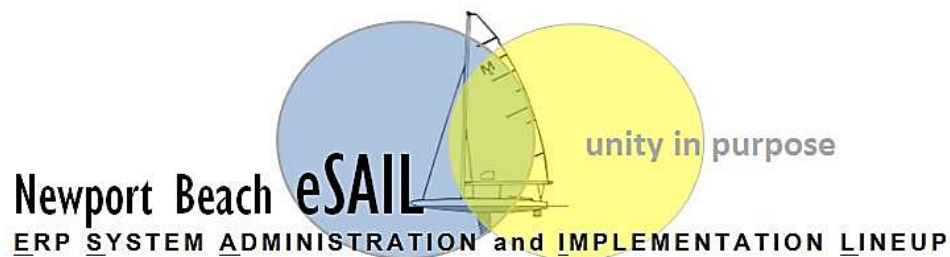




Date: March 18, 2016  
 To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
 From: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director  
 Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

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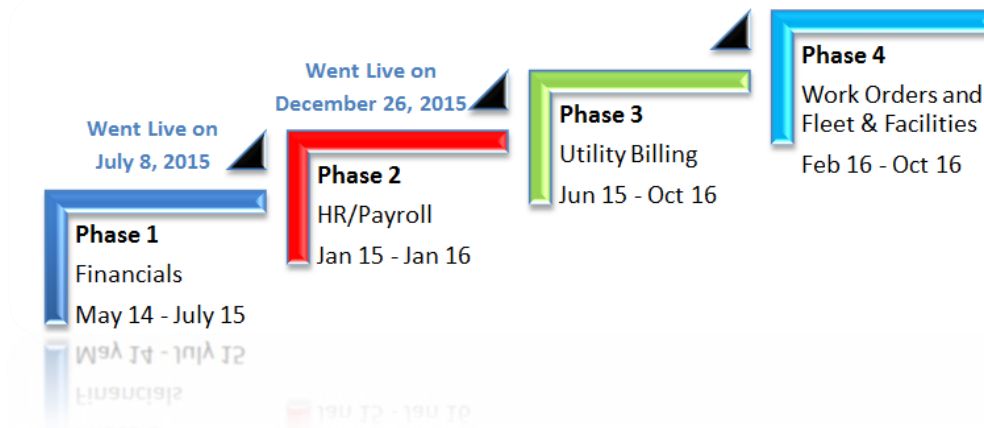
### ***ERP Project Update***



ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software is a business management software system that integrates all of the City's core functional requirements for financials, human capital management, citizen services, and revenues. Implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software implementation project continues. The software provider of the City's ERP or business management software system that integrates all of the City's core functional requirements for financials, human

capital management, citizen services, and revenues is Tyler Technologies Inc. The Tyler system known as "Munis" will replace the current FinancePlus system.

The ERP implementation consists of 4 major overlapping phases. The graphic below depicts the current project phase start and planned go live dates (MMM-YY). We have completed Phases 1 and 2 and are currently working on Phases 3 and 4.



Here is an update of recent and planned activities pertaining to each project phase:

### **Financials – Phase 1**

The financials portion of the project (including such modules as General Ledger, Purchasing, Budget, Projects and Grants and Accounts Payable) became operational on July 8, 2015. Since this time, staff has grown accustomed to the new functionality and is still fine-tuning the system.

### **HR/Payroll – Phase 2**

The Human Resources and Payroll module became operational on December 26, 2015. An important functionality of the module known as the Employee Self Service (ESS) allows employees to access and update their own personal information through a secure online web portal. ESS allows employees to: view payroll information such as paycheck history and W-4 election details, view current benefits, request time off, enter timecards to record time worked and/or absences and see flex, vacation and sick leave balances up to date online. The module also allows for a paperless payroll

process, streamlines timesheet entry and ensures all local, state and federal requirements are met with Munis Payroll.

Standard payroll functions include, but are not limited to, payroll and expense reimbursement processing; reconciliation of employee insurance reports to monthly premium statements; manual or automatic check reconciliation and support of electronic timesheet entry.

### **Utility Billing – Phase 3**

Phase 3 consists of implementing new General Billing, Accounts Receivable, and Utility Billing software. These modules will improve how we create invoices and bills for miscellaneous charges, and maintain accounts for our water and wastewater customers. Staff has been participating in Tyler led business processing consulting sessions to configure the software in conformance with the City's business needs and industry best business practices. Work on the conversion of data from the old system to the new is underway. Staff is currently undertaking training to use the new system.

The accounts receivable and general billing modules are expected to go live next month. The phase is scheduled to be completed in October 2016 with the completion of the utility billing module.

#### **Work Orders and Fleet Management – Phase 4**

The modules in Phase 4 will provide work order solutions for preventive maintenance schedules, maintenance department

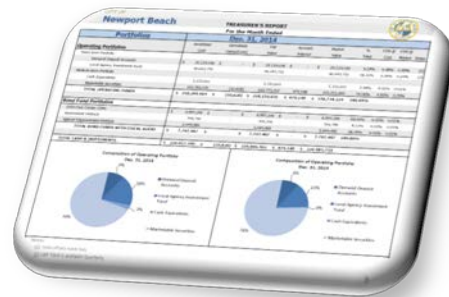
inspections, departmental service requests, and citizen service requests. As a result of their integration with the Financial, Human Resources and Revenue suites, the modules will eliminate duplicate entry of labor time, journal entries and billings. Information will be up-to-date and data input errors or missing information will be reduced. Phase 4 work began last month and will be completed in October 2016.

#### ***Treasury Report***

The February 2016 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).

As of February, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$215 million, from all sources. Roughly \$28 million of this portfolio is highly liquid, meaning that it is available for cash flows associated with day-to-day operations and cash funding of major construction expenditures.

The medium-term portfolio (\$170 million) has a weighted average effective maturity of 1.82 years. The total return for the medium-term portfolio for the trailing twelve months was 1.07%. This return compares favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index which returned 0.98%.



#### ***Lunch and Learn***



The Finance Department had its first Lunch and Learn session for 2016. The topic was Staff Report Training presented by City Clerk Leilani Brown and Assistant City Manager Carol Jacobs. Participants were briefed about Council meeting staff report deadlines, tips for using the agenda software Granicus, availability of templates, suggested content guidelines, and building effective presentations. We invited other departments to attend and were joined by Public Works and Community Development staff. We had a good turnout and learned a lot!





**Newport Beach Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: March 18, 2016  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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**MARINE OPERATIONS**

**Lifeguard Stats for March 1-13, 2016**

PUBLIC ASSISTS	515
ENFORCEMENTS	11
MEDICAL AIDS	11
RESCUES	5
PREVENTATIVES	179
TOTAL CALLS	879
BEACH POPULATION	109,250

**Ocean Rescue**

Monday, March 7, at 9:32 a.m., Newport Beach Fire and Lifeguard Divisions responded to a missing swimmer at the Newport Pier. When the first units arrived, they found one male swimmer in large turbulent surf, approximately 150 yards off shore in a swift current.

Incident Command was established and one Newport Beach Lifeguard, Captain Skeeter Leeper, was deployed into the 65 degree water. The swimmer's location was tracked with the assistance from the Huntington Beach Police Department's helicopter spotlight. The swimmer was rescued and brought to shore three blocks south of where the lifeguard entered the water due to the waves and strong current. The Newport Beach Police Department assisted in bringing the victim to shore where Newport Beach paramedics treated and then transported the patient to an area hospital.

Great team effort by all those involved and excellent work by Captain Leeper!

## **Lifeguard Tryouts**



On Sunday, March 13, Newport Beach Lifeguards held tryouts for seasonal lifeguard positions for this summer. There were 95 applicants, and 48 completed both events: a 1,000-meter swim and a 1,000-meter run-swim-run. We were honored to have Mayor Diane Dixon start the 1,000-meter swim. During the first race, candidates had to navigate their way through 4-6 foot surf as they came around the rocks at the 28<sup>th</sup> Street jetty. Once around the rocks, the surf leveled out to about 3-4 feet with the water about 60 degrees. The top candidates who were successful from the tryouts and the interview process will be asked to continue on through the hiring process.

## **Junior Lifeguards**

The Junior Lifeguard program is off and running for the 2016 season. Two of the three swim tests have already been completed. The Junior Lifeguard staff and lifeguards worked from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. processing and passing 1,155 potential Junior Lifeguards in two days. We had an all-time high of 863 children who came to tryout on the first day!

The fastest Junior Lifeguard qualified in less than 1 minute. The last swim test date will be Sunday, March 20, at Corona del Mar High School.



## **FIRE OPERATIONS**

### **Give the Gift of Life**

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, it's time again for our Second Annual Newport Beach City Employees' Blood Drive. We fell a little short of our goal last year, so we are hoping to make up for it this year.

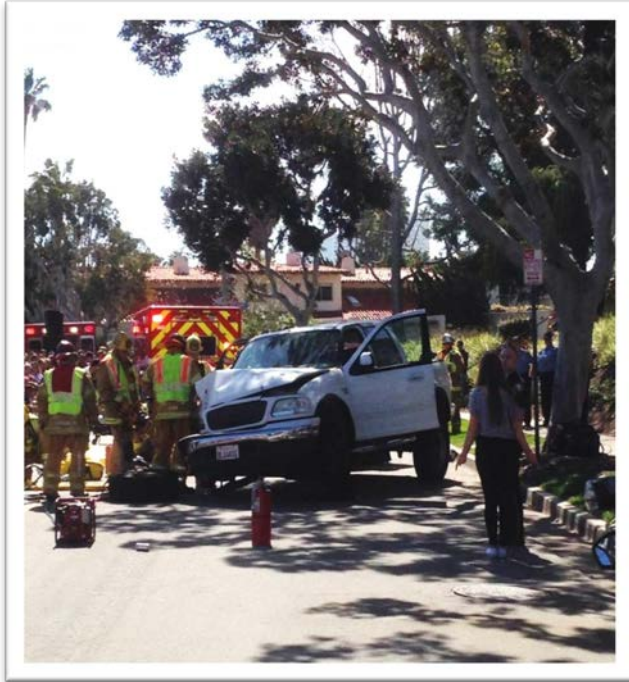
This year's blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the Civic Center Community Room. Walk-in donations are welcome, but to save time we are encouraging everyone to register on line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code **NBCivicCenter**. You can also call the Red Cross at (949) 439-0551 to schedule your appointment.

Please consider giving the gift of life and donate your blood on March 30.



## **Every 15 Minutes Program**

This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year that the Newport Beach Fire Department has conducted the “Every 15 Minutes” program. This is an annual event conducted jointly by the Newport Beach Police Department and the Newport Beach Fire Department. This program simulates a multiple fatality traffic accident that occurs as a result of teenagers drinking and driving.



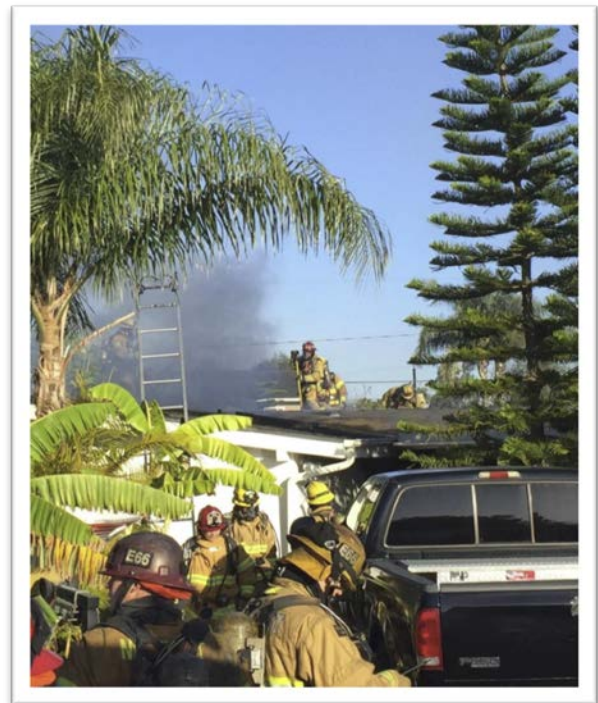
This year, juniors and seniors from Corona del Mar High school witnessed a simulated traffic accident that involved several fatalities, a vehicle extrication, and the arrival of the coroner to remove the deceased. In addition, they also observed one of their classmates fail a field sobriety test and then be placed under arrest for drunk driving.

The program alternates each year between Newport Harbor High School and Corona del Mar High School. The program has been extremely successful in underscoring the dangers and consequences of drinking alcohol and driving. With prom and graduation around the corner, the message of making good choices and not drinking and driving cannot be reinforced enough with our teenagers.

## **Firefighters Assist at House Fire**

The Newport Beach Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire on Willow Lane on Thursday, March 10, just before 7:00 a.m. Upon arrival, they found the residence fully involved with reports that one resident was missing. Firefighting crews initiated an interior fire attack and search for the missing occupant. Another crew found the missing occupant at the rear of the residence trying to extinguish the fire. The occupant was returned to the rest of his family as the fire crews continued to battle the fire.

Additional fire companies arrived from Costa Mesa Fire Department and Orange County Fire Authority to assist with fire extinguishment. The fire was declared under control within approximately 20 minutes with crews staying on scene for an additional hour to ensure the fire would not reignite, and to secure the residence.



The Newport Beach Fire Department responded with four engines in addition to the Orange County Fire Authority and Costa Mesa Fire Department units. Through mutual aid agreements, the three fire agencies that responded were able to work together seamlessly to quickly extinguish the fire.



## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: March 18, 2016  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Barbara J. Salvini, Human Resources Director  
SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

#### Ocean Lifeguard Try-Outs

Human Resources teamed up with the Fire Department on Sunday, March 13, 2016, to proctor the annual Newport Beach Ocean Lifeguard Try-Outs.

Fifty applicants gathered at the Newport Beach Pier and participated in two events — the 1,000-Meter Ocean Swim and the 1,000-Meter Run-Ocean Swim-Run. It was a beautiful, sunny day providing great weather for competition and Mayor Diane Dixon was there to encourage the candidates and kick-off the first event.



*Ready, Set, Go!*



*Pictured (left to right): Lifeguard Captain Gary Conwell, Mayor Diane Dixon, HR Specialist Stephanie Godfrey, Sr. HR Analyst Sarah Rodriguez, and Assistant Lifeguard Chief Rob Williams*

The 30 top-scoring competitors were invited to participate in the next step of the recruitment process. Special thanks to the Fire Department for working diligently with HR to coordinate and facilitate another successful year of NB Ocean Lifeguard Try-Outs!



## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



### Library – Cultural Arts

March 18, 2016

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**From:** Tim Hetheron, Library Services Director

**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter

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## Library Services

### New Public Copiers Installed

New copiers were installed this week at the Central Library, and at the Mariners and Balboa Branches. These will replace the old ones at the same locations and allow customers to print either black/white or color copies, with the prices being the same as for printing, 15 cents for black/white and 75 cents for color copies. The Konica Minolta copiers have Jamex bill/coin acceptors with them so customers can pay directly for their copies.

### New Public Computers

In addition to the new copiers, the Central Library is entering a new phase with the remodel of the 2nd floor public computer area. Thanks to generous funding from the NBPL Foundation, we will be adding individual work carrels and new PCs. The wooden furniture is being reconfigured to allow cabling and electrical work to proceed. The target for completing the entire project is mid to late April.



### Gift of Literacy Luncheon Tickets

Literacy Services opened ticket sales for the 2016 Gift of Literacy fundraising Luncheon to be held on Friday, June 3 at The Pacific Club. This luncheon is the prime fundraising event for Literacy Services during the year. This year's guest speaker will be Gregg Hurwitz, a New York Times bestselling author of 15 thrillers, most recently, *ORPHAN X*. In addition to his bestselling novels, Hurwitz is known for writing Marvel and DC comic books, including *Batman: The Dark Knight*. He will introduce his newest novel, *ORPHAN X*, an instant international bestseller that was quickly picked up by Warner Brothers for Bradley Cooper to produce and possibly star in.

### Bunnies and Books for Kids

The NBPL Foundation recently held a logo contest for the annual Bunnies and books for Kids Festival. The contest was open to artists under 18 who submitted an illustration before the deadline. This week, the winning logo was selected. Created by talented 17-year old, Katie Gerlt, the original art was inspired by her pet rabbit, Scout, who was found abandoned on a street in Newport Beach a year ago. Katie drew "Scout," with a book of course, and he is now the official bunny for the Bunnies and Books logo.





# Cultural Arts Services

## Centennial Celebration: Joan Irving Brandt

The Central Library was packed with art enthusiasts on Saturday, March 5, celebrating the centennial anniversary of Joan Irving Brandt. Over 200 people came to hear about the well-known and well-loved artist and her art. Stories from family members, as well as art collector and friend Gene Crain and curator Gordon T. McClelland, had many in the audience reminiscing about the days when residents all knew each other in the village of Corona del Mar and the Brandt School of Painting, known as “Blue Sky” attracted artists from all over the country. Former art student Chris Sullivan shared her experiences as first a student of Joan Irving Brandt and then working as an assistant at Blue Sky. A reception was held in the Bamboo courtyard following the program.



On Wednesday, a second program about Joan Irving Brandt was presented by Jennifer Martinez Wormser, Library Director at the Laguna College of Art and Design. Wormser talked about the California Scene Painting movement and how artists like Joan Irving Brandt incorporated the special “California sunlight” into their watercolors.

## Concerts on the Green

The dates and bands for the 2016 Concerts on the Green have been selected by the City Arts Commission. The schedule is as follows:

- Hollywood Stones (Rolling Stones tribute) – July 31
- Rumours (Fleetwood Mac tribute)- August 21
- The Springsteen Experience – September 11

All concerts will be held at the Civic Green at the Newport Beach Civic Center. The concerts will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m.



## Newport Beach Art Exhibition Call for Entries

The application to enter art in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition is now available online at [www.CallForEntries.org](http://www.CallForEntries.org) (CAFÉ). CAFE is a regional nonprofit arts service organization that manages artist applications and the jury process for art exhibition and other events. Announcements were sent out to artists who participated in last year’s exhibition as a priority courtesy and entries have already been submitted. An announcement will be sent to the general public next week.



## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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March 18, 2016

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

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### Sand Removal on Newport Shoreline

Last fall and again last month, County forces moved sand from the Santa Ana River to the beach in West Newport. This increased the height of the sand by four feet, which blocked the ocean view for many residents. Last week, Field Maintenance staff hired Tight Quarters to redistribute the sand. Over the course of four days, they returned the grade back to normal. Beach Maintenance Supervisor Joe Delgado was the lead on this project and did a great job coordinating the contractor's efforts and responding to concerned residents.



**From:** Danielle Friedman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 4:06 PM  
**Subject:** Sand dune leveling

I want to say thank you from all the residents near the Newport Beach river jetty for leveling off the sand that the County of Orange dumped in front of our homes. The sand was so high that it blocked our view to the ocean. I really appreciate all of your hard work and efforts in lowering the level of sand and allowing us to see the waves again. It means a lot to all of us that you took the initiative to make things right and lower the level of sand on the beach in front of 68th street all the way to the river jetty.

I am very pleased to have my view back. Thank you again for making the residents of Newport Beach get their beach back to normal!

Sincerely,  
Danielle Friedman

### Improvements at the Wedge

Recently, the Municipal Operations Department (MOD) Concrete Crew removed and replaced the concrete pad, surrounding driveway approach, and the sidewalk at The





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Wedge. Following the installation of 1,600 square feet of concrete, a Facilities Maintenance contractor installed a new drinking fountain. In our continuing efforts to upgrade older park areas, MOD staff also renovated a large landscaped planter at the end of Channel Road in the past 12 months. This highly visited park and beach is looking good and is ready for summer visitors!

*Before*



*After*



### **Mandatory Organics Recycling Coming to Newport Beach**

The statewide mandatory commercial organics recycling law, AB 1826, becomes effective for businesses in the City on April 1. Organic waste is defined as food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper.

Initially, only businesses generating eight cubic yards or more of organic waste per week will be required to recycle this waste stream. The businesses that meet this waste generation threshold include golf courses, grocery stores, large hotels, hospitals, and large restaurants. Department staff sent letters to 43 effected businesses and contacted waste haulers to ensure they have organics recycling programs in place on April 1.

On January 1, 2017, businesses that generate four cubic yards of organic waste per week will be required to recycle. We anticipate the January 1 threshold will affect nearly all restaurants in the City.



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### Recent El Niño Rain Event



Last week's El Niño rain event brought unusually high surf and strong winds to Newport Beach. MOD Crews from numerous divisions reported to work at 4 a.m. on Sunday and 4:30 a.m. on Monday as high tide occurred at 6:55 a.m. and 7:38 a.m. respectively. Since it was raining during high tide, staff operated pumps to remove rainwater from the streets. This prevented flooding to private and public properties. Staff also set out flooded street barricades where needed.

Several beach locations, including the Lifeguard Station at Newport Pier, experienced erosion due to the high tides. Additionally, Field Maintenance crews set up berms during the high surf to prevent parking lot flooding.

The boardwalk and street ends at the Newport Pier area were inundated with sand from the strong winds. Crews have been removing the sand and this work will continue into next week.





## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Jay Johnson, Chief of Police  
DATE: March 18, 2016  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLICE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

On Thursday, March 17, the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Commodores Club hosted the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Appreciation Breakfast at the Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach. The event was sponsored by the Maseeh Family, Hoag Hospital Presbyterian, and Newport Beach & Company. Members of the Police Department were honored at the breakfast, which was attended by City Staff and Community Leaders.



*Shown left to right: Charlie Beswick, Roland Stucken, Amanda Diaz, Tiffany Lippman, Judy Johnson, Ryan Peters and Chief Jay R. Johnson*

Nominations for the Police Department Annual Awards are collected by committees for each award category. Members of the Police Department who receive award nominations are discussed by those committees and then recommendations are submitted to the Chief of Police for consideration. The following members of the Police Department received recognition in the listed categories:

**OFFICER ROLAND STUCKEN, OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**SERGEANT RYAN PETERS, SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**

**RECORDS SUPERVISOR AMANDA DIAZ, CIVILIAN SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER TIFFANY LIPPMAN, CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR**

**RESERVE OFFICER CHARLIE BESWICK, RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**VOLUNTEER JUDY JOHNSON, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Additional awards were received as listed below:

**AWARD OF MERIT PRESENTED TO SERGEANT ERIC LITTLE, OFFICER MATTHEW BIAGI AND OFFICER ANTONIO DE LA TORRE**

On August 1, 2015, Sergeant Little and Officers De La Torre and Biagi were dispatched to a single-vehicle traffic collision that had ended in the Back Bay. Officer De La Torre was the first to arrive. He found that a vehicle had left the roadway and overturned, landing on its roof in the bay. Two of the occupants had escaped from the partially-submerged vehicle, but they reported that a third person was still inside. The man was trapped by his seatbelt and struggling to keep his head above water. As Officer De La Torre rushed into the water to help the trapped man, Sergeant Little and Officer Biagi arrived on scene and followed their coworker into the bay. They successfully freed the man from the sinking vehicle and brought him safely to dry land. All three are commended for their swift and proper action, and for putting one man's well-being ahead of their own.

**AWARD OF MERIT PRESENTED TO OFFICER DALLAS LOPEZ**

On December 4, 2015, Officer Lopez responded to a call regarding a residential fire. On arrival, he found the home engulfed in flames and a woman and her two dogs trapped on the balcony. Without hesitation, Officer Lopez found a ladder and used it to reach the stranded woman. The resident handed Officer Lopez her two dogs first, and then accepted his assistance to climb down the ladder to safety. The fire spread quickly and the home was fully engulfed in flames before Fire Department personnel arrived at the scene. Officer Lopez is commended for his swift action, which kept the resident—and her pets—out of harm's way.

**LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTED TO OFFICER BRIAN McDOWELL AND OFFICER CHRISTOPHER PHELAN**

On May 24, 2015, Officers McDowell and Phelan responded to a traffic collision involving a car and a pedestrian. When they arrived at the scene, they found the pedestrian lying in the roadway; he had suffered major injuries and was unresponsive, not breathing and had no pulse. The Officers immediately began to render aid to the subject, providing CPR for over four minutes until medics arrived. While Officer Phelan remained on scene to begin the collision investigation, Officer McDowell accompanied the man as medics transported him to a local trauma center. Unfortunately, the man's injuries were extremely severe and he did not survive. Officers McDowell and Phelan are commended for their heroic attempts to save this man's life.

**LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTED TO OFFICER ANTONIO DE LA TORRE AND OFFICER JORGE NEGRETE**

On December 23, 2015, Officers De La Torre and Negrete were dispatched to a home to conduct a welfare check. A resident had called the Police Department to express concern for her husband, who had been making disturbing statements and alluding to suicidal thoughts. When the Officers arrived, the wife reported that her husband had locked himself in an empty bedroom. The Officers forced their way in to the room to find the unconscious man in the closet, where he had hung himself with a makeshift ligature. The Officers immediately began to administer CPR to the man, who remained unresponsive, for six minutes until medics arrived at the home. The man was transported to a local hospital, where doctors were initially able to detect a pulse. Unfortunately, despite the lifesaving efforts of Officers De La Torre and Negrete, the victim's injuries were so severe that he ultimately passed away. The Officers are commended for their heroism and dedication in trying to save the man's life.

**LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTED TO OFFICER CHRISTOPHER PHELAN AND OFFICER BEAU RAINS**

On January 2, 2015, Officers Phelan and Rains were handling a public disturbance call when Dispatch advised all units that a man was having trouble breathing. The Officers, recognizing that the address provided was only one street away from their current location, immediately proceeded to the man's home to provide assistance. On arrival, they found the man lying on the ground, unconscious and not breathing. Working in tandem, Officer Rains administered chest compressions and Officer Phelan kept the subject's airway open until medics arrived. The subject was transported to a local hospital, where he survived for nine days before succumbing to his condition. Although the man did not survive, Officers Phelan and Rains are commended for their timely response and valiant efforts to save his life.



**LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTED TO OFFICER JOHN MILLER**

On September 27, 2015, Officer Miller responded to a call of unknown trouble; the caller reported that a man outside his home was shouting for someone to call 9-1-1. As he arrived at the location, Officer Miller spotted a man in the street, covered in blood. Upon further inspection, the Officer saw that the man was bleeding profusely from a large laceration just below his elbow. Immediately realizing that this was an arterial bleed, Officer Miller swiftly applied a tourniquet to the subject's arm and gained control of the profuse bleeding until medics arrived. The man was transported to a local hospital, where he made a full recovery. If this tourniquet had not been applied so quickly and effectively, the subject might have easily died from blood loss before the medics arrived. Officer Miller is commended for his quick and decisive action in saving this man's life.

**LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTED TO OFFICER MATTHEW BIAGI, OFFICER KEVIN MONSOOR AND OFFICER DAVID SAREGA**

On March 21, 2015, Officer Sarega was just beginning his early morning patrol shift and Officers Biagi and Monsoor were finishing their graveyard shift, when they heard a radio call that a nine-week-old infant was unresponsive and not breathing. Recognizing the urgency of this call, all three Officers responded to the residence immediately to provide assistance. On arrival, they began administering chest compressions to the unconscious infant and continued lifesaving efforts until medics arrived. The infant was transported to a local hospital, where doctors were able to detect a heartbeat and place the infant on life support equipment. Tragically, after several days, the baby passed away. Officers Biagi, Monsoor, and Sarega are commended for their exceptional performance in a sensitive situation and their attempts to save this infant's life.

Please join me in congratulating all of our award recipients.

On behalf of myself, and the entire Police Department, we are sincerely grateful to the Chamber, the Commodores and all of the other supporters who joined us yesterday for the Police Appreciation Breakfast.

## NBPD LAUNCHES NEW WILDLIFE WATCH PROGRAM



The Department is pleased to announce our newest community program: Wildlife Watch. Wildlife Watch is loosely based on the Neighborhood Watch model of partnership between the Department and the Community, but with a focus on managing interactions between wildlife and people, instead of reducing crime. We have partnered with the California

Department of Fish and Wildlife to launch this program, which provides residents with accurate information and training on the subject of coyotes. Those trained residents will then become our partners in monitoring and addressing unnatural coyote behavior.

Our staff coordinated with Fish and Wildlife personnel to design and implement our own version of the Wildlife Watch program. And, this past Tuesday, we hosted a “pilot” meeting for the residents of Laurel Lane, Holly Place and Margaret Drive. Topics included: how to remove attractants and protect pets; coyote hazing; the appropriate terms for different levels of coyote interactions (sighting, encounter, imminent threat, attack); and how to identify natural versus unnatural coyote behaviors.



*Left: NBPD staff receives training from Conservation Coach Dave Dodge (CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife)*

*Below: Dave Dodge and Lt. Fischbacher address residents at the first Wildlife Watch community meeting*

After the success of this initial neighborhood meeting, we are ready to expand the program and introduce several other neighborhoods to the concepts and policies of Wildlife Watch. Our next outreach will include a network of our existing community contacts, followed by a city-wide expansion. For more information on what you can do to *Be Coyote Smart*, see the information on our webpage [here](#).



## PENINSULA ENFORCEMENT TEAM APPEARS IN ELECTRIC BIKE ACTION MAGAZINE

The April 2016 edition of Electric Bike Action Magazine might feature some familiar faces, especially if you know the members of our Peninsula Enforcement Team. In a six-page spread, the magazine reports on the electric Ridge Rider Pedego Bikes that were outfitted for the Department by Pedego Corona del Mar, and how they are being put to use here in Newport Beach. If you're looking for more information on these bikes, and the Officers who ride them, check out the story (on newsstands now!).



## A FAMILIAR FACE FOR THE FUTURE



On Wednesday, City Manager Dave Kiff officially announced that Deputy Chief Jon Lewis will be promoted to the rank of Chief of Police. Jon has been with the Department since 1991, when he was hired as a Cadet at the age of 18. I am confident that the next few weeks will be a time of smooth transition for both our employees and the Community, who have known Jon for so many years. Although I have thoroughly enjoyed my years as Chief, I know that I will be leaving the Department in good hands.

Please join me in congratulating Deputy Chief Lewis on his promotion.





To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director  
Date: March 18, 2016

### **City Staff Visits Santa Cruz Harbor**

On March 3, Council Member Duffy Duffield, Public Works Director Dave Webb, and Harbor Resources Manager Chris Miller visited Santa Cruz Harbor to gain some insight into how Santa Cruz officials manage their dredging and disposal program.



Santa Cruz Harbor is unique because the entrance channel requires constant dredging each winter, and if left unchecked for even a few weeks, it would shoal and severely restrict vessel traffic. In addition,

Santa Cruz also contends with sediment flow into the back of their harbor, similar to Newport's inflow from the Upper Bay. Because of this large volume of predictable work every year, the Port District owns and operates two hydraulic suction dredges which dispose of the material either directly onto the ocean beaches for sand replenishment, or several hundred feet offshore.



As Newport considers long term solutions for dredging and disposal, it was interesting to learn how Santa Cruz manages their complex needs. Sincere thanks to Santa Cruz Port Commissioner Bill Lee who facilitated the meetings and tour of the harbor.

### **Corona del Mar Entry Improvement Project Update**

Work for the Corona del Mar Entry Improvement project, which consists of new widened sidewalks, sitting walls, and landscaping is underway. The contractor has finished constructing new curb and gutter, pilasters and seat walls and is currently grading for the new concrete flat work. Staff is exploring options for adding low voltage uplighting in order to illuminate the new trees along Coast Highway and the monument sign located in the MacArthur Boulevard and East Coast Highway median. The estimated completion date for all construction is early May.



*Finished Curb/Gutter, Pilasters and Seat Walls*

## The Gemini Scow Rises to the Surface...With a Little Help

At last, the 200 cubic yard Gemini scow, which has been sunk at its mooring near the Lido Peninsula, is ready to be hauled away to the scrap yard. Marine contractor Associated Pacific



Constructors, Inc. began the specialized job of cutting the 300,000 pound steel scow under water so that smaller sections could be lifted off the bottom of the harbor and hauled away. Two weeks of underwater, hard hat diving work is about to wrap up, then several trips to the Rhine Wharf will be required to load the pieces of steel onto flatbed trucks.

We are glad to see this being resolved collaboratively between our local marine contractors, and appreciate the assistance of the Harbor Commission in helping us reach this goal.

## Annual Concrete Pavement Replacement Project

On November 24, 2015, City Council awarded a construction contract to Unique Performance Construction Inc., for the Annual Concrete Pavement Replacement Project. The scope of work includes replacing deteriorated curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and non-compliant ADA curb access ramps within the John Wayne Airport area, Eastbluff and Newport Center Communities.

The contractor has completed all work in the airport area and is currently working in the Eastbluff Community. Most of this year's work is focused on deteriorated sidewalk located along Jamboree Road between Campus Drive and Coast Highway. Over 40,000 square feet of sidewalk is being replaced in this year's contract. Construction began February 22, 2016, and is scheduled for completion in June 2016.



*ADA Curb Access Ramp Replacement*



*Sidewalk Replacement*



## **Newport Boulevard Water Main Replacement Nearing Completion**

After seven months of construction, we are happy to report that the new 24-inch replacement steel water main on Newport Boulevard from 28<sup>th</sup> Street to Via Oporto has been installed and is currently in service. This stretch of pipe was approximately 2,600 feet long and was quite challenging to install due to numerous existing utilities and the high tidal ground water level. The contractor is finishing the 16-inch replacement PVC water main on Newport Boulevard from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Weather permitting, this stretch of pipe will be completed by the end of March 2016.

Upon completion of these two large water lines, the only remaining item of work will be to replace 400 feet of 8-inch pipe along an alley between 28<sup>th</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in April 2016, one month ahead of schedule.



## **15<sup>th</sup> Street is Getting a Facelift!**

As part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Street/Balboa Boulevard Revitalization project, the 15<sup>th</sup> Street segment south of W. Balboa Boulevard is undergoing a month-long construction effort to bring in enhancement elements such as decorative pavement, landscaping elements, architectural features and much more. The sidewalks will be re-opening for public access this weekend. The balance of the roadway is expected to be completed by April 8, 2016.

We sincerely thank the community for working with us through this process.



## Tidegate Valve Improvement Project

On March 8, 2016, City Council awarded a construction contract to Paulus Engineering, Inc., for the replacement of three tidegate valves. The project includes replacing and updating tidegate valves, motors and actuators that have exceeded their service lives. In addition, the tidegate access doors will be replaced with safer and more reliable doors. The work locations include a 36-inch tidegate near Channel Place Park, and two 18-inch gates on Collins Avenue.

Fabricating the tidegates will take nearly 100 days; therefore they are expected to be installed this summer. Once construction is complete, these tidegates will be more reliable and require less maintenance. Furthermore, the updated actuators and motors will be similar systems to the tidegates currently maintained throughout the City.

## Save the Date – Big Canyon Nature Park!

The public is invited to hear a presentation on a plan for protecting and enhancing habitat and recreational resources in Big Canyon Nature Park. Two meetings will be held in April:

**Newport Beach Central Public Library – Friends Meeting Room**  
**1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach**

**April 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**April 26 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**



The draft restoration plan, called the Resource and Recreation Management Plan, represents a general future vision for the 50-acre Big Canyon Nature Park that includes:

- protecting and enhancing Big Canyon Creek,
- enhancing habitat to protect wildlife while addressing fuel modification concerns, and
- providing an improved trail system with trailhead kiosks and fencing as needed.

## Technology Helping to Alleviate Traffic Congestion on City Streets

Staff in the City Traffic Management Center (TMC) quickly addressed vehicle backups due to street construction at Newport Boulevard and 32<sup>nd</sup> street last week, by reviewing the street from the field cameras and adjusting the signal green time on the fly.





# Park Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Begins!



## PROJECT UPDATE Construction Begins! Week of March 21, 2016

### What you can expect to see the week of March 21, 2016

The first week of construction, the contractor will be working on the following activities:

- ✚ Coordinate with utility companies on underground utilities along Park Avenue.
- ✚ Place signage related to restricted parking areas and closed sidewalks (Northside of the Grand Canal and Park Avenue).
- ✚ Remove trees, shrubs and planters near Park Avenue.
- ✚ Install the temporary utility crossing across the Grand Canal.

Intermittent lane restrictions on the Park Avenue Bridge:

- ✚ Intermittent lane restrictions and/or flagmen may be used on Park Avenue.



Tree Chipper



Crane



Flagman



Utility Conduits

### Upcoming activities for the week of March 28, 2016

The contractor will work on the following activities:

- ✚ Trench for the temporary utility lines between Marine Avenue and Abalone Avenue.
- ✚ Install a temporary waterline.

Intermittent lane restrictions on the Park Avenue Bridge:

- ✚ Intermittent lane restrictions and/or flagmen may be used on Park Avenue.

\*Project schedule is subject to change based upon field conditions and uncontrollable factors such as weather.

### In the Works

- ✚ Fabrication of the temporary steel bridge is in process.

### Meet Us at the Fire Station!

Every Thursday beginning March 24, 2016  
9 am to 10 am

Our team will be available to answer any questions about the project or just stop by to say hello. 😊

### Our Commitment

Communicate | Listen | Minimize impacts  
Build the project as quickly as possible



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To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director  
Date: March 18, 2016



### DO YOU REMEMBER SEEING THE OCEAN FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Perhaps for many us, we started visiting the beach at a young age and can't quite recall seeing the ocean for the very first time. However, for some 1<sup>st</sup> graders from San Bernardino, their field trip to Big Corona Beach, and seeing the ocean for the first time, will be a lasting memory.

Natural Resource Interpreters (NRI's) from the Office of Natural Resources were thrilled to make an impact on the 100 elementary students from McKinley Elementary School by exposing them to the wonders of the sea. NRI's were very organized and led various interactive activities to teach the students about marine science and stewardship actions that protect our coastline. The children were engaged in learning as they built a tidepool with oversized rocks and stuffed animals, ran relay games to "save" tidepool animals, and took part in an adventure down to Pirate's Cove to see tidepool animals in their natural habitat.

The Natural Resource Office hosts many field trips to educate children about our natural resources. NRI's hold a special role of exposing the value and the beauty of the ocean to the children whom are limited to experiencing the ocean first hand. The McKinley Elementary School Field Trip was a great success!







### MINIONS TAKE OVER CHANNEL PLACE PARK

Movie in the Park “Minions” brought the community another great event on March 4 as the Minions kept families laughing all night long. The event kicked off at Channel Place Park and included music, popcorn, and games for all to enjoy. Skyhawks, a contracted company that teaches sports programs for the City, was at the event giving free demonstrations on basketball. Children had a blast as they created their very own Minion hard hat and took pictures in the Minion themed frame! A big THANK YOU goes out to all the Departments who came together to help make this a successful event!

### MBAC WELCOMES

#### NEWPORT BEACH JUNIOR GUARDS

The Marian Bergeson Aquatic Center opened its doors to tryouts on March 6, 12, and 20. The tryouts always bring hundreds of excited families to the pool deck as they cheer on their Junior Lifeguard through their timed swim test.



### SUMMER DAY CAMP FILLING UP

The Recreation & Senior Services Department’s Summer Day Camp has opened registration and spaces are filling fast! Summer Day Camp is jam-packed with great trips, new friends, and exciting activities. Choose from the Community Youth Center (CYC) camp in Corona del Mar or Newport Elementary (NEL) camp on the Balboa Peninsula. So sign-up today as Week 10 (8/29-9/2/2016) of the day camps is already sold out!

information, please visit [campnewport.com](http://campnewport.com).

For a complete list of camps, prices, and more







## NHBA OPENING DAY

On Saturday March 5, Newport Harbor Baseball Association held their Opening Day highlighted by the dedication of a bench and new bullpen area in the name of Zach Cornwell. Tragically Zach passed last year. Stories of Zach's legendary power to hit a ball 400 feet as a 12 year old were shared along with stories about his wonderful personality. Zach was

a great leader and an amazing friend to all those around him. The Cornwell family was on hand for the dedication and presented a copy of the bullpen plaque. PB&R Commissioner Tom Anderson was on hand to show his support for the Cornwell family and represent the City. Thank you to Susan Hoffman of the *Daily Pilot* for Photos.



## WHEN SPRING & SUMMER MEET!

Let us help you plan your weekend with some family fun that will bring you a taste of both spring and summer in just two days!



Start the weekend with some warm sun and fresh air by joining us on Saturday, March 19 at the Civic Center Lawn. The Mayor's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Egg Roll, will commence at 10 a.m. and will have great activities such as egg roll races, face painting, a train ride, crafts and more. This event is free and will give you the opportunity to spend quality time with your loved ones, and includes a photo with the bunny for each family. Don't miss out on this fun filled event!

This Sunday, March 20, catch that summer feeling, and join us at the Newport-Mesa Spirit Run for our annual **Camp Newport Expo!** Gidgets and groms can surf through over 25 booths with some of our most popular instructors and catch a glimpse of the endless fun in store for the 2016 Summer Camp season.

This family event includes giveaways, a mechanical surfboard simulator, rock wall climb, marine life in the isopod, a photo booth, and features a skateboard demo by Adam Cohen's Skatedogs Coaches. The fun happens at Fashion Island starting at 6:30 a.m. and will wrap up around 11:30 a.m. Remember, the early bird always catches the worm, and the Early Bird Discount ends on May 9 so register today!

Start planning for sunny days and perfect waves-Summer camp registration is already open at [campnewport.com](http://campnewport.com). Register by May 9 to receive the early bird discount.





# Things To Do In Newport Beach:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2/1-3/31</b>	<b>CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: JOAN IRVING BRANDT - ART DISPLAY</b> Central Library - 1000 Avocado Ave
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FRI. 3/18</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER - EGG HUNT</b> First person to email (recreation@newportbeachca.gov) the correct # of hidden eggs in the RSS newsletter wins a towel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3/18-4/17</b>	<b>NEWPORT THEATRE ARTS CENTER "UNCLE VANYA"</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.ntaonline.com">www.ntaonline.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3/18-3/20</b>	<b>REFLECTIONS - CRYSTAL COVE ALLIANCE SPRING ART SHOW</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.visitnewportbeach.com/events">www.visitnewportbeach.com/events</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3/18-3/19</b>	<b>ROBERT BRUSSEL ART SHOW</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.visitnewportbeach.com/events">www.visitnewportbeach.com/events</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SAT. MAR 19</b> 11am-Noon	<b>SLEEPING BEAUTY BALL FOR FAMILIES</b> Central Library (Friend's Meeting Room) - 1000 Avocado Ave
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SAT. MAR 19</b> 1-3pm	<b>MARINE PROTECTED AREA HIKE "ALL ABOUT EGGS" FREE</b> Meet at Little Corona Lifeguard Tower
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SAT. MAR 19</b> 10am	<b>MAYOR'S SPRING EGG ROLL FREE</b> Civic Center Green -100 Civic Center Drive
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SUN. MAR 20</b>	<b>NEWPORT-MESA SPIRIT RUN</b> For more information visit <a href="http://nmspiritrun.org">nmspiritrun.org</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SUN. MAR 20</b> 6:30am	<b>CAMP EXPO</b> Event is held at the Spirit Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SAT. MAR 26</b> 9am-Noon	<b>MONTHLY BEACH CLEANUP -LITTLE CORONA BEACH</b> For more information, email <a href="mailto:marineeducation@newportbeachca.gov">marineeducation@newportbeachca.gov</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WED. MAR 30</b> 7pm	<b>BEYOND THE CANVAS - PIERRE BONNARD</b> Central Library - 1000 Avocado Ave
<input type="checkbox"/>		
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