



The Week in Review

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October 4, 2019

Upcoming Events

[Sunday, October 6](#) [Newport Beach Fire Service Day](#)

Newport Beach Fire Station #7
201401 Acacia
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8 **Library Lecture Hall** **Committee Meeting**

City Hall, Crystal Cove
Conference Room (Bay 2D)
100 Civic Center Drive
8 - 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8 **City Council Study Session**

City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8 **City Council Meeting**

City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
7 p.m.

Thursday, October 10 **Finance Committee Meeting**

City Hall, Crystal Cove
Conference Room (Bay 2D)
100 Civic Center Drive
3 p.m.

Homelessness Update

Last week, outside legal counsel filed an amicus curiae brief with the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the California State Association of Counties and 33 California counties and cities in support of certiorari in *City of Boise v. Martin*. Newport Beach City Council voted to join this brief, which asks the US Supreme Court to review the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision that has severely restricted the ability for counties and cities to enforce their anti-camping laws. Because of this decision, we are moving down multiple pathways to obtain shelter beds. The Supreme Court is expected to decide whether to hear the case by 2020.

At the last City Council meeting, on September 24, City Council approved a resolution to implement a sign and messaging program to discourage panhandling. Staff will work with the Homeless Task Force to develop the messaging and post signage in locations where panhandling is occurring.

The United Way will present their Homelessness 101 class on October 23 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Library Friends Room. This educational session will provide a better understanding of the homeless system in our community, including the most up-to-date statistics and best practices for solving homelessness in Orange County for good. More information is provided in the attached flyer, including registration for this free event.

General Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting

The General Plan Update Steering Committee (GPUSC) will meet next on Wednesday, October 16, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The GPUSC will hear updates on the planning of the October 26 *Listen & Learn* Launch Event and the publication of an interactive online web platform. In addition, the consultant team will discuss its review of the General Plan, as it relates to compliance with current State mandates. Lastly, there will be a discussion about the distinction between General

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

Wednesday, October 9
Harbor Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6:30 – 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 10
Zoning Administrator Mtg.
City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Drive
3 p.m.

Thursday, October 10
City Arts Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
5 p.m.

Monday, October 14
City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Election Reform Public Input Meeting
[Proposed NBMC Revisions](#)
Friends Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 16
Balboa Village Advisory Committee
Marina Park
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
3:30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 16
General Plan Update Steering Committee
City Council Chamber
100 Civic Center Dr.
6 p.m.

Plan policies and Zoning Code regulations and how that will be addressed through the *Listen & Learn*.

Please note the agenda is not yet finalized and the items planned for this meeting could change. 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.

Disabled Access Training

The Community Development Department held California Disabled Access Training, a two-day seminar on September 26 and October 1, 2019, with in-depth review of the California accessibility requirements and the federal ADA guidelines. The seminar helped design professionals to design compliant buildings and City staff to understand enforcement of the upcoming code regulations. A mix of design professionals, building inspectors, building officials and code consultants attended each session. This review took into account all the 2019 code updates and addressed a host of subjects pertaining to access compliance with regard to the State of California provisions.

Bayside Family Resort Hotel EIR Scoping Meeting

On September 25, 2019, City staff and their environmental consultant, ESA, conducted a scoping meeting in the Civic Center Community Room to discuss an application under review for the proposed 275-room Bayside Family Resort Hotel located at 1131 Back Bay Drive in the Newport Dunes. Scoping meetings are required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose is to explain the proposed project and invite interested persons to comment on what should be studied in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The event was well attended by approximately 40 people and several members of the public spoke to voice their comments related to potential environmental impacts that should be considered. To date, staff has received four written comments from interested community members and agencies and is expecting more leading up to the conclusion of the 30-day Notice of Preparation comment period on October 16, 2019. Written comments can be emailed, mailed, or hand delivered to Makana Nova, Associate Planner, at mnova@newportbeachca.gov, Community Development Department-Planning Division, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment

At the October 8, 2019 City Council meeting, staff will present an update regarding the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process, which will ultimately establish a housing allocation that the City will need to address in the next Housing Element Update. The presentation will include the regional

determination made by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and current draft allocation methodology recommended by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Treasury Report

The August 2019 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at:

www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.

As of August, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$271 million, from all sources. Roughly \$29 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 (\$219 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.91 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 4.58%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 4.35%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 2.08%.

Median Renovations

The Public Works Parks Division continues with the process of replacing plant material in medians throughout the City. Our Landscape Maintenance Contractor, Park West is doing an outstanding job on these renovations, with direction from City staff. The section of Dover Drive at Coast Highway was completed last month.

Weed Abatement Services

The City awarded the weed abatement contract to Nature's Image. With over 33 sites, their scope of work includes clearance trimming, erosion protection, hazard reduction, and weed abatement. With the large amount of rain we have received this year there have been challenges with heavy vegetation growth; however, Nature's Image is doing an outstanding job in keeping up with our scheduled sites. The Public Works parks staff has planned sites working strategically around bird nesting season. The Spyglass Canyon Park site adjacent to Spyglass Hill Road's main scope of work is hazard reduction 100ft from the residences.

28th Street Bench Replacement

Recently, a crane dropped off a replacement concrete bench on 28th Street. The Public Works Parks Division crew was present to make sure pedestrians did not access the boardwalk while the 1,200-pound bench was being eased down onto the concrete pad.

Summer Recap – Municipal Operations

The summer season for the Public Works Field Maintenance staff and crews started two weeks before Memorial Day weekend and ended on Labor Day weekend. Summer working hours began at 5 a.m., including our summer temporary help who were taught and prepared for the work at hand. Summer activities included: daily beach cleaning in preparation for the area visitors and beachgoers; three long holiday weekends; and the start of the new contractor emptying and collecting beach trashcans. In addition, crews assisted with two sets of King Tides (8 feet), as well as with the July 4 parade setup and closures. Public Works Department also coordinated the slurry and sidewalk replacement projects during the summer.

Our Parks and Trees Maintenance staff and contractors renovated the Bonita Canyon Sports Park fields, Grant Howald Park and Peninsula Park as a result of heavy playing times. Renovation included aerating, seeding, top dressing and utilizing organic turf enhancer on all our fields.

Public Works Parks division kicked off the summer events this year with setting up traffic control for the 38th annual Corona del Mar Scenic 5K. This event was held on the bluffs off Ocean Blvd to the Goldenrod Footbridge, known for its line of flowering Geraniums. Municipal Operations

crew started work at 4:30 a.m. working with the Police Department to install traffic control equipment for the safety of those on and off the course. At the end of the event, our crew took equipment down.

Parks Division also took part in setting up traffic control for the Balboa Island Parade held the day after the Corona del Mar Scenic 5K. Crew worked with the Police Department to install traffic control equipment such as cones and barricades for street closures and safety zones for the event. At the end of the event, our crew took the equipment down.

As the summer activities have come to a close, Public Works staff are now shifting focus on planning winter activities and looking forward to next summer.

Harbor View Nature Park Urban Forest Event

Stanbridge University's outREACH program encourages students to give back to their local and global communities through monthly community service. As part of Stanbridge University's "Root for Change" initiative and its commitment to community outreach, volunteers and City staff are scheduled for a planting event within Harbor View Nature Park. On October 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. approximately 80 volunteers with shovels in hand will perform 297 plantings (75 trees and 198 plants). The event will take place at Harbor View Nature Park near San Miguel Drive. These plantings will serve to beautify the park and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. In addition, this event will enhance the City's overall urban forest. This event reinforces the already existing sense of community and pride in the City's unique amenities.

Public Hearing Notice Mailed to all City water customers

A public hearing notice for November 19, 2019 has been mailed to all City water customers regarding the proposed water rate increases. You may have seen previous articles and City Council actions regarding this. It's been 5 years since our last water rate increase and the cost of buying and pumping water has gone up significantly. Also, our continued and increased replacement of our water system infrastructure, (pipelines, pumps, water wells) is needed. On September 24, the City Council approved the 2019 Water Rate Study as presented by the Utilities Department. A public hearing is set for November 19, 2019 to hear public comments on the proposed water rate adjustments. Our Utilities Department is available and interested in attending your local community/association meetings to present information and answer any questions related to water. For more information, please check our [website](#). For any questions regarding water rates or the water system, please feel free to contact the Utilities Department at 949-644-3011. For any questions about your account or billing, please contact customer service at 949-644-3141.

