



# The Week in Review

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## Upcoming Events

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

**[Holiday Closure – President’s Day](#)**

The Civic Center and select City facilities will be closed

**Tuesday, February 18**

**Community Forum - CDBG 2020-24 Consolidated Plan**

Marina Park Community Center  
Bay Island Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
1600 W Balboa Boulevard  
6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 19**

**Balboa Village Advisory Committee Meeting**

Marina Park, Bay Island  
Conference Room  
1600 W. Balboa Boulevard  
4 p.m.

**Thursday, February 20**

**Hearing Officer**

City Hall, Balboa Conference  
Room (Bay 2B)  
100 Civic Center Drive  
10 a.m.

**Thursday, February 20**

**Planning Commission Meeting**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6:30 p.m.

## Homeless Update

Success Stories - City Net, the City’s contracted social services provider, continues to assist people with accessing and navigating resources in the community. Their outreach efforts, coordinated with the City and County’s resources, continue to provide housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness in the community.

Last week, City Net case managers connected several people experiencing homelessness to appropriate social services agencies in Orange County, including:

- Toured an apartment for a man who is being sheltered in a motel. The man liked the apartment and now the Orange County Housing Authority must certify the unit to accept the man’s housing voucher
- Assisted a man who is in the process of getting his Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) voucher. The City Net team provided transportation to obtain his birth certificate and other necessary documents to proceed to the next step
- Completed new intake with client at the transportation center and transported him to Micah’s Way to apply for his birth certificate. Micah’s Way, located in Santa Ana, provides case management and advocacy to individuals and families without housing. Services include assistance with obtaining a California ID and birth certificate from any state. The Micah’s Way staff and volunteers provide service in several languages as well.
- Completed new intake with a man who spends his day at Sunset Ridge Park. The City Net team is in the process of referring him to the Hospitality House Shelter in Santa Ana. Hospitality House is a men’s sober living facility the Salvation Army operates.
- Completed a VI-SPDAT for an elderly client who was recently evicted from his permanent supportive housing unit to put him back onto the County’s Coordinated Entry System housing list for another opportunity.

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

- Called Cal-Optima's mobile clinic to assist a woman at the Newport Transportation Center who claimed to have body and hair lice. After the assessment the City Net team and Homeless Liaison Officer went to Rite-Aid to pick up the necessary prescription for her

In addition to the City Net team, Newport Beach's Rapid Response Team (comprised of staff from several City departments such as the Fire Department, OASIS Senior Center, and the Police Department) conducted outreach with the City's Homeless Liaison Officer. The team engages with homeless individuals in the field to help connect them with resources. Last week the Rapid Response Team, along with support from other City staff, focused on Sunset View Park. Staff removed unattended belongings to store at the City's Corporation Yard for 90 days. Staff also engaged with a man who was traveling up the coast and had set up a lean-to by the Sunset View Park parking lot. Staff reviewed the park hours and curfew enforcement with him, and he agreed to leave before the curfew.

#### Feb. 27 Program to Focus on Youth Homelessness

On Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. the City will host a program to address youth homelessness, featuring staff from Project Hope Alliance. Project Hope Alliance works to end homelessness among elementary to high-school age youth in our community. The free program will be in the Friends Meeting Room at the Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue.

#### March 26 Program with Families Forward

On Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. the City will host a program to address families in need of housing security, featuring staff from Families Forward. Families Forward, based in Irvine, has been providing housing navigation, food bank items, and job training for Orange County families since 1984. Their staff will present information about their organization's rapid re-housing resources, as well as renter's rights and education.

#### **Upcoming Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) Meeting**

The Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) will meet next Wednesday, February 19, at Marina Park. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. The BVAC will get a presentation from representatives of Discovery Cube's Ocean Quest on its plans for the future. The BVAC will also hear about updates on efforts to fabricate and install new wayfinding signage, the status of the Balboa Theater, and other active or pending construction projects throughout the Village.

Also at this meeting, the BVAC will review its progress with addressing the strategies identified in the City Council-approved Balboa Village Master Plan. Initially formed in September 2012, the BVAC was tasked with overseeing the vetting and implementation of the recommended strategies, including a trolley program and streetscape improvements. The BVAC will discuss potential future initiatives and its sunset date of December 31, 2020.

The BVAC meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at Marina Park on an as-needed basis. For additional information, please check the City's webpage [here](#).

#### **Residential Design Standards Community Meeting**

The City of Newport Beach Community Development Department will be hosting a second community meeting regarding proposed changes to residential design standards intended to minimize bulk and mass associated with current residential development trends. The meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6 p.m. within the Civic Center Community Room located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach CA, 92660.

Draft amendments to the Zoning Code and Local Coastal Program have been completed and are now available for public review.

Please contact Jaime Murillo, Principal Planner, with any questions regarding the proposed amendments at 949-644-3209 or [jmurillo@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jmurillo@newportbeachca.gov).

## **Planning Commission Meeting – Discussion on ADUs**

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting in the City Council Chambers. An item on the agenda that affects everyone living in the City relates to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The ability to develop ADUs on any residential property will be expanded due to State mandates. The agenda with links to the staff reports for each item can be found on the City's website at: [https://www.newportbeachca.gov/PLN/planning\\_commission/current\\_agenda.pdf](https://www.newportbeachca.gov/PLN/planning_commission/current_agenda.pdf)

## **Recent Blustery Days**

Last week's blustery days kept the Public Works staff and contractors busy with tree-related clean up. In all, two City trees failed: a Sweetgum and a King Palm. Both were located in the Corona del Mar area. Additionally, staff monitored City streets and parks, on the lookout for broken limbs and downed palm fronds, both public and private. Incidents were low and minor in nature. This is most likely a result of our regular trimming cycle and inspection efforts. In 2019, City Council approved a change in our City trees trimming cycle from a 3-year to a 2-year cycle, and we are already seeing the benefits to this cycle change.

