



# The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung  
March 6, 2020

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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, March 6**

**Witte Lecture: David Wallace-Wells**

Friends Room, Central Library  
1000 Avocado Avenue  
7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 7**

**Witte Lecture: David Wallace-Wells**

Friends Room, Central Library  
1000 Avocado Avenue  
2 p.m.

**Monday, March 9**

**Residential Design Standards Community Meeting**

City Hall, Community Room  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
6 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 10**

**City Council Study Session**

City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 10**

**City Council Meeting**

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

[\(Insider's Guide\)](#)

## Homeless Update

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, provide housing, health care and other 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:

- Visited a recently housed client to check in on her after the recent passing of a family member. City Net case managers set up a check-in time to meet with her and brought flowers during this difficult transition in her life.
- Transported a veteran client to the Veterans Administration office to sign the final move-in papers for his lease. He will be moving into the new Veterans' Village permanent supportive housing complex, opening in Santa Ana in April 2020. The Veterans' Village features 75 units of supportive housing for veterans and their families. On-site case managers will provide job skills training, counseling, and Veterans Administration services.
- Referred a new client to the Salvation Army's Hospitality House in Santa Ana. The Hospitality House, located in Santa Ana since 1964, provides emergency shelter for up to 75 men. Services for shelter guests include case management, clothing, special programs, spiritual growth opportunities, access to showers and laundry facilities, and breakfast and dinner services.
- Transported and assisted a veteran client with completing his Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) orientation. The Community Referral and Resource Center (CRRC) in Santa Ana held the orientation. CRRC provides Veterans who are homeless and at risk of homelessness with one-stop access to community-based, multiagency services to promote permanent housing, health and mental health care, career

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

**Wednesday, March 11  
Harbor Commission Meeting**  
City Hall, City Council  
Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 12  
Finance Committee Meeting**  
City Hall, Crystal Cove  
Conference Room (Bay 2D)  
100 Civic Center Drive  
3 p.m.

**Thursday, March 12  
Zoning Administrator  
Meeting**  
City Hall, Corona del Mar  
Conference Room (Bay1E)  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
3 p.m.

**Thursday, March 12  
City Arts Commission  
Meeting**  
City Hall, City Council  
Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
5 p.m.

development and access to VA and non-VA benefits. He is now eligible to obtain a voucher for permanent supportive housing.

- Assisted a recently housed client by connecting him to groceries through the Pathways of Hope Food Pantry. Pathways of Hope, located in Fullerton since 1975, leads a community effort to provide access to food, shelter, and housing to those in need in North Orange County.

In February 2020, Orange County agencies and case managers collaborated to house 33 veterans and their families in supportive housing throughout the region. Weekly meetings, comprised of case managers, housing providers, and shelter staff, provide a forum to match veterans to appropriate housing opportunities. Discussions include assessing factors such as household budgets and unit accessibility to ensure a successful placement.

#### March 26 Program with SPIN and Families Forward

On Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. the City will host a program to address families in need of housing security. The program will be held in the Friends Meeting Room at the Central Library. Serving People in Need (SPIN), based in Costa Mesa since 1987, is committed to helping the homeless and working poor through quality programs and services centered on building self-sufficiency. Families Forward, based in Irvine, has been providing housing navigation, food bank items, and job training for Orange County families since 1984. Staff from both organizations will present information about their organization's resources, as well as renter's rights and education.

#### Residential Design Standards Community Meeting on March 9

The City will be hosting a second community meeting regarding proposed changes to residential design standards on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room. Each of the proposed changes is intended to help minimize bulk and mass associated with the allowances of the current residential development standards. These include:

- (1) revisions to the third floor standards;
- (2) clarification of what is included and excluded from "gross floor area"; and
- (3) applying single-unit and two-unit residential design standards to those projects within the Multi-Unit Residential (RM) Zoning District.

For more information, please visit:

[www.newportbeachca.gov/residentialdesignstandards](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/residentialdesignstandards). If you have any questions, please contact Principal Planner Jaime Murillo at 949-644-3209 or [jmurillo@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jmurillo@newportbeachca.gov).

## **Housing Element Update Advisory Committee (HEUAC) to Hold First Meeting on March 25**

The recently formed Housing Element Update Advisory Committee (HEUAC) will hold its very first meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The work of the HEUAC will be very important, as the City and the community move forward with updating its housing element of the General Plan in an effort to comply with the State-mandated deadline of October 15, 2021. The HEUAC will largely be tasked with guiding policy and recommending housing opportunity sites for inclusion in the updated sites inventory to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation of 4,832 new units for Newport Beach. All of the HEUAC meetings will be open to the public and the entire community is invited and encouraged to participate in the process. Please stay tuned for more information on this upcoming meeting.

The City continues to firmly challenge, yet plan to comply with the RHNA allocation and State law. For the latest on the City's efforts, check out the 2020 Housing Action Plan webpage at [www.newportbeachca.gov/housingactionplan](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/housingactionplan).

## **Free Workshop on Earthquake Preparation March 25**

Newport Beach residents are invited to attend a free workshop on earthquake preparation at 6 p.m. March 25 at the Marina Park community center. The presentation will cover the science of earthquakes, our risk in Southern California, potential scenarios, and what we can do to protect ourselves and be better prepared for the aftermath of a major earthquake. The ShakeAlert earthquake early warning system will also be discussed. The presenter will be Margaret Vinci, manager of the office of earthquake programs for Caltech and a coordinator for the Earthquake Country Alliance Southern California Region. For more information click [here](#). To RSVP email [dschank@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:dschank@newportbeachca.gov).

## **Bayside Drive Roadway Improvements**

### **American Society of Civil Engineers Outstanding Small Project of the Year**

On Thursday, February 27, 2020, the Public Works Department proudly received an American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) award for Outstanding Small Project of the Year for Bayside Drive Roadway Improvements. Each year ASCE selects outstanding projects from various fields of civil engineering such as: Architectural, Bridges, Construction, Environmental Engineering, etc. The Bayside Drive project was selected as Outstanding Small Project based on multiple improvements to the street including: traffic calming measures, bike safety enhancements, and pedestrian facility improvements. In addition, this project recently won an APWA BEST (Building Excellence Shaping Tomorrow) Project of the Year Award.

This \$3.5-million-dollar project reconstructed aged pavement along Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road, modified existing striping to upgrade bike lanes, improved parking efficiency and constructed new landscaped medians. Construction began in December 2018, and was substantially complete by mid-May 2019.

New landscaping includes 30+ trees consisting of: King Palms, Coral trees and Magnolia trees and new landscaping for the medians and the bike/pedestrian promenade along the bay front.

The contractor, GMC Engineering, faced challenges during this project including a very tight construction schedule, a heavy rainy season, and an 18" water main break in the middle of construction. Through it all, contractor GMC Engineering essentially maintained their schedule.

## **The Balboa Pier Pile Replacement**

The City has contracted with Associated Pacific Constructors, Inc. (APC) to repair a damaged pile at Balboa Pier. Work is scheduled to begin on March 16, 2020 and be completed by March 27, 2020. Normal work hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; however, the schedule and hours may vary due to tidal conditions. Pedestrian access will be maintained, so please exercise caution while walking through the construction zone. Ruby's Diner will remain open during construction. Public Works greatly appreciates the community's cooperation in making this a successful project.

### **Palm Tree Work to Begin Monday in Corona del Mar**

City contractors will be trimming and inspecting 78 Canary Island date palms on Marguerite Avenue in Corona del Mar from March 9 to March 17. The work will require parking restrictions on one block of Marguerite Avenue each day, starting with the 700 block and moving south toward the ocean. Crews will be removing loose and aging palm fronds and inspecting the palms for potential defects or internal decay. No Parking signs have been posted along each block indicating the date of the parking impacts. The City appreciates the community's patience during this critical maintenance project.

### **Newport Island Improvement Project Complete**

The Newport Island community celebrated the re-opening of Newport Island Park on Tuesday, February 25 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Will O'Neill, Council Member Diane Dixon, and Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commissioners Archer, Granoff and Ignatin welcomed the community and recognized the collaborative efforts between Public Works, Recreation & Senior Services and local residents to enhance the park. Improvements include new sod, playground surfacing and sand, a resurfaced basketball court and upgrades to the park's amenities, landscaping, seawall and entryway.

### **Camp Newport Expo & Spirit Run**

The Recreation & Senior Services Department kicked off our annual Camp Newport Expo and Spirit Run on Sunday, March 1 from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Expo featured over 20 contract instructors who shared information about upcoming summer camps to be held citywide. Free giveaways, interactive demos, and a photo booth highlighted the Expo. Camp Newport offers sports, science, dance, arts and so much more for summer fun and enrichment. Sign up by May 4 and receive a 10% or more discount! Visit [campnewport.com](http://campnewport.com) to start planning your summer camp schedule today!

### **Two Private Contractor water line breaks in one week**

This past week, two different private property contractors damaged and struck City water lines causing them to rupture. The result was a mess, wasted water and water temporarily being turned off to the surrounding residents. In both cases, the City's Utilities Department responded, repaired the pipes and cleaned up the mess. (The contractors will be billed for both of these incidents.) Often times contractors and residents may not realize that water and sewer lines are also under sidewalks, parkways and walkways. If you see a liquid that looks out of place in a street or alley, please call the Utilities Department at (949) 644-3011 so that we can dispatch our crews and equipment to the location quickly and minimize the impact.

### **Insider's Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on March 10, 2020**

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 10. Items that may be of interest are highlighted below. The entire agenda, and all reports, can be viewed [here](#).

Study Session begins at 4:30 p.m. for this meeting to discuss the proposed FY 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program for the City. This is an early look for City Council and the public for proposed capital projects recommended to be funded in the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. A primary focus is rehabilitation of our aging infrastructure, such as roadways, water mains and storm drain systems. In addition, the Year of the Volunteer continues with recognition of Jim Digrado and the many volunteers of the Corona del Mar Chamber of Commerce.

The Regular Meeting begins at 7 p.m. and the following are items of note:

- On the Consent Calendar is the reestablishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on short term lodging. At the February 11 Council meeting, following significant feedback on the proposed changes to the short term lodging ordinance, the Ad Hoc committee members recommended reestablishing to review the input received and return with updated recommendations.

- An update on the City's efforts in addressing homeless is provided to keep City Council and the community informed on our work. A regular update will be provided each month.
- On Public Hearing is the introduction of an Accessory and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance to meet the state law requirements for ADUs. Because state law has gone into effect January 1, 2020, our current ADU ordinance has been rendered invalid. Adopting this ordinance allows the City to meet state law and maintain additional parameters, where allowed. For example, under state law, a one bedroom ADU can be a maximum of 1,200 square feet, but we can limit to 850 square feet. ADUs will factor into the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) but it is unclear how they will count. We are closely monitoring the development of the state's guidelines and engaged in efforts for proposed legislation on this issue.
- For Current Business is the selection of ten sculptures for Phase V of the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park. The recommended sculptures are the result of community input, evaluation by a curatorial selection panel and final recommendation by the City Arts Commission. Phase V is set to be installed starting May 2020.

