



The Week in Review

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Upcoming Events

Thurs., Jan. 17

JWA Airport Land Use Commission

John Wayne Airport Administration Building,
Airport Commission Hearing Room
3160 Airway Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA
4 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17

Planning Commission Meeting

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

Tues., Jan. 22

City Council Meeting

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

Tues., Jan. 22

Board of Library Trustees Mtg.

Central Library
1000 Avocado Ave.
5 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 24

Zoning Administrator Meeting

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

City Council Planning Session

The City Council's annual planning session meeting will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2019, in the Civic Center Community Room from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided.

Point In Time Count

The countywide Point In Time (PIT) count is a biennially effort to gather data for a deeper understanding of the homelessness issue in the region. Community members are invited to participate in the effort to solve homelessness by volunteering for the PIT count on Wednesday, January 23 and / or Thursday, January 24. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts on both days. The data collected is used to build a stronger system of care and to plan for the regional service needs of our homeless community.

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities and to register, please visit everyonecountsoc.org.

Sea Level Rise/FEMA Study Session

At the January 22, 2019, City Council Study Session, Community Development staff will give a presentation on how sea level rise is addressed in the review of coastal development permits. The presentation will focus on new data from the Ocean Protection Council and subsequent changes to the California Coastal Commission's *Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance* document. Staff will also present how the recent changes to the FEMA's flood insurance rate maps might affect coastal development in some locations.

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

General Plan Update

On January 8, 2019, the City Council discussed reviewing and updating the General Plan and directed staff to start the multi-year process. The General Plan is the blueprint for the community and it guides the growth and development of the city. The last major update was completed in 2006 and the City wants to evaluate what is working and what is not. Staff will engage with the community to see if the Plan needs to be modified to reflect changes in its future vision. The General Plan also must be updated to reflect more recent requirements from the State.

The City Council will take the first step and establish a five-member Steering Committee that will oversee the consultant selection process and the “Listen and Learn” outreach effort. The consultant will first develop an innovative and robust outreach program to ensure entire community is engaged and informed. The next step is to implement that plan and conduct a “Listen and Learn” tour so residents and other community stakeholders are engaged. Next, based upon what is learned, changes to the General Plan would be developed, debated, and analyzed with a General Plan Advisory Committee and community oversight. Eventually the draft update would go through hearings at the various City Commissions before City Council consideration.

The overall timeline is approximately 36 months. However, the City Council wants to make sure the process is not rushed. The goal is to create a community-based General Plan through an open, transparent, and inclusive process. Please visit the City’s website at www.newportbeachca.gov/gpupdate for more information.

Community Development Department Information Brochure and Activity Reports

The Community Development Department (CDD) recently launched an information brochure that summarizes all the services the department provides. CDD is composed of 70-part time and full time employees each dedicated to serving the community. The information brochure can be found on the department’s webpage: <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/home/showdocument?id=62434>

CDD also publishes quarterly activity reports. The report shares the business activity of each division and section in the department. The reports for the last six years can be found on the department’s webpage found here:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/community-development/community-development-quarterly-report>

Treasury Report

The November 2018 Treasury Report is available on the City’s website at: www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.

As of November, the City’s portfolio totaled just over \$255 million, from all sources. Roughly, \$47 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 (\$196 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.73 years. With interest rates on the rise, the total return for the short-term portfolio was suppressed by unrealized losses from the declining market value of bonds (bond values move inversely to the direction of interest rates). Including these unrealized losses, the trailing twelve months’ total return was 1.03%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 0.80%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 1.71%.

Central Library's 25th Anniversary

2019 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Central Library. Staff will plan and implement a series of events and programs to acknowledge this important milestone, culminating with a 25th Anniversary celebration during the week of July 8.

Staff is also coordinating 25th Anniversary activities with the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

Schedule of events:

- January: The Celebration begins!
- February: We Love the Library
- March: It's Your Lucky Year
- April: National Library Week
- May: Books, Bunnies and More!
- June: It's a Summer Reading Spectacular
- July 7-13: A week of celebration festivities - to be announced

Grand Canal Dredging Phase 2 – Dredging Begins

On January 7, 2019, the City's contractor began assembling their equipment on the north side of the Grand Canal for Phase 2 of the dredging project. In order for the equipment to reach the canal the contractor will begin dredging from Bay Front North towards the Park Avenue Bridge. The final grade dredging at an elevation of 4 feet will begin from the bridge and move towards Bay Front North. Normal work hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., with minimal dredging after 6 p.m. The extended hours will allow the contractor to haul an additional load each day, thereby reducing the number of total working days needed for this project. Please exercise caution when boating, kayaking, swimming or paddling near any dredging equipment.

Balboa Island Water Main Replacement – Phase II

Construction for the Balboa Island Water Main Replacement – Phase II project has begun. This is the second phase of three projects that will replace distribution and transmission water mains on Balboa Island identified in the Water Master Plan. This project will focus on replacing the Park Avenue cast iron water transmission mains that were installed in the 1940's. The contractor (T.E. Roberts, Inc.) will begin construction adjacent to the Collins Island bridge and work eastward towards the Marine Avenue area. Although the pipeline construction will require road closures and traffic detours, the work is being limited to a few blocks at a time in order to maintain traffic flow at all cross streets.

Traffic Management on Duty for Christmas Boat Parade

The annual Christmas Boat Parade brought a large number of visitors to the City of Newport Beach. The increase of vehicles and pedestrians to Balboa Island and Balboa Peninsula can cause the City's transportation system to operate beyond capacity leading to congestion and delays. To help alleviate the problem the Traffic Engineering staff was actively monitoring traffic conditions throughout the City and adjusting signal timing from the Traffic Management Center (TMC). This attentiveness to traffic conditions helped to facilitate traffic flow before and after the Christmas Boat Parade.

Last Month's Rain Event

During last month's 3-hour downpour, the Public Works Corporation Yard crews assisted Storm Drain crews in pumping the storm drain systems that were inundated by the rain event. Our staff received over 40 calls regarding flooding, sandbags, trees down, and other storm related incidents. Crews were quickly dispatched and were able to respond in a timely manner, with assistance from the Utilities Department. By close of business, all calls were addressed and completed.

New Trash Lids

Last December, our Landscape Division and Recreation & Senior Services Department started renovating trash cans that were deteriorated or damaged at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. A total of 52 lids were replaced with new green fiberglass half-dome lids. These new lids will help improve the appearance of the park in addition to providing proper form and function of the trash disposal system.

Recent Park and Median Renovations

City Landscape staff continues to find opportunities to beautify the City of Newport Beach. City staff recently oversaw the renovations at 38th Street Park. The old shrubs in the inner and outer perimeter planter areas were replaced with a variety of drought-tolerant plant species, and a fresh layer of mulch was placed to keep the weeds under control. In addition to the new plants, the park signage was also updated. Recent renovations were also completed on several stretches of median planters along Coast Highway, between Promontory Point and Pelican Point. Old plant material was removed and replaced with a variety of drought tolerant plant species.

Benches and Trash Can Lids Upgraded

Recently, eight benches and twenty-five trash can lids in Corona del Mar received a fresh layer of powder coat. Some of the restored benches needed to be relocated at least four inches from the curb to avoid car doors from hitting the backs of the benches. In addition to the restored benches, the powder-coated trash can lids were also re-installed.

Upcoming King Tides

With the upcoming king tides and rain forecasted into next week, the Utilities Department will be installing 40 gap boards onto the seawall, starting today. The gap boards (along with the new seawall cap) will greatly reduce the amount of water splashing onto the Island; (mainly wind and storm waves). Although, not needed until the end of next week, with the upcoming rain for next week, we feel it is prudent to get a head-start as this will be the first official installation of the gap boards. The tides are listed below and after Jan. 23, we will remove the boards. Crews will start on the North Bay Front and work their way around the island. Our standard procedure for closing/opening valves, and if rain is forecasted, setting up crews to pump locations, will also be in parallel with this effort.

High Tide: Jan 18, 6:24 a.m., 6.2-feet
High Tide: Jan 19, 7:08 a.m., 6.7-feet
King Tide: Jan 20, 7:53 a.m., 7.0-feet
King Tide: Jan 21, 8.39 a.m., 7.0-feet
High Tide: Jan 22, 9:26 a.m., 6.8-feet
High Tide: Jan 23, 10:15 a.m., 6.4-feet

