



# The Week in Review

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## Upcoming Events

**Sat., June 15**

### **Newport Beach Art Exhibition**

Civic Center Community Room  
100 Civic Center Drive  
1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Sun., June 16**

### **Concert on the Green – “Side Deal”**

Civic Green  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6 p.m. – 7:30 pm

**Mon., June 17**

### **Board of Library Trustees Meeting**

Small Conference Room, Central Library  
1000 Avocado Avenue  
5 p.m.

**Thurs., June 20**

### **Planning Commission Meeting**

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

**Sat., June 22**

### **Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park – Grand Opening**

Civic Center Community Room  
100 Civic Center Drive  
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

## **City’s Planning Division Wins Award of Merit from Local Section of American Planning Association**

On the evening of Thursday, May 30, the City’s Planning Division received an Award of Merit to recognize planning industry excellence in the category of Planning Agency. The award was presented by the Orange County Section of the American Planning Association, which is countywide and comprised of over 600 professional planners. As there are many government agencies with planning departments in Orange County, this is a great accomplishment. In particular, the award jurors appreciated the Planning Division’s exceptional efforts in community engagement, as well as its assistance in securing funding and beginning the Balboa Peninsula Trolley Program that still runs strong today. With this award, the Planning Division is also eligible for potential statewide recognition later this year.

To learn more about the awards program, you may visit the OC-APA webpage [here](#).

## **Uptown Newport Update**

The Uptown Newport project is scheduled to start showing their models after two years of construction activity. The leasing center and the models are ready for temporary certificates of occupancy. The south building is almost completed and the Picerne Group is getting ready to have their leasing office open to receive the public for touring the models on June 14, 2019. The first phase of the south building is expected to be opened to the public on June 21, 2019.

## **Weekend Code Enforcement**

With the arrival of the summer season, the Code Enforcement Division recently began conducting weekend enforcement. During the first two weekends, officers responded to over 30 violations related to construction

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

**Mon., June 24**  
**Title 17 Review**  
Marina Park  
1600.W. Balboa Blvd.  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Thurs., June 27**  
**Finance Committee Mtg.**  
City Hall Crystal Cove  
Conference Room (Bay 2D)  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
3 p.m.

**Thurs., June 27**  
**Zoning Administrator Mtg.**  
City Hall, Corona del Mar  
Conference Room (Bay1E)  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
3 p.m.

**Friday, June 28**  
**Vote Center Community Workshop**  
Friends Room, Central Library  
1000 Avocado Avenue  
10 a.m. – noon

**Thurs., July 4**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport Peninsula Bike Parade and Community Festival- “4<sup>th</sup> of July is for Families**  
Bike & Dog Parade- 36<sup>th</sup> Street Park, 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Festival - Channel Place Park  
9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

**Thurs., July 4**  
**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Family Celebration**  
Mariner’s Park  
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

hours, street closures, commercial signage, and water quality. Any additional questions or concerns related to weekend enforcement, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 949-644-3215.

### **AT&T Small Cell Use Permit Submittals**

AT&T has submitted their third request for conditional use permits, pursuant to the terms of their agreement. The small cell applications are for sites located on City-owned streetlight poles in the public right-of-way. With eight new applications, a total of 21 sites have been submitted for the City’s review. The newest applications are for sites located on the Peninsula along Balboa and Newport Boulevards, Corona del Mar, Bayside Drive, and in the hospital area. Staff is reviewing the applications and will provide the applicant feedback to process the projects to the next step – a public hearing with the Zoning Administrator.

### **Regional Housing Needs Assessment**

This week the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) approved the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Consultation Package. Under State law, a consultation process is required between SCAG and the State Department Housing and Community Development (HCD) before HCD issues its final determination identifying the total housing need for the SCAG region for the next eight-year planning cycle. A portion of the regional housing need will eventually be delegated to the City.

Three meetings were held this week by various SCAG committees and the SCAG Regional Council. SCAG staff recommended the establishment of a total regional need of 659,144 units that would be broken down into two categories. First, 430,289 housing units were estimated to accommodate future projected population growth over the eight-year planning cycle beginning in 2022. Second, SCAG staff estimated an “existing housing need” of 228,855 additional units to address past insufficient housing production within the SCAG region.

The Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) and several cities in the region including Newport Beach raised concerns about including the 228,855 existing need units in the Consultation Package (among other concerns about the RHNA methodology). The foremost concern is that these additional units are already accounted for in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). To put it another way, adding the existing need units on top of the projected growth units would not be accommodated within the RTP/SCS and could cause issues with adopted regional transportation planning.

Despite recommendations from two subcommittees and SCAG staff, the SCAG Regional Council dropped the existing housing need units from the Consultation Package. SCAG staff will submit the RHNA Consultation Package recommending that HCD establish a total regional need of 430,289 housing units consistent with RTP/SCS growth forecast. The consultation process will occur this summer and staff will continue to monitor and participate to ensure that Newport Beach concerns are voiced and considered. It is important to note that ultimately, HCD maintains the authority to establish the regional housing need.

### **June 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Hearing**

At the next Planning Commission hearing on June 20, the commission will hear an application on the redevelopment of the Harbor Day School campus. The existing school buildings will be replaced in a phased approach over approximately 35 months. The currently allowed maximum enrollment of 480 students will not change as part of this project. The community is encouraged to attend the hearing, which will start at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The final Planning Commission agenda will be posted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019, and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

### **Treasury Report Update**

The May 2019 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).

As of May, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$297 million, from all sources. Roughly \$41 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 (\$216 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.77 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 3.50%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 3.44%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 1.83%.

### **Integrated Pest Management**

After discovering a bark beetle infestation at Bonita Creek Park, the City began treating the Pine trees at this location with a bark beetle repellent as part of the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM). This strategy, which is a biological method, consists of a bark beetle repellent infused with verbenone that will enable the City to be more environmentally conscious and responsible. Verbenone is an anti-aggregation pheromone that is naturally produced by several species of bark beetles to signal approaching beetles that the infested tree is too overcrowded to serve as a suitable host. The repellent is applied directly to the trees and is safe for humans, pets and the environment.

### **Eastbluff Park Urban Forest Event**

As part of Stanbridge University's commitment for community outreach, volunteers and City staff recently partnered for a planting event within Eastbluff Park. Approximately 80 volunteers, with shovels in hand, planted one hundred California native trees on the southernmost slope abutting Newport Beach's Back Bay. Tree species planted include Toyon, Catalina Cherry, Coast Live Oak and Valley Oak trees. These trees will serve to beautify the park and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. In addition, this event helped enhance the City's overall urban forest. This event was extremely gratifying and reinforced the already existing sense of community and pride in the City's unique amenities.

**Underground Utility Assessment District No. 117**

Civil construction work for Utility Assessment District No. 117 in Corona del Mar is near completion. The contractor Asplundh Construction Corp., has been busy pouring concrete, repairing asphalt pavement, and handling miscellaneous project closeout items before they move out of this district and start utility undergrounding work on the Balboa Peninsula.

