



The Week in Review

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 13
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
4 p.m.

Wednesday, August 14
Harbor Commission Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15
Zoning Administrator Mtg.
City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Thursday, August 15
Community Meeting (Peninsula Point Beach Encroachments)
Marina Park
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
6 p.m.

Monday, August 19
Board of Library Trustees Meeting
Small Conference Room,
Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
5 p.m.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update

Last week, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) released three proposed draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) methodologies for public review and comment. The methodology is a formula for calculating the number of housing units each city must plan for during the upcoming October 2021 – October 2029 RHNA planning cycle. SCAG is required by State law to develop a RHNA methodology to distribute the regional housing need determination provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The sixth cycle regional determination is anticipated to be released by HCD later this month.

Option 1 distributes existing need based on a jurisdiction's share of population and distributes projected need based on local input received from each jurisdiction regarding anticipated growth; Option 2 distributes the total identified need based on a jurisdiction's share of population; and Option 3 distributes the total need based on a jurisdiction's share of anticipated population growth using local input, including adjustments for vacancy needs and replacement needs. All options include a social equity adjustment.

SCAG staff will conduct four public hearings to receive verbal and written comments. All public comments must be received no later than Tuesday, September 3. Following the public comment period, SCAG staff will review all comments and recommend one distribution methodology as the "draft RHNA methodology" to the RHNA Subcommittee in late September and to the Regional Council in October. City staff is currently analyzing the proposed methodologies and preparing comments for submittal during the public comment period.

CDD Second Quarter Activity Report (April – June 2019)

The Community Development Department Second Quarter Activity Report is now available at www.newportbeachca.gov/cdd.

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

**Monday, August 19
Community Meeting
(Residential Standards)**
City Hall, Community Room
100 Civic Center Dr.
6 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 20
Homeless Task Force
Meeting**
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 20
Tip-a-Cop Special Olympics
Fundraiser**
Javier's Restaurant
7832 Pacific Coast Hwy.
5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Thursday, August 22
Planning Commission
Meeting**
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6:30 p.m.

**Friday, August 23
Movie in the Park:
Mary Poppins Returns**
Grant Howald Park
3000 5th Ave.
Corona del Mar
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday, August 25
Concert on the Green:
Queen Nation**
Civic Green
100 Civic Center Drive
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The report compiles operational statistics to illustrate the volume of business activity that the Department handles on a quarterly basis. The Building Division continued a steady increase in development services activity in the second quarter of 2019. The issuance of building permits increased by 12 percent, while building inspectors were busy performing 14,062 inspections, a 23 percent increase from last quarter. During this time, Code Enforcement maintained their response time service levels while taking on 75 more cases than last quarter. The Planning Division also maintained their service levels by reviewing and completing 81 percent of their plan checks at the public counter. Lastly, the Systems and Administration Division answered 5,792 phone calls which equates to 87 percent of all call volume answered by a live person and digitally archiving 115,000 plans and documents to the City's document management system. Past reports are also available at the website listed above.

Saturday Construction Noise Ordinance

The Saturday construction-related noise ordinance goes into effect on Monday, August 12, 2019, in the designated High Density Areas that include all of the following communities: Balboa Island, Balboa Peninsula, Bay Island, Bay Shores, Collins Island, Corona del Mar Village, Harbor Island, Linda Isle, Lido Isle, West Newport, and Newport Shores.

The noise ordinance prohibits the use of power tools and equipment generating noise but it does not prohibit individuals from doing maintenance work on their homes. It is worth noting that Newport Shores Community Association representing 450 homes have filed a request with the City to opt out of the designated High Density Area.

Community Meeting Regarding Proposed Changes to Residential Design Standards

On Monday, August 19, 2019, the Community Development Department will host a 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 at 4 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room located at 100 Civic Center Drive. Specifically, three separate amendments are proposed:

1. **Third Floor Massing-** Establish limitations regulating covered roof deck areas and redefining the definition of gross floor area to include unfinished attics with a ceiling height of six feet or greater.
2. **Single-Unit and Two-Unit Developments in the Multiple Residential Zoning District-** Restrict single-unit and two-unit dwellings developed on lots zoned for Multiple Residential (RM) to the development standards applicable to the standards of the Two-Unit Residential (R-2) Zoning District.

- 3. Cottage Preservation-** Provide an incentive to preserve small cottages while allowing additions and alterations thereby discouraging full redevelopment of property.

Peninsula Point Community Meeting

On Thursday, August 15, 2019, Planning Division staff will host a meeting to discuss the status of the East Ocean Front encroachments with affected property owners and interested persons. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Marina Park located at 1600 W. Balboa Boulevard.

California State Library honors Newport Beach

The California State Library has selected Newport Beach as the California History Section's City of the Month. This distinction highlights organizations involved in local cultural preservation and outreach, as well as the varied local history resources available to researchers at the State Library.

The California History Section holds a premier collection of documents from and about California's rich history. Their vaults house thousands of rare books, maps, newspapers, and periodicals in addition to a huge collection of unique photographs, letters, and ephemeral items such as posters, pamphlets and sheet music. In July of 2018, in an effort to better support the work of local governments and historical societies in promoting and preserving the past, the California History Section started the City of the Month program as a companion to their County of the Month program. This recognition honors the diverse character of California's many cities while providing research tips to individuals interested in finding out more about California local history.

The State Library has prepared an excellent research guide for Newport Beach local history, available at:

<http://www.library.ca.gov/Content/pdf/californiaHistory/NewportBeachResearch.pdf>.

The Newport Beach Public Library also houses an extensive local history collection:

<https://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/books-media/special-collections>).

This unique collection is comprised of historical works and rare publications documenting life in California. Special emphasis on Orange County cities and luminaries are featured. The Balboa branch of the Newport Beach Public Library houses a robust collection of nautical books, DVDs, fiction, and periodicals, both historical and contemporary.

Fugitive Chadwick Arrested

On Monday morning, Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD) detectives arrested fugitive Peter Chadwick after a four-year manhunt. Chadwick was originally arrested in October 2012 for murdering his wife, Q.C. Chadwick, in their Newport Coast home. He was able to post bail, and attended his court appearances until January 2015, when he disappeared and became a fugitive from justice. Peter was located in Mexico on Sunday night and flown to Los Angeles International Airport, where he was turned over to NBPD detectives. This arrest was the product of years of diligent policework and partnership between law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

Peter Chadwick's capture has garnered extensive media attention locally, nationally, and internationally. This case also made headlines last fall, when the NBPD launched "Countdown to Capture", the first true-crime podcast produced by a police department. Peter was listed on the Marshals "15 Most Wanted" List and a \$100,000 reward was issued for information leading to his capture. (The reward was funded by a number of sources, including the United States Marshals Service, the City of Newport Beach, and private donors.)

The Corona del Mar Library Grand Opening Ceremony

On Saturday, July 20, community members, members of the City Council and staff gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Corona del Mar Library and Fire Station. A brief ceremony was held before opening the doors for public tours of the building and the traditional “push in” of the fire engine. The branch library is now a bit larger and has air conditioning, which did not exist in the former 60-year old building. There are over 7,000 brand new books to borrow, thanks to generous donors. The fire station has modern amenities for today’s firefighters, which includes unisex restrooms, individual dorm rooms and a larger apparatus bay.

If you missed the celebration, make it a point to go and visit this new facility. The new branch library will be fully open to the public in the early part of August. The project team included staff from the Public Works, Fire and Library Departments with input from the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Corona del Mar Library.

I am sure this will continue to be the heart of the Corona del Mar Village for generations.

