

# The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung December 20, 2019

#### **Upcoming Events**

### **Holiday Closure**

The Civic Center and select City facilities will be closed December 24, 2019 – January 1, 2020

Friday, December 20
Marina Park Family Fun Night
Marina Park
1600 W Balboa Blvd
5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 6
Civil Service Board Meeting
Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
5 p.m.

Monday, January 6
City Council Ad Hoc
Committee on Election Reform
January 6, 2020
Friends Meeting Room, Central
Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
5 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7
Parks, Beaches & Recreation
Commission Meeting
Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6 p.m.

### **Homeless Update**

Success Stories - City Net, the City's contracted social service and housing navigation provider, engaged in a variety of activities last week to serve people in need. The case managers took a Veteran client who is currently staying at the transportation center to the Community Resource and Referral Center in Santa Ana to screen him for Veteran services. The client was connected to Safe Refuge, a transitional living program for Veterans who have substance abuse concerns. City Net staff completed three housing assessment to enter clients into the County's continuum of care system. They assisted another client to help her navigate paying her parking tickets. City Net also gathered the client's documents to submit for a replacement birth certificate in order to secure her housing opportunity.

### Recap: General Plan Update - Listen and Learn Workshops

On Wednesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 12, we held our final two *Listen & Learn* workshops related to the future General Plan update. They took place at the Bonita Creek Community Center and the Marina Park Community Center, respectively. Those who attended one or more of the seven workshops listened to presentations focused on an overview of the General Plan, as well as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) determination of 4,832 units for the City of Newport Beach and what it means for the General Plan and Housing Element. Throughout the process, community members also participated in digital live polling and hands-on activities. One activity involved a discussion on community values and a second activity invited the attendees to determine where the current State-mandated 4,832 units should go in the City using Legos and a citywide map.

Overall, the workshops were productive with a lot of information shared. This workshop effort was only the beginning of a community outreach and engagement program related to an eventual update of the General Plan.

Wednesday, January 8
Harbor Commission Meeting
Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 9
Water Quality Coastal
Tidelands Committee Meeting
City Hall, Crystal Cove
Conference Room (Bay 2D)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Couldn't make it out to a workshop? Community members are also invited to participate online.

For more information and to get involved, please visit www.NewportTogether.com!

## Harbor Department Expands their Participation in Annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade

The City's Harbor Department is playing an expanded role during this year's annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade. As has been the case for the past few years, the department will be welcoming a full house of visiting mariners to Newport Harbor, as they bring their boats to the City owned and operated Guest Boat Slips at Marina Park or staying at available off-shore moorings throughout the Harbor. Guest slips at Marina Park are booked to full capacity throughout the five nights of this year's parade.

Taking on a larger role this year, the Harbor Department staff and new patrol boats will be 'front and center' on the parade route, serving as one of the event's Parade Marshal vessels. These Marshal boats help maintain a clear and open navigable route for the decorated boats participating in the program each night. In addition, on Wednesday, December 18th, Harbor Department staff also hosted a "Kids Crafts Station" as part of the Parade's opening night festivities, held at Marina Park, where children and their families decorated nautical themed holiday ornaments provided by the department.

### **Newport Pier Area Water Main Replacement**

On December 10, 2019, City Council awarded Paulus Engineering, Inc. for the Newport Pier Area Water Main Replacement. This Public Works project replaces older cast iron and asbestos cement water mains, fire hydrants, valves, and water services for the Newport pier area between 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and between Newport Boulevard and West Ocean Front Alley. This project also includes water main replacement in four alleys in the West Newport area between 46<sup>th</sup> Street and 38<sup>th</sup> Street and a water main located on Balboa Boulevard between River Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction is scheduled to begin January 2020 with work along 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and continuing up towards the West Newport community.

### Rain, High Tides, and Pumping

Next weeks' forecast shows multiple days of rain coupled with our seasonal high tides. 30+ staff members from the Utilities and Public Works Department will be mobilizing in the early morning hours each day including Christmas Day to pump rainwater from streets affected by the high tides.



### **Happy Holidays!**

Happy Holidays from the City Manager's Office! It's been a busy year and I am incredibly grateful to be working alongside so many dedicated employees across our organization to provide a high level of service to this wonderful community. We're looking forward to working together on the projects and issues important to Newport Beach in the new year.

Please note that Newport Beach City Hall, recreation programs, and certain other City programs and services will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. During this time, Police, Fire and Marine operations, as well as limited other operations (Harbor Department, Library Services, refuse collection, water and wastewater, street sweeping, parking lots, parking meter collection), will be provided. Visit newportbeachca.gov for a complete listing of

what departments are closed and what departments will provide services on modified schedules over the holidays.

This is the last issue of the Week in Review for 2019. I greatly appreciate your interest in City matters and will send the next issue on January 10, 2020.

