



# The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung

June 18, 2021

---

## Upcoming Events

### **Monday, June 21 Board of Library Trustees Meeting**

Corona del Mar Library  
410 Marigold Avenue  
5 p.m.

### **Monday, June 21 Aviation Committee Meeting**

[\(See agenda for instructions  
on how to participate\)](#)

5 p.m.

### **Monday, June 21 Online Housing Element Workshop**

[\(Register for workshop here\)](#)

6 p.m.

### **Tuesday, June 22 City Council Study Session**

[\(See agenda for instructions  
on how to participate\)](#)

4 p.m.

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

### **Tuesday, June 22 City Council Regular Meeting**

[\(See agenda for instructions  
on how to participate\)](#)

6:30 p.m.

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

Community members,

This was a milestone week in the pandemic recovery, as California reopened all business sectors and activities on Tuesday, June 15.

This means that there are no longer State-mandated capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements for business sectors, gatherings and activities. Face covering requirements are mostly dropped for vaccinated people, with some exceptions.

Face coverings are still required (for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people) on public transportation, in healthcare and child-care settings, K-12 schools and in homeless shelters. Masks are required for unvaccinated people in indoor public areas, and individual businesses may choose to continue requiring masks regardless of vaccination status.

Some [public health measures](#) remain in place for “mega events,” and domestic travel adheres to [guidance from the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#).

Vaccinated workers can also forgo face coverings if they wish. On Thursday, Governor Newsom signed an executive order to expedite revised Cal/OSHA rules that align workplace standards with the general public health order.

For more information, please see [this overview](#) from the State and the [updated guidance on face coverings](#) from the California Department of Public Health on face coverings.

### **COVID-19 Cases in Newport Beach**

As of June 17, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Newport Beach was 3,943 and the total cases in Orange County was 255,771. The number of recovered COVID-19 patients countywide as of June 17 was 249,753. These figures are provided to Orange County by the California Department of Public Health.

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

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, June 23**

### [Newport Beach Vaccine Clinic](#)

Civic Center Community Room

100 Civic Center Drive

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Thursday, June 24**

### **Zoning Administrator Meeting**

City Hall, City Council Chambers

100 Civic Center Dr.

[\(See agenda for instructions on how to participate\)](#)

10 a.m.

**Thursday, June 24**

### **Tourism Business Improvement District Meeting**

[\(See agenda for instructions on how to participate\)](#)

2 p.m.

## **Vaccination Clinic June 23 at Newport Beach Civic Center**

The Newport Beach Fire Department is hosting a COVID vaccination clinic Wednesday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room, 100 Civic Center Drive

Two vaccines will be available: Moderna, which requires two doses approximately 28 days apart, or the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Both are approved for anyone 18 and over. No appointments are necessary. Allow 20-30 minutes, including check-in and 15-minute evaluation period. For any questions, call 949-644-3355.

## **Community Invited to June 21 Online Housing Element Workshop**

The City continues to invite and encourage the community to provide input on the future of housing in Newport Beach with respect to the State mandate to plan for 4,845 new housing units of varying affordability levels.

An interactive, virtual workshop will be hosted on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. This workshop will focus on updates to the initial draft Housing Element update, as well as discussions on inclusionary housing, housing overlays, and more.

To register please visit [www.NewportTogether.com](http://www.NewportTogether.com) or click [here](#). There will be many opportunities to provide input moving forward. The City Council will also be reviewing housing scenarios in a study session Tuesday, June 22 and will review an updated draft document on Tuesday, July 13.

Stay tuned for more information. The City appreciates the community's engagement and participation in this unprecedented process!

## **Homelessness Update**

For a comprehensive look at the City's ongoing efforts to address homelessness, please visit our web site [at this link](#). To donate, please visit our [Good Giving Program web page](#).

- The City's Homeless Liaison Officer and City Net staff placed an honorably discharged Army veteran into permanent, supportive housing in Potter's Lane, a Midway City facility for veterans. The man has been experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach for more than four years after leaving the military. The effort to place him in a permanent home involved more than a year of coordinated activities, preparation and assistance from the City. Potter's Lane is operated by American Family Housing, which provides on-site services such as Veterans Administration benefits and medical care through the Illumination Foundation. The City of Newport Beach may place qualified people into Potter's Lane housing through the County's system of care.

- 12 people who had been experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach are now sheltered in the new Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter, as they work with case managers to transition into permanent housing.
- City Net staff worked with a 62-year-old woman experiencing homelessness by the Balboa Pier to obtain a new photo ID, schedule a medical appointment and enroll her into a disability benefit program and Social Security.
- Two people experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach were enrolled into City Net services following a Vulnerability Index Intake Assessment. The assessment is used to screen clients to determine proper placement in the County's Continuum of Care system.
- City Net staff continues to provide food gift cards, support, and case management to several people sheltering in motels while they await placement into permanent, supportive housing.

### **Balboa Peninsula Trolley Returns Saturday, June 26**

Back for its fourth year, the Balboa Peninsula Trolley will provide free rides to residents and visitors along the popular Balboa Peninsula. Trolleys will run on weekends and holidays beginning Saturday, June 26, and ending on Labor Day, September 6. Free parking is available at the Avon Parking Lot off Tustin Avenue and West Coast Highway. Information about the Balboa Peninsula Trolley, including times of operation and stop locations can be found at: [www.newportbeachca.gov/trending/balboa-peninsula-trolley](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/trending/balboa-peninsula-trolley)

### **Insider's Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on June 22, 2021**

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 22. Items that may be of interest are highlighted below. The entire agenda, and all reports, can be viewed [here](#).

There will be a Study Session Meeting of the City Council at 4 p.m.:

- City staff will present an update on the draft General Plan housing element, based on input from the Council's June 8 study session on the topic. The housing element is being updated, after months of public meetings and community input, to meet a State mandate requiring Newport Beach to plan for the development of more than 4,800 housing units over the next 8 years. The draft housing element update is available for public review [at this link](#). The study session discussion will include affordable and market rate housing allocations and inclusionary housing requirements in the draft housing element.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council will begin at 6:30 p.m.:

- The Council will consider terminating the local emergency ordinance that has been in place since the beginning stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. A Proclamation of Local Emergency was declared by City Manager Grace Leung on March 15, 2020, and ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020, in response to COVID-19 and guidance from the State of California about controlling the spread of the coronavirus. The action enabled the City to access federal and state resources and recoup some of the City funds spent responding to the pandemic. Rescinding the emergency ordinance would repeal a moratorium on new, short-term lodging permits and a minimum-night restriction on short-term rentals. It would not affect temporary outdoor dining permits for restaurants, which were extended through September by Council action earlier this month.
- Grant awards for community programs and special events are recommended for Council approval. Each year the City allocates funding to support competitive grants in the following areas: local programs that benefit residents; smaller events that are local or charitable in nature; and larger, signature events that provide significant promotional and economic benefits to Newport Beach. Staff is recommending \$246,000 in funding for five signature events, which include the Newport Beach Boat Parade and Newport Beach Film Festival. Staff has

recommended 12 community programs eligible to receive a portion of \$55,550; 14 community and charitable special events eligible for a portion of \$40,500; and two groups that would receive a fee waiver for use of City facilities.

- Council members will vote on applicants seeking to fill vacancies on seven City boards and commissions. The appointments will fill vacancies on the Planning Commission, Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission, Harbor Commission, City Arts Commission, Civil Service Board, Board of Library Trustees, and Building and Fire Board of Appeals. The terms will run from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

