



The Week in Review

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Upcoming Events

Voting Information

Newportbeachca.gov/2021recallelection

Tuesday, September 14

City Council Study Session

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

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

Tuesday, September 14

City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
5:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, September 16

Zoning Administrator Meeting

City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive

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

10 a.m.

Thursday, September 16

Finance Committee Meeting

Friends Room – Newport Beach
Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Community Members:

This weekend, on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, our nation will honor and remember all those who perished, including the brave first responders who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

It's also a time to reflect on the service of our present-day first responders, who are often called to the front lines of high-risk incidents to protect lives in the communities they serve.

This week, at the annual Fire and Lifeguard Appreciation Dinner, the City recognized Newport Beach fire and lifeguard personnel who went above and beyond in service to our residents, as well as exemplary civilian support staff. The event recognized the 2021 and 2020 award winners after last year's dinner was cancelled due to COVID.

Please join me in congratulating the deserving men and women of the Newport Beach Fire Department recognized with awards:

2021 Award Winners:

- Seasonal Lifeguard of the Year Andy White
- Lifeguard Supervisor of the Year Captain Boyd Mickley
- Civilian of the Year Debbie Alcaraz
- Firefighter of the Year Mike Mullen

2020 Award Winners:

- Seasonal Lifeguard of the Year Paul Hayden
- Lifeguard Supervisor of the Year Captain Mike Ure
- Civilian of the Year EMS Division Chief Kristin Thompson
- Firefighter of the Year Captain Kevin Tiscareno

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

Live Saving Award:

- Captain Adam Novak, Engineer Keith Hedenberg, Firefighter/Paramedic Drew Kaford, and Lifeguard Battalion Chief Brian O'Rourke for a May 24, 2021 ocean rescue of three teenage girls.

Medal of Valor:

- Captain Cameron Hutzler, Firefighter/Paramedic Kelly Conte, Firefighter/Paramedic John Kluge, Firefighter/Paramedic Joel Chidley, Engineer Oscar Dykesten, and Engineer Keith Hedenberg for service in the March 11, 2021 Dover Drive fire and rescue.

COVID-19 Cases in Newport Beach

As of September 9, the total cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in Newport Beach was 4,783, an increase of 112 cases from September 2. The total number of cases in Orange County as of September 9 was 289,235, an increase of 2,699 cases from September 2. The number of recovered COVID-19 patients countywide as of September 9 was 271,344. These figures are provided to Orange County by the California Department of Public Health. The County's daily, weekday update of COVID-19 case information is [available at this link](#). For those seeking vaccination options, please visit the HCA page [at this link](#).

Homelessness Update

- City Net completed Vulnerability Index Intake Assessments for a mother and minor daughter experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach. The Vulnerability Index is used to screen clients to determine proper placement in the County's Continuum of Care system. Some assessment factors include age, health issues, and length of time being unsheltered. Case managers will follow up with the clients to provide housing assessments and prepare documentation for housing.
- City Net completed two housing assessments with people enrolled in their services. One person began the relocation process to rejoin his family.
- Three people experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach were enrolled into City Net services. City Net case managers ordered identifying documents for them, such as birth certificates and Social Security cards.
- City Net provided notary service for a client through the Helping Hands Ministry at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church.
- City Net enrolled a client into Cal Fresh benefits and updated his Medi-Cal account.
- City Net transported a client to the Veteran's Administration campus for a mental health appointment.
- Staff continues to provide food gift cards, support, and case management to a person sheltering in a motel while she awaits placement into permanent, supportive housing.

To donate to those experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach, please visit our [Good Giving Program web page](#).

Concrete Alley and Street Replacement Project

Now that the summer break has officially ended, the Concrete Alley and Street Replacement project has re-started and is now underway. The earlier phases of this project were completed prior to the start of the summer which included reconstructing the alleys within Assessment District No. 117 in Corona del Mar. These alleys were in need of replacement following the utility undergrounding project that left asphalt concrete trenches and patches throughout the alleys.

The final phases of this Public Works project include reconstructing alleys and streets on the Balboa Peninsula that have been affected by recent water infrastructure improvements. The City's contractor, S&H Civilworks, re-started the project on Tuesday, September 7, and is expected to substantially complete the project by November 2021.

Labor Day Weekend Maintenance Activities

Public Works and Utilities Department crews worked together in the early mornings of the holiday weekend to keep our piers, beaches, plazas, and streets maintained for our residents and visitors. Activities included removing trash, emptying refuse containers, and removing graffiti and stickers.

Additionally, as part of a recently approved increase in service levels, Newport Pier Plaza, Balboa Village, and Corona del Mar State Beach were maintained by porters from noon to 8:30 p.m. An average of 40 bags of trash per location for a total of 120 bags were collected between those hours during the holiday weekend. The porter service will continue this schedule and activities throughout the remaining summer weekends. Our goal is to keep Newport Beach's popular locations maintained and safe during our busy seasons.

Graffiti Abatement Services

Do you have graffiti to report? The Utilities Department handles graffiti abatement on public and private property (with property owners' written consent) within the City's boundaries. Over 300 graffiti locations and 200 stickers are removed per month with more incidents occurring during the summer months. Graffiti is typically removed within 24 hours of reporting.

Reporting a graffiti incident is easy and convenient.

- 24-hour graffiti hotline: (949) 644-3333
- Utilities Department Main Line: (949) 644-3011
- Online portal: <https://apps.newportbeachca.gov/quest/>
- MyNB application from your smartphone or tablet

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For after hours emergencies, you can contact the Police Department dispatch at (949) 644-3717 and they will contact Utilities Department on-call staff.

Insider's Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on September 14, 2021

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 14. Items that may be of interest are highlighted below. The entire agenda, and all reports, can be viewed [here](#).

A study session will begin at 4 p.m. Agenda items include:

- Inclusionary housing ordinance overview and considerations. Staff will present a summary of inclusionary housing ordinances, which are municipal ordinances that set minimum requirements for developers to provide affordable housing units when proposing a residential project. The discussion will cover the basic requirements of inclusionary housing, an overview of the City's former inclusionary housing ordinance, examples in Southern California, and factors to consider when drafting an ordinance.

The regular session begins at 5:30 p.m., with the following items of note:

On the Consent Calendar is:

- A grant agreement with Trellis International, a Costa Mesa-based non-profit organization that provides volunteer opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness as a step toward stable employment and housing. Through volunteer projects, Trellis participants develop and refine job skills needed to reenter the job market and remain employed. Under the proposed agreement, the City will award a \$30,000 grant to Trellis to provide four-person volunteer teams to undertake at least eight work projects in Newport Beach over a 1-year term. The projects may include cleanup of beaches, hiking trails, parking lots, piers and other public areas, graffiti removal, vegetation trimming and removal, and more.

Public Hearings and Current Business include:

- Fiscal year 2020-2021 performance and evaluation report for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to submit an annual report on block grant spending. The City's fiscal year accomplishments include a senior mobile meals program, a homelessness prevention program, fair housing services, a motel voucher program for homeless individuals, and small business economic development grants.
- A resolution to extend emergency temporary use permits (ETUPs) for outdoor dining through December 31. Throughout the pandemic, the permits have allowed restaurants and retailers to conduct business outdoors on private and public property, parking lots and sidewalks while a City declaration of local emergency was in place. In June, after lifting the local emergency declaration, the City Council voted to extend the outdoor dining ETUPs through September 6. The Council action, if approved, would automatically extend the existing ETUPs through December 31. ETUP holders may apply for a limited-term permit to continue outdoor dining beyond December 31, for a period of up to 12 months.

