



The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung

November 12, 2021

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 15

Board of Library Trustees Meeting

Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 16

City Council Meeting Study Session

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

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

Tuesday, November 16

City Council Regular Meeting

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

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

Wednesday, November 17

Housing Element Update Advisory Committee Meeting

City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.

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

6 p.m.

Thursday, November 18

Planning Commission Meeting

City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.

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

6:30 p.m.

Community Members:

The OASIS center is well on track to return to pre-COVID levels of activity. In the month of October, OASIS served over 12,000 participants in various capacities, including classes, Fitness Center activities, transportation and special events.

OASIS has also resumed a number of special holiday projects. During the month of November, the Thankfulness Project encouraged participants to write down something they are thankful for and posting it on the boards placed around the courtyard. On November 17, staff will be giving out free mini-pies to Newport Beach seniors from 8 to 11 a.m. to show our appreciation for our community's continuous support. Facility rentals have resumed, with recent banquets held for the Newport Mesa Unified School District, dance recitals, and a variety of celebrations.

Beginning December 1, Age-Well Services will resume serving lunch Mondays through Fridays in the Event Center. Meals on Wheels continues to serve homebound seniors with 1,785 meals delivered in October.

OASIS also hosts weekly vaccine clinics on most Fridays, in partnership with the Orange County Health Care Agency. To date, 411 people have received their vaccination or boosters at OASIS. Vaccinations can be scheduled through the County's Othena smartphone app.

If you or a family member are an older adult who is not yet part of the OASIS community, please consider joining us! You can contact the center at 949-644-3244, by email at OASISCenter@newportbeachca.gov on the web at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/oasis>, or come visit us at 801 Narcissus Ave, Corona del Mar, 92625.

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

COVID-19 Cases in Newport Beach

As of November 12, the total cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in Newport Beach was 5,190, an increase of 39 cases from November 4. The total number of cases in Orange County as of November 12 was 307,988, an increase of 1,714 cases from November 4. The number of recovered COVID-19 patients countywide as of November 12 was 296,078. 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](#). Those seeking vaccination options can visit the HCA page [at this link](#) by the California Department of Public Health.

City Technology Innovation Recognized By O.C. Business Council

The City received an honorable mention November 4 from the Orange County Business Council's "Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Award" program. The award is given to local public agencies that are reducing "red tape" by streamlining processes, eliminating burdensome regulations, and supporting Orange County's overall economic growth.

The City received an honorable mention in the "Incorporating Innovative Technology" category for its GIS Dashboards interactive mapping/data application that enables residents to view numerous City-related activities such as construction projects, recent police/fire response calls, air traffic and noise, and short-term lodging rentals.

The technology helps residents track over 3,000 active building permits, 230 planning applications and over 1,500 short-term lodging rentals, as well as real-time John Wayne Airport flight information. The project centralized all the City's activity data into one location to allow users to more easily interact with "themed" data dashboards to obtain information quickly. The project is led by Senior GIS Analyst Ryan Stadlman in collaboration with multiple City departments. The Dashboards can be accessed at: <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/city-manager/information-technology/dashboards>

Treasury Report

The September 2021 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.

As of September, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$308 million. Approximately \$40.8 million of the portfolio was invested in very liquid investments available for day-to-day operations and major construction expenditures.

The short-term portfolio (\$252.5 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.86 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 0.15%. Our benchmark for the same period, the ICE BofA 1-3 Year Treasury index, returned 0.03%. The income return on the portfolio, a better measure of income earned from the portfolio, was 1.64%.

Homelessness Update

- 16 people who had been experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach are now sheltered in the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter.
- City Net, the City's contract homeless services agency, assisted several clients who are in the process of obtaining Emergency Housing Vouchers. Emergency Housing Vouchers are funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and allow people to pay affordable rent based on their fixed incomes. Nine people experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach have been awarded vouchers. The voucher program is administered by the Orange County Housing Authority. City Net is assisting Newport Beach clients with completing the necessary paperwork, obtaining bank statements, touring potential rental apartments, and more.

- City Net helped place a client who was staying by the Balboa Pier into the Yale Navigation Center in Santa Ana. The Yale center provides shelter for as many as 425 people experiencing homelessness and provides case managers who locate appropriate housing, assist with job searches, and provide other on-site services.
- City Net enrolled a client into their services and placed him at the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter.
- City Net ordered identifying documents (including a photo ID, birth certificate, and Social Security card) for several people enrolled in their services.
- City Net completed a housing assessment with a person staying by the Newport Pier.

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

Insider's Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on November 16, 2021

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, November 16. 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:

- The draft Housing Element update to the City's General Plan. Staff will present recent changes to the draft update based on comments received in October from the state Department of Housing and Community Development. The City is updating its Housing Element in response to state mandates requiring Newport Beach to plan for the development of more than 4,800 housing units in the next eight years.
- A discussion of fractional home ownership of residential property, where the cost of the property is split between multiple owners. Staff will present information on the growing trend and how it may be interpreted in the City's Municipal Code.
- An update to the City's water conservation ordinance. Staff will present an overview of the City's existing ordinance, Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 14.16, along with updates needed to respond to new state water mandates and the current drought.

The regular session begins at 6:30 p.m., with the following items of note:

Consent Calendar:

- A resolution authorizing City staff to apply for grant funds to offset the cost of eight pickleball courts planned for Newport Ridge Park. If approved, the City will apply for \$231,236 in grants available through the County's Proposition 68 Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018. The grants would supplement \$1 million allocated for the project in the current Capital Improvement Program budget. The project is a partnership between the City and the Newport Ridge Community Association.

Public Hearings:

- A call for review of a recent Planning Commission decision to approve remodeling plans for the Corona del Mar 76 Service Station on 2201 East Coast Highway. On October 7 the Planning Commission approved conditional use permits and a coastal development permit that will allow the property to be converted from an automotive service station and convenience store to a convenience store only. Under the proposal approved by the Planning Commission, the project would expand the existing building's footprint by 232 square feet and allow beer and wine sales at the location. The City Council has the authority to uphold or override commission decisions.

Current Business:

- An ordinance to amend the City's municipal code to accommodate upcoming state refuse and recycling mandates. Senate Bill 1383, approved in 2016 and set to take effect in 2022, mandates that cities adopt certain recycling practices to reduce the amount of trash sent to landfills and cut

greenhouse gases. Requirements of the bill include mandatory traditional recycling (aluminum, plastic, paper, etc.) and organic waste recycling (grass clippings, yard waste, and food scraps). The City and its refuse contractor, CR&R, are preparing to meet the state-mandated goals in 2022. The ordinance before the Council would amend several sections of the Newport Beach municipal code to authorize the state mandates along with operational efficiencies to improve the City's recycling and trash collection.

